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Montana Public Education Center Releases Results of Statewide Polling and Annual Publication

The partners of the [Montana Public Education Center](#) (MT-PEC) recently commissioned its ninth annual statewide poll regarding Montanan’s views and opinions on public education. The results of the poll have been published in volume VI of [the Great Work of Montana’s Public Schools](#), an annual publication of MT-PEC.

The results of this year’s polling confirm the long-standing support and enthusiasm of Montanans for their public schools. Montanans overwhelmingly support a well-rounded, high quality learning environment for our children and they support policymakers who share those goals.

For example, 72.8% of Montanans support a public official “who supports increased funding for K-12 public education” and 75.7% of Montanans support a public official “who supports improvement and innovation in public education.”

Montanans believe that local communities are best suited to shape our education system, with 63.7% of those surveyed expressing support for school boards and local voters determining how public schools operate. Montanans also overwhelmingly trust educators (including teachers, elected trustees and administrators) the most to do what is best academically for students.

The [Great Work of Montana’s Public Schools](#) publication provides visual interpretations of the polling data and outlines the vision and priorities of the K-12 Vision Group. The K-12 Vision Group was first formed by the partners of MT-PEC in 2011 with a charge of developing a comprehensive vision for the future success of public education in Montana and establishing a clear road map to achieve that vision. The group is comprised of teachers, elected trustees, superintendents, principals, and school business officials nominated by their peers from across the state.

The work of the K-12 Vision Group and results of the polling will guide advocacy efforts of the partners of MT-PEC during the 2019 Legislative Session.

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