

The Wednesday Reader

October 30, 2019

Prepare to Fall Back as Daylight Saving Time Ends this Weekend

Just a friendly reminder to move your clocks back one hour this weekend as we return to Mountain Standard Time Saturday night/Sunday morning. Enjoy the extra hour of sleep.

TEAMS (Terms of Employment, Accreditation, and Master Schedule) Closes Friday—Ensure Your CTE Data is Correct

TEAMS is **now open** and closes on November 1, 2019. The OPI has updated security features for TEAMS and user accounts may be locked due to inactivity. If you experience login issues while trying to access TEAMS, please contact OPITEAMS@mt.gov. If you do not have access or need to grant access for an employee, please have the Authorized Representative (AR) complete the [TEAMS Security Access Form](#).

Data from TEAMS pertaining to Career and Technical Education courses, student enrollments, and teacher certification is used for Carl Perkins accountability reporting and factors that determine the State CTE (State VoEd) funding allocations. Additionally, the data is also used to verify and approve Montana Career Pathways.

Therefore, it is imperative CTE teachers work with school/district officials to ensure the information submitted is complete and accurate. *If you are not able to view or get access to your data, please email me (eswenson@mt.gov) and I can send you a copy of your school's CTE data.*

Any high school district planning to apply for Carl Perkins and/or State CTE (State VoEd) funding for next year (2020-2021) should confirm the data in TEAMS for all CTE programs at their high school is correct.

The data for your program and courses within TEAMS should accurately reflect the following

- Name of teacher(s) for courses
- All current courses for the 2019-2020 school year are listed with the correct course title listed as the District Course Title
- All courses listed are aligned to the correct Course Code & Title
- Number of students enrolled and breakdown of males and females
- Term Type for courses (Semester, Full Year, Quarter, etc.)
- Class Minutes (the minutes of instruction for each individual course per the term type)
- If an extended contract is identified along with the number of days of the contract

To assist with providing the correct TEAMS data for your program and courses, a [Montana OPI K-12 Course Codes and Descriptions Reference Manual for Business & Marketing Education](#) and a [worksheet](#) to assist teachers and administrators with mapping district courses to the OPI K-12 Course Codes before the data is entered into TEAMS can also be download at <http://bit.ly/MTBusEd19-20>.

Last Workshop to Inform & Prepare for Perkins V Implementation in the 2020-2021 School Year is Today in Bozeman

Perkins V legislation was passed last summer (2018), and this fiscal year (2019-2020) is Montana's Transition year to work with schools on the changes within the new law.

The Office of Public Instruction and the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education are offering schools the following training opportunities to learn more about the changes to the law.

The workshops are open to all interested parties including CTE teachers, school counselors, school/district administrators, district clerks, school/district CTE coordinator and CTE advisory committee members.

All Workshops are scheduled for after school or on a Saturday morning so you should not need substitute teachers. You may ask your administration if Perkins funds (from 2019-2020 funding) can be used for your travel, stipend, and meals (if traveling over lunch or dinner). Please note, no beverages or snacks will be served at these workshops.

Content to be covered:

- Rigorous MT Career Pathways defined
- Alignment to Workforce labor needs
- Work-based Learning
- Dual Enrollment
- Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment
- Data-driven Decision-making
- Continued Integration of Academics and CTE

A copy of the [Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment](#) template and guidance document can be downloaded at http://opi.mt.gov/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=J8IIGVwkL_M%3d&portalid=182. Please note, copies will not be distributed during the workshops.

The last workshop will be held this afternoon, October 30, in Bozeman at the Willson Building Library from 4-6 pm.

For questions about the workshops, please contact Renee Erlandsen at rerlandsen@mt.gov.

Applications for Three (3) Content Standards Negotiated Rulemaking Committees Due Tomorrow, October 31

The Office of Public Instruction is seeking applicants for [three negotiated rulemaking committees](#) related to K-12 content standards revision.

[Applications](#) from interested parties are needed to serve on one of three committees: Career and Technical/Vocational Education, Social Studies, and Computer Science/Library Media/Technology.

The agency will seek individuals likely to be significantly affected by the proposed rule amendment, including individuals from the following groups:

- school district trustees
- K-12 school administrators
- higher education faculty
- school business officials
- parents
- taxpayers

Members of the committee will be selected based on the following criteria:

- cultural diversity
- geography
- related content experience
- district and school size
- grade levels served

To apply to serve on a negotiated rulemaking committee, please fill out [this form](#).

Nominations and application can be made through the same form and must be received no later than the close of business on October 31, 2019.

Montana is a local control state where classroom curriculum is developed by local districts and approved by local school boards. However, the state content standards, adopted by the Board of Public Education (BPE), serve to guide curriculum development at a broad level. The Superintendent recommends revisions of the K-12 content standards to the BPE through the negotiated rulemaking process.

Additional information can be found on the [OPI's website](#) or contact Colet Bartow, Director of Content Standards and Instruction, cbartow@mt.gov or 406.444.3583.

Western Business Education Association Seeking Nominations for WBEA Secretary

The [Western Business Education Association](#) (WBEA) is currently seeking nominations for the office of Secretary. The office of Secretary is a two-year term beginning July 1, 2020. The WBEA Secretary is a member of the WBEA Executive Board (WBEA Board) and the WBEA Executive Committee.

To be eligible for the office, nominees must be members of the National Business Education Association and have served on the WBEA Executive Board at least one full term during the past 10 years. Nominations must be submitted by November 15, 2019, to WBEA Past President Chris Liebelt-Garcia at chrisliebelt_garcia@yahoo.com. Nominees should plan to attend the WBEA 2020 Conference in Torrance, California.

The WBEA Secretary is responsible for taking minutes during the annual meeting of the WBEA Board, all meetings of the WBEA Executive Committee (during the WBEA conference, the WBEA Executive Committee Summer Meeting, and conference calls when needed), and the Outgoing/Incoming Officers & Directors meeting held towards the end of the WBEA conference. WBEA has funds to help support the WBEA Secretary's travel to the WBEA Executive Committee Summer meetings. The 2020 summer meeting will be held in Seattle and the 2021 summer meeting in California.

Additionally, the WBEA Secretary maintains and updates the WBEA directory of State, Territory, & Province officers & delegates, the WBEA Executive Committee Directory, and the WBEA Calendar of Events.

The WBEA Secretary also assists in the development of agendas for WBEA meetings and works with the WBEA President to arrange seating assignments for the WBEA Board meeting and general sessions during the WBEA conference.

Lastly, the WBEA Secretary maintains the records of meetings and events for the organization.

If interested, a template for the Resume Form for Nominees is available on page 44 of the [WBEA Policies and Procedures Manual](#) and can be downloaded from the WBEA website at <http://www.wbea.info/wbea-documents.html>.

If you are interested and/or have questions about the office or the nomination process, you may contact current WBEA Secretary Eric Swenson at eswenson@mt.gov.

Save the Date—Montana Financial Education Coalition 2020 Conference in Helena, February 25

The [Montana Financial Education Coalition](#) (MFEC) [2020 Conference](#) will be held on Wednesday, February 25 in Helena.

Every other year the MFEC hosts a financial education conference aimed at arming participants with knowledge, resources, and information to make sound financial decisions.

The 2020 Conference will be held at the Delta Hotels Helena Colonial.

Visit the MFEC Conference page at www.mtmfec.org/programs-and-initiatives/conference/ to sign up to get email updates for the conference.

While on the MFEC website, be sure to also check out the Teacher Spotlights for Montana Business Educators [Steve Klimkiewicz](#) (Hellgate High School) and [Janelle Berry](#) (Skyview High School).

Registration is Now Open for the WBEA 2020 Conference in South Bay, CA

The Western Business Education Association's [2020 Conference](#) will be held February 14-17 in the South Bay area of southern California. The host site is the Torrance Marriott Redondo Beach, just a short 10 miles south of Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), three (3) miles from the Redondo Beach Pier and Pacific Ocean, and across the street from the third-largest shopping mall in the US, Del Amo Fashion Center.

The early bird registration rate for NBEA members is \$325 and is available thru December 7, 2019. This includes all breakouts, computer workshops, one industry tour, two receptions with food, a continental breakfast, the exhibitor's luncheon on Saturday, the awards banquet on Sunday. Your registration and payment can be completed online at bit.ly/wbea2020conference.

Hotel reservations at the Torrance Marriott Redondo Beach can be booked online at bit.ly/wbea2020marriott. Room rates for the [WBEA 2020 Conference](#) are \$155 plus taxes. Hotel reservations must be completed before January 23, 2020.

For complete [WBEA 2020 Conference](#) details, please visit bit.ly/wbea2020conference.

Scholarships and Awards from the Western Business Education Association—Including First-Time WBEA Attendees

Nominations for the Western Business Education Association (WBEA) Awards and Scholarships are now being accepted.

Please consider nominating someone for one of the following.

Recipients will be recognized at the February WBEA Conference held in California, February 14-17, 2020.

NEW: First Time Attendee to the PDLT Scholarship

In addition to the First Time Attendee Scholarship, this scholarship is offered to those wishing to attend the annual WBEA Professional Development Leadership Training conference session. State board and general members are welcome to attend for leadership training.

First Time Attendee Scholarship

The First Time Attendee Scholarship is offered to those wishing to attend the annual WBEA conference for the first time who need financial assistance with the travel or conference registration fees.

Educational Opportunity Scholarship

To offset tuition costs of those pursuing an advanced degree in business education.

Applications and additional information for each scholarship can be found on the WBEA website at <http://www.wbea.info/professional-development.html>

Distinguished Service

An individual who has contributed to WBEA and business education

Distinguished Service for Company, Company Representative, or Legislator

A company or individual who may not be affiliated with WBEA but has made significant contributions to business education

Outstanding Educator

Newsletter Recognition

State, Territories, Provinces (S/T/Ps) for maintaining contact with members regularly and promoting all aspects of the profession

Outstanding CTSO Advisor

WBEA Advisor for achievement, promotion, and service to Career and Technical Student Organizations

WBEA Recognition

Awarded by the state to those who make significant contributions to business education

Nomination information for each award can be found on the WBEA website at <http://www.wbea.info/awards.html>.

Nominations and Applications for all scholarships and awards are due December 1 to Ariel Dykstra at adykstra@mvsd320.org.

Computer Science Professional Development via the OPI Learning Hub & Summer 2020 Workshops

Are you looking to earn your coding endorsement, or just want to learn more about the subject?

Take [Diving Into Computer Science: Tools for Every Grade](#), a four-renewal unit course on the OPI's Teacher Learning Hub.

In addition, check out the [two-week-long courses](#), Joy and Beauty of Computing (JBC), Mobile CSP, Python for Math & Science and Game Programming available to Montana middle and high school educators during the summer of 2020. A limited number of stipends and travel support are available, so register today.

Know an Awesome STEM/Computer Science Teacher?

Nominate them for the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching ([PAEMST](#)).

The award is open to all K-12 teachers of science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and/or computer science. This year's awardees include Daly Elementary's Tom Redmon and East Valley Middle School's Beth Walsh.

The deadline for nominations is March 1, 2020. [Visit the PAEMST website](#) (www.paemst.org) for more information.

Congratulations to Tom and Beth on being this year's awardees!

State CTE/VoEd Funding Final Allocations Posted

The State CTE/VoEd funding final allocations for the 2019-2020 school year are posted for review. The State CTE/VoEd funding final allocations are generated based on the data entered into TEAMS (Terms of Employment, Accreditation, and Master Schedule) for the prior 2018-2019 school year.

The CTE tab in TEAMS was made available last April and districts were asked to complete a few additional items on the tab and review the details carefully to make sure the data was accurate.

The 2019-2020 State CTE/VoEd Funding allocations will be distributed to districts by November 1.

The [State CTE/VoEd Funding final allocations](#) can be found on the [CTE page](#) of the [OPI website](#) under the Funding heading.

The direct link to the final allocations can be found at <http://opi.mt.gov/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=38pruRu8CfU%3d&portalid=182>.

Registration Now Open for 2020 Montana High School Mock Trial Competition Sponsored by Montana Bar Association

Through participation in the Montana High School Mock Trial Competition, students from all over Montana have a hands-on opportunity to examine the legal process and current legal issues, engage with local attorneys and the judicial branch of government, and develop important critical thinking, presentation, public speaking, and teamwork skills.

Students play the roles of attorneys, witnesses, timekeepers, and courtroom artists (optional). Students prepare both sides of the case. A student may be an attorney for one side and a witness for the other, or an attorney for both sides, or a witness for both sides. Timekeepers keep the competition rounds on schedule. Courtroom artists provide a visual record of the proceedings.

Teachers help recruit team members, handle team logistics, assist with fundraising, and partner with attorney coaches to prepare students for the competition.

Attorneys provide a lawyer's perspective on the case materials and work with the teams to learn trial practice skills and develop trial strategies.

Mock Trial Quick Facts:

- Open to grades 9 to 12
- Teams of 6 to 9 students
- Students can play the role of an attorney, a witness, or both!
- State competition in Helena
- Earn a chance to compete in the National High School Mock Trial Competition in Evansville, Indiana

Important Dates:

- October 1-January 31, 2019: Registration Open
- November, 2019: Case Materials Released
- March 7, 2020: State competition in Helena
- May 6-9, 2020: National Championship in Evansville, Indiana

Registration: For more information, including volunteer opportunities and to register a team, please visit the Montana High School Mock Trial Website www.mocktrial.montanabar.org. For questions, please email mocktrial@montanabar.org.

If you have questions about putting together a team, you can email Kacey Askin, Helena High School, at kaskin@helenaschools.org.

NGPF PAYBACK Challenge: Over \$125,000 in Scholarships Available—Applications Due November 13

Want to give your students the opportunity to earn scholarships while simultaneously teaching them to make better money decisions about college? Enter the Payback Challenge from [Next Gen Personal Finance](#).

Watch the 90-second video for details at <https://youtu.be/frjM4JPYaU>.

How to participate in the PAYBACK Challenge

Step 1: Teachers Register Intent

--Once you've filled out this [Intent to Participate](#) form, you will receive the Essay Template for your students as well as next steps.

Step 2: Students Play [PAYBACK](#)

--Do you have ELL students? [PAYBACK can also be played in Spanish](#).

--Short on computers in your classroom? PAYBACK is now mobile-friendly!

Step 3: Students Write a Short Essay Addressing One (1) of Two (2) Prompts

1) Write a letter to your future self that you will open after your freshman year of college, reminding you of the key skills you will need to thrive during your college years.

or

2) How could you use the online game, PAYBACK, to have a conversation with your parent/guardian about paying for college?

Step 4: Teacher Nominates and Submits One Student Essay

--You will receive an email with instructions on how and where to send in nominations after you register

Application Deadline: 11:59 pm (PST), November 13, 2019.

Each state will be represented on the podium. That's right, NGPF is aiming to award scholarships to students from every state.

Cash Prizes:

- National Grand Prize Winners: 10 at \$5,000 each
- Honorable Mention Awards: 100+ at \$500 each

NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing Contest for Montana Girls Now Open for Applications—Due November 5

This is the eighth year for the Montana NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing Contest.

For a number of years, the NCWIT (National Center for Women and Information Technology) has given national awards to high school girls. The NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing is for young women with aspirations and achievements in technology and computing.

This year will be the eighth year that there also will be a MONTANA contest for Montana girls. The time to submit applications is September 1-November 5 and the application is found at www.aspirations.org/participate/high-school.

There are many qualified high school girls that would apply if they just had a little push from a leader like you. Any interested female high school student would need to fill in the on-line application, and get a parent and a school official to approve it to be entered into both the national and Montana contests.

In the past, Montana winners have been from high schools in Absarokee, Anaconda, Arlee, Beaverhead, Billings West, Bozeman, Bozeman Petra, Broadwater, Butte, Cascade, Cut Bank, Great Fall High, Hamilton, Helena Capital, Helena High, Hobson, Jefferson High, Libby, Missoula Big Sky, Missoula Hellgate, Missoula Sentinel, Noxon, Park County, Red Lodge, Seeley-Swan, Simms and Whitefish High Schools.

Hopefully your school will be represented on the winners list this year, but girls have to apply.

We are looking forward to recognizing Montana's talent, and hope that you would encourage the young women that you know to apply. Sometimes all they need is a little encouragement and you are the person to provide that.

For questions, please contact Steve Harper and Ted Wendt Carroll College's Computer Science department at sharper@carroll.edu or 406.447. 4466.

P.S. There also is a Montana educator award (**with \$1000 for professional development**) given each year. Do you know a good teacher that you should encourage to apply (maybe you?)? Encourage them to go to www.aspirations.org/content/encourage-educator.

Need help applying? The following resources are available: [Application Guide](#), [Parent Approval Guide](#), [Endorsement Guide](#), and [FAQs](#).

Fun Facts and Trivia

Huckleberries are found throughout eastern North America and the Andes and other mountainous regions of South America.

The name "huckleberry" is a North American variation of the English dialectal name variously called "hurtleberry" or "whortleberry" for the bilberry.

In North America, the name "huckleberry" was applied to many plant variations that bear small berries with colors that may be red, blue or black.

Huckleberries grow wild on subalpine slopes, forests, bogs and lake basins.

Huckleberry was one of the few plant species to survive on the slopes of Mount St. Helens when the volcano erupted in 1980 and exists as a prominent mountain slope bush in 2017.

The fruit is versatile in various foods or beverages, including jam, pudding, candy, pie, ice cream, muffins, pancakes, salad dressings, juice, tea, soup, and syrup.

Huckleberries are an excellent source of dietary fiber, vitamin C, vitamin K, manganese, iron, and a number of antioxidants.

The health benefits of huckleberries include the ability to boost heart health, lower cholesterol, stop DNA damage, reverse aging, promote weight loss, and boost brain health.

Huckleberries were traditionally collected by Native American and First Nations people along the Pacific coast, interior British Columbia, and Montana for use as food or traditional medicine.

While researchers and farmers keep trying to domesticate the delicious huckleberry, huckleberries do not like to be tamed as nearly all huckleberries grow in the wild.

In slang, “I’m Your Huckleberry” means you’re the right person for the job.

Huckleberry (“Huck”) Finn was a fictional character in the books *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* (1876) and *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* (1884), by American author and humorist, Mark Twain.

Mark Twain once said Huckleberry Finn is based on his childhood friend Tom Blankenship.

The Huckleberry Hound Show was a 30-minute animated television show created by William Hanna and Joseph Barbera.

The Huckleberry Hound Show ran for four seasons, from October 2, 1958 to April 26, 1962.

In 1961 *The Huckleberry Hound Show* became the first animated television series to win an Emmy Award.

Each episode of *The Huckleberry Hound Show* had three seven-minute cartoons--the first starred Huckleberry Hound; the second starred Yogi Bear and his friend Boo Bear, and the third was Pixie and Dixie and Mr. Jinks.

Yogi Bear became the most loved character of *The Huckleberry Hound Show* and was eventually given his own series in 1961.

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"You don't make decisions because they are easy; you don't make them because they are cheap; you don't make them because they're popular; you make them because they're right." ~Rev. Theodore Hesburgh