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**Resolution #2 of the Montana Board of Regents
on Two-Year Education Goals and Strategies**

August 26, 2009

The Montana Board of Regents resolves to continue to pursue the goals and strategies developed during the Making Opportunity Affordable “learning year” to increase enrollments, completions, and successful job placement/transfer through affordable, efficient approaches to two-year education in Montana. We endorse with particular enthusiasm the following strategies:

1. Bring the comprehensive community college mission – transfer education, workforce education, and college/workforce readiness – to all two-year campuses in Montana.
2. Develop approaches to programming, services, and tuition/fees specifically targeted to increasing adults’ enrollment in two-year education and completion of two-year degrees.
3. Develop a certificate of completion for the “two-year college transfer core” to facilitate student transfer and reward the completion of a quality-assured credential.
4. Establish common related instruction requirements in programs leading to the same career to ensure equity of access and adequacy of preparation.
5. Designate two-year colleges (along with MSU-Northern, UM-Western, and participating tribal colleges) as regional “hubs” for partnerships supporting high school-college transitions and workforce development.
6. In collaboration with the Office of Public Instruction, develop a statewide protocol for dual enrollment and other high school-to-college transitions.
7. Create a virtual community college offered on a consortium basis, featuring the “two-year college transfer core,” dual enrollment opportunities, and programming of participating two-year colleges.
8. Coordinate/integrate data systems and improve network connectivity to support data analysis and resource-sharing.
9. Implement outcomes-based funding strategies.