Evidence and Education
Linking Research, Policy, and Practice to Enhance K-12 Education

Understanding challenges facing our nation’s schools, and the effects of policies designed to address them

A conference sponsored by the MSU Initiative for Regulation and Applied Economic Analysis
April 12, 2019 | Montana State University, Bozeman, MT
Procrastinator Theater, Room 237 Strand Union Building

Conference Sessions, each followed by moderated Q&A
8-8:30 a.m. Coffee and check-in
8:30-8:45 a.m. Welcome: Wendy Stock, Co-Director, Initiative for Regulation and Applied Economic Analysis

- Session 1: Challenges in Teacher Recruitment and Retention
  8:45-10 a.m.
  - Stephanie Aragon, Educational Commission of the States
  - Helen Ladd, Duke University
  - Jayne Downey, Montana State University

- Session 2: Understanding School Funding & Disparities in Student Success
  10:15-Noon
  - Luis Huerta, Columbia University
  - Helen Ladd, Duke University
  - Deborah Verstegen, University of Nevada-Reno
  - Diane Schanzenbach, Northwestern University
  - Jason Cummins, Crow Agency Elementary School and Montana Advisory Council on Indian Education

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- **Lunch and informal discussion, Ballroom A**
  
  Noon to 1 p.m.

- **Session 3: Accountability in Education**
  1-2 p.m.
  
  - Michael Podgursky, University of Missouri
  - Audrey Amrein-Beardsley, Arizona State University
  - Amy Watson, Montana Department of Labor

- **Session 4: Advancing School Safety**
  2-3 p.m.
  
  - Sharon Hoover, University of Maryland
  - Scott Adams, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
  - Laura St. John, Bozeman School District

- **Session 5: Technology in Education**
  3:15-4:15 p.m.
  
  - Robert Fairlie, University of California-Santa Cruz
  - Marijke Visser, American Library Association
  - Jessica Anderson, 2016 Montana Teacher of the Year

- **Conference Wrap Up and Reflections (Panel Discussion)**
  4:15-4:45 p.m.
  
  - Robert Watson, Bozeman Public Schools
  - Siri Smilie, Montana Governor’s Office
  - Tricia Seifert, Montana State University