



## LRSP Status Report – June 2011

### 3.04 Supt Educational Partnerships SR 2011

#### **Strategic Objective (SO):**

3.04 Bozeman Public Schools will seek to enhance, recognize and increase Educational Partnership opportunities.

**Department/School:** Superintendent

**Leader:** Kirk Miller

**Team Members:**

Executive Council, Instructional Cabinet

**In a year, we hope to see the following progress on this strategic objective:**

School team and community knows about BSD7 partnerships and understands the increase of partnerships to improve district effectiveness. Informs the Balanced Scorecard for governing the LRSP.

#### **PROGRESS SUMMARY**

A baseline for partnerships with BSD7 was established and compiled for 2009-10. School and district partnerships are listed as financial (26), collaborative (79), or general (266). They are included in the Balanced Scorecard, which is posted on the district website. The partnerships increased in 2010-11 to financial (27), collaborative (85) and general ( 277).

The district solidified its partnerships with MSU and the MSU College of Technology by strongly supporting the effort to have the Montana Board of Regents establish 2 year opportunities for students in the Gallatin Valley. Gallatin College became a reality in the fall of 2010 with strong support from Bozeman Public Schools, as a part of MSU-Bozeman. A dual credit opportunity for high school students was offered (MA 145/Advanced Math at BHS), with many more opportunities on the horizon.

Other major continuing partnerships include the establishment of a Biomedical career strand at BHS moved into year 2 with partners from MSU, Ligocite Pharmaceuticals, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Bozeman Deaconess Hospital. Project Lead the Way curriculum has been expanded to include an Engineering strand that will be implemented in 2011-12. We also continued a strong partnership with Bozeman Deaconess Hospital using a comprehensive online health education curriculum called HealthTeacher.com. Bozeman Deaconess purchased the license for use of all 33 schools in the Gallatin Valley for 5 years use of these tools. Professional development is a part of the partnership. We continue to have an established partnership in funding for our Instructional Coaches. This \$750,000 anonymous contribution over 3 years has helped solidify these opportunities for our elementary schools.

Consider also new partnerships with the Montana Digital Academy to offer distance learning courses, Strategies 360 and Apple Corporation in the writing of a \$5 million dollar proposal for an i3 federal grant. We established numerous partnerships with state level offices like the Department of Commerce in writing several successful ARRA federal stimulus grants to assist in making our facilities more energy efficient and safe. RESA4U (Regional Education Service Area, Region 4) became a reality this year to provide opportunities to optimize resources. Our Trustees and the 4 Rivers Superintendent group organized the Gallatin Co. Trustees and Superintendent group who are partnering to establish effective, efficient ways to optimize and work together. This led to legislation (SB 329) that was passed through the 2011 Legislative Session.