Commissioner’s Listening Tour
Recent attendance has been high with good interaction from those participating. The participation has reflected the time of day with attendance in the mornings lighter than afternoon sessions. Bob reported on the session at Bozeman with most of the discussion centered on two-year education. Daniel indicated good press coverage of the Helena session with both printed news reporters and television present. John C. indicated a large turn-out in Billings with about 65% of the discussion around two-year education. The remainder of the sessions will be held today and tomorrow (Pablo, Kalispell, Missoula and Hamilton). David reminded people to send their listening session notes to him.

Regional Hubs meeting – Helena – Nov 4
The format and goals of the face-to-face meeting to be held in Helena at the Wingate Inn Thursday, November 4 was discussed. In addition to the implementation Team, all Tribal Colleges have been invited with three currently planning to attend. Phone connection will be available for those unable to travel to Helena.

It was agreed that the focus of the meeting should be broader than just regional hubs as they relate to dual enrollment. The group wants to consider the broad prospective including potential workforce development. Hopefully everyone can feel comfortable to bring all concerns to the table.

David will attempt to gleam all pertinent comments from recent emails around regional hubs and distribute in a document to be sent to everyone. He will not identify the comments with a particular person.

The group agreed on the need for face-to-face dialog with the suggestion to schedule another all day meeting in December. This would allow the group to potentially gather research and to then meet to make recommendations.

It was emphasized that we need to concentrate on forming partnerships and not necessarily just drawing lines on a map. We need to work together to serve the needs of students.

The next meeting is scheduled for

Thursday, Nov 4, 2010
11:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Wingate Inn – Helena

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