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
- Tracy Zuhoski, Montana State University student

Session 2: Understanding School Funding & Disparities in Student Success
10:15-Noon
- Luis Huerta, Columbia University
- Helen Ladd, Duke University
- Diane Schanzenbach, Northwestern University
- Roberta Evans, University of Montana
- Jason Cummins, Crow Agency Elementary School and Montana Advisory Council on Indian Education
o Lunch and informal discussion, *Ballroom A*  
Noon to 1 p.m.

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o 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

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o 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

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o 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

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o 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