

1 Use of Transportation Funds During Periods of Emergency Declaration

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3 Pursuant to guidance issued from the Office of Public Instruction, the board of trustees
4 authorizes the following expenditures of its FY20 budgeted transportation funds that are in
5 addition to traditionally authorized expenditures. The expenditures below are, as noted in OPI
6 guidance, transportation services which provide instructional services to students.

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 - 9 • Transportation of food and meals used in nutritional programs.
 - 10 • Purchase of equipment to ensure food safety.
 - 11 • Providing accessibility to student services for remote learning.
 - 12 • Providing instructional materials to students, including but not limited to internet service
13 adequate to allow students to effectively access curriculum during periods of school
14 closure.
 - 15 • Cost of instructional materials, supplies, and software licenses.
 - 16 • Costs of technological equipment needed for offsite instruction/correspondence study
17 purchased by the school district and loaned to students without such equipment.
 - 18 • Cost of correspondence study.
 - 19 • Costs of providing services to students with an IEP or a plan adopted pursuant to section
20 504 of the 1973 Rehabilitation Act.
 - 21 • Costs of time off or repurposed time for staff normally paid from the transportation fund.
 - 22 • Costs to contractors of transportation services.

23 Cost Guidelines

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25 The board of trustees authorizes the Superintendent to exercise his/her professional judgment and
26 discretion as to the necessity, quality and amount of all expenses referenced below. Aggregate
27 costs of items below are to remain within the budget limits adopted by the board of trustees for
28 the FY20 transportation budget, including any budget amendments adopted by the board of
29 trustees prior to the completion of FY20.

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 - 32 • Any costs consistent with costs under normal operation, including costs referenced in any
33 contract to which the district is a party.
 - 34 • Actual costs of delivering meals to students at locations authorized by any and all waivers
35 of regular rules for school nutrition programs that have been adopted by the United States
36 Department of Agriculture or the Office of Public Instruction.
 - 37 • Any costs consistent with and necessary to comply with an IEP or section 504 plan.
 - 38 • Actual costs of equipment, software and service necessary to bridge digital divides or
39 provide a quality learning environment for students, including:
 - 40 ○ Equipment necessary to provide wi-fi in a student's home, including any
41 equipment qualifying for discount under the federal E-Rate program;
 - 42 ○ Equipment necessary to allow students to effectively participate in offsite
43 instruction with an emphasis on ensuring opportunities for real time interactions,
44 collaboration, and effective engagement in the learning process by students.

- 1 ▪ Equipment purchased under this section may include any combination
- 2 deemed necessary and appropriate by the Superintendent, including but
- 3 not limited to mobile devices, tablets and laptops.
- 4 ▪ Equipment purchased under this section shall become and remain the
- 5 property of the district and shall be provided to students through a
- 6 loan/checkout service developed by the Superintendent.
- 7 ○ Software to ensure a safe and appropriate online learning experience by students
- 8 of the district.
- 9 ○ Internet service at an adequate bandwidth to ensure full and effective use of
- 10 instruction delivery and interaction methods employed by the district as part of its
- 11 offsite learning program.
- 12 ▪ If there are multiple internet service providers in the community, the board
- 13 authorizes the superintendent to choose either a single provider or to
- 14 allocate/rotate selection from among all providers in the community
- 15 meeting minimum bandwidth and other safety and quality standards
- 16 deemed necessary and appropriate by the superintendent.

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19 Cross Reference: Policy 3612 – District-Provided Access to Electronic Information,
 20 Services, and Networks
 21 Policy 3612P - District-Provided Access to Electronic Information,
 22 Services, and Networks Procedure
 23 Policy 3612F – Internet Access Agreement
 24 Policy 3650 – Montana Pupil Online Personal Information Protection Act
 25 Policy 3650F – Montana Model Data Privacy Agreement
 26 Policy 2168.- Distance Learning
 27 Policy 2170 – Montana Digital Academy
 28 Policy 2170P – Montana Digital Academy Procedures

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32 Legal Reference: Section 20-10-101(5), MCA – Transportation

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35 Policy History:

36 Adopted on: March 2020

37 Revised on:

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