

# ESSA Update

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Dear Partners in Education,

The OPI hosted the Montana Comprehensive Literacy Project and Comprehensive Support Meeting in Helena at the Delta Hotel March 4<sup>th</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup>. Schools were asked to put safety first and take caution due to the late winter storms in Montana however; the conference was well attended. Schools brought leadership teams made up of superintendents, principals, school board chairs, teacher leaders, Title Teachers, and special education teachers/directors:

- **Jim Knight was the key note speaker** and addressed many topics in various sessions including partnership principles, communication strategies, professional learning through coaching and more. He was engaging and it was an incredible opportunity for those in the education profession in Montana to hear from a nationally recognized leader in the field.
- **Schools were spotlighted and shared information** with others on how they have used the framework and what they have learned in their schools through the grant.
- **OPI staff also lead sessions** sharing information on practices that impact learning including math strategies, trauma informed care, interim assessments and more.
- **The goal of the conference** was to provide high quality professional development based on schools needs assessments and student data. Each team, with OPI support, developed a "Here's What, So What, Now What" form to take back to their schools to ensure high quality professional development is provided to everyone.
- **Please check the ESSA webpage and examine the new tabs** including Comprehensive, Targeted and Universal. Resources from the conference will be shared as well as upcoming professional development opportunities and recommended Learning Hub courses.