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Dear High Schools,

Thank you for your ongoing participation in the Montana Behavioral Initiative (MBI), Response to Intervention (RTI), and/or Graduation Matters. In recognition of your efforts, your high school is invited to attend the **2015 High School Forum** with a *team of staff—including, of course, the administrator*. The forum will take place on **November 17-18, 2015, in Bozeman at the Holiday Inn**.

The 2014 High School Forum evaluations requested the forum provide a high school introduction to MBI along with guidance on applying to become an MBI school. The attached 2015 High School Forum agenda accommodates this request by offering **Two Strands on November 17**. **Strand One is MBI 101—This session** is introductory for those schools just beginning the MBI process, for new team members or for those simply seeking a refresher. **Strand Two** consists of a variety of high-interest breakout sessions that were requested on the 2014 evaluations. Two sessions provide a longer block of time with Early Warning Systems presented by Eric Meredith and Motivating, Believing In, and Succeeding with Students presented by Laurie Barron. Both are three-hour sessions with an additional one-hour question/discussion time. The remaining breakout sessions are one and a half hours with an additional one-hour question/discussion time.

November 18 will feature **Paul Andersen** presenting **Motivating Students in the 21st Century**. If you aren't familiar with Paul's work, please visit his **Web site** @ www.bozemanscience.com. He is known for using elements of game design to improve learning and has spoken around the world. Be prepared to be inspired!

This year training will be held at the **Holiday Inn Hotel in Bozeman**. A block of lodging rooms has been reserved and reservations can be made by calling **(406) 587-4561** prior to **November 6, 2015**. Please plan to share lodging rooms as much as possible. If your team plans to attend, please call as soon as possible and ask for the OPI/MBI block. The Office of Public Instruction will reimburse the school district for travel for one vehicle, lodging and per diem at current state rates. Under federal guidelines meals will not be provided at the Forum.

PLEASE FAX THE RSVP FORM BY OCTOBER 29, 2015.

RSVP

**2015 HIGH SCHOOL FORUM
HOLIDAY INN, BOZEMAN, MT
NOVEMBER 17-18, 2015**

**PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THE RSVP FORM BY
October 29, 2015**

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Deliver to: Susan Bailey-Anderson

Administrator: _____ School: _____

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Please check your selection(s) below so we can advise you of data needed for the session.

- Our team will attend **Strand One – MBI 101** on November 17
- Our team will attend **Strand Two – Early Warning System** on November 17
- Our team will attend **Strand Two – Succeeding with Students** on November 17
- Our team will attend **Strand Three—Mini-Sessions** on November 17

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HIGH SCHOOL FORUM

Multi-Tiered Systems of Support

MOTIVATING STUDENTS IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Agenda—November 17, 2015

8:30-9:00

Welcome, "Housekeeping," and Schedule Review
Susan Bailey-Anderson
Welcome, Graduation Matters Montana
Deb Halliday

Strand One - MBI 101

9:00 - 4:00

This session is introductory for those schools just beginning the MBI process, for new team members, or for those simply seeking a refresher. Be prepared to be inspired by the underlying philosophy of MBI! You will find assistance in completing an application to the MBI process, and your team will be prepared for participation in the MBI Session II Winter training.

Strand Two

9:00 - 12:00

Participants have the opportunity to choose from three 1.5-hour mini-sessions or two 4-hour sessions. These sessions were chosen based upon participants' feedback on the 2014 High School Forum evaluations.

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MBI Strand One - Agenda November 17, 2015

Keith Hoyer - MBI Consultant
Joe Moriarty - MBI Consultant

9:00 - 10:30 Module 1—Overview
Module 2—Staff Commitment
Module 3— Developing 3-5 Universal Expectations and a Teaching Matrix

10:30-10:45 **Break**

10:45-12:15 Module 4— Teaching School-wide Expectations
Module 5— Establishing Procedures for Encouraging Expected
Behaviors

12:15-1:45 **Working Lunch (On Your Own)—Action Planning**

1:45-2:30 Module 6— Establishing MBI Leadership Teams Staff

2:30-2:45 **Break**

2:45 - 3:45 Module 7— Establishing Procedures for Implementation Data
Collection
Module 8— What's Next?

3:45-4:00 **Complete Evaluation Forms**
Closing - Susan Bailey-Anderson

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Strand Two Agenda - Half-Day Sessions

November 17, 2015

Participants have the opportunity to choose from two four-hour sessions. These sessions were chosen based upon participants' feedback on the 2014 High School Forum evaluations.

9:00-12:00 **Early Warning Systems and the High School Implementation Guide**
The Montana Early Warning System (EWS) is used to identify students that are at-risk for dropping out well before it may happen. This presentation will include how to use the EWS reports, prepare the data needed, and ways the EWS can be utilized by the schools, such as evaluating interventions. More information, including a full manual, can be found about the EWS at <http://gems.opi.mt.gov/StudentCharacteristics/Pages/EarlyWarningSystemOverview.aspx>.

Presenter Bio

Eric Meredith has been at OPI as a Research Data Analyst for four years. He has a master's degree in statistics from Montana State University and a bachelor's degree in Secondary Education with a major in Mathematics from the University of Montana-Western. He taught high school math for three years while also coaching track, basketball, and football.

9:00-12:00 **Motivating, Believing in, and Succeeding with Students**
Believing in students is one of the most powerful change agents in schools. Getting students to believe in themselves occurs when we show students we believe in them, listen to our students, earn our students' trust, value what students value, give students a voice, and celebrate what students do right. This session will share how a staff can work together to put their students first and establish a model culture with a personalized environment where every student is known, feels valued, and achieves.

Presenter Bio

Dr. Laurie Barron is in her twentieth year in education, serving as a high school English teacher, a middle school assistant principal, and nine years as a middle school principal. She is currently in her third year as the superintendent of the Evergreen School District in Kalispell, Montana. Barron is a National Board Certified Teacher and is a previous Teacher of the Year and STAR Teacher. Barron is the 2013 MetLife/NASSP National Middle Level Principal of the Year.

10:30-10:45

Break

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12:15-1:45 Working Lunch (On Your Own)—Action Planning

- 1:45-2:45 **Collaboration Time -**
Teams will return to their morning session where the breakout session presenter will facilitate a discussion based upon your questions. An MBI Consultant will be present to assist with any MBI-related questions.

2:45-3:00 Break - Meet back in (Large) Room

- 3:00-3:45 **Team Work Time**
- 3:45-4:00 **Complete Evaluation Forms**
Closing - Susan Bailey-Anderson

Strand Two Agenda - 1.5-Hour Breakout Sessions November 17, 2015

Participants have the opportunity to choose from two 1.5-hour mini-sessions. These sessions were chosen based upon participants' feedback on the 2014 High School Forum evaluations.

- 9:00-10:30 **Share My Lesson, Virtual Conference**
& Dan O'Brien - MBI Consultant
- 10:45-12:15 This session will explore Share My Lesson Web site and other online sites as helpful resources.

- 9:00-10:30 **Family Engagement at the High School Level**
& 10:45-12:15 Family engagement in high school looks different than elementary and preschool, and it's essential to understand the shift in roles and responsibilities. Together we will: explore the research; assess where we are with family engagement; and look at specific examples of strategies, tools and resources to effectively engage families in education.

Present Bio

Jennifer Calder is the Outreach Director for Montana KIDS COUNT at the University of Montana. She works with the Montana OPI, MBI, local schools and districts, providing training

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and TA on the implementation of evidence-based models and strategies for family engagement in schools. Previously, she worked for the Montana Parent Information and Resource Center, taught fourth grade, worked at a residential treatment center and at a community-based teen center.

9:00-10:30 **An Example of Systematic Implementation of Student Voice Into High School Culture**
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10:45 - 12:15 Rich Ferris - MBI Consultant

This session will give an example of the systematic implementation of the Student Voice into high school culture from several of our top MBI high schools. Hot link for Student Voice: <http://svsurveys.corwin.com>.

10:30-10:45 Break

12:15-1:45 Working Lunch (On Your Own)—Action Planning

1:45-2:45 Collaboration Time -

Teams will return to one of the morning session they attended and would like to learn more about. The breakout session presenter will facilitate a discussion based upon your questions. An MBI Consultant will be present to assist with any MBI questions.

2:45-3:00 Break - Meet back in (Large) Room

3:00-3:45 Team Work Time

**3:45-4:00 Complete Evaluation Forms
Closing - Susan Bailey-Anderson**



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- 8:30-8:45 **Welcome and Schedule Review**
Susan Bailey-Anderson
- 8:45-10:30 **Paul Andersen - Motivating Students in the 21st Century**
Paul began his career teaching all the science classes at a small rural school in northern Montana. He is currently an AP biology teacher and technology mentor at Bozeman High School. Paul has been teaching science on YouTube for the last three years. Paul uses technology and game mechanics to increase engagement in his classroom. Paul is the 2011 Montana Teacher of the Year and was one of four finalists for National Teacher of the Year. For more information on Paul's work visit <http://www.bozemanscience.com>.
- 10:30-10:45 **Break**
- 10:45-12:00 **Paul Andersen - Motivating Students in the 21st Century**
- 12:00-1:30 **Working Lunch (On Your Own)—Action Planning**
- 1:30-2:30 **Question & Answer with Paul/Team Work Time**
Monitored by MBI Consultants and Paul Andersen
- 2:30-2:45 **Break - Complete Evaluations**
- 2:45-4:00 **Team Time (45 min.)**

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Action Plan Forms and Team Planning (30 min.)

Closing & Pick Up CEUs (15 min.)