The Legislature, the Governor, and the Montana University System have a vested interest in maintaining a quality system of higher education that operates in an efficient manner.

In order to help ensure the educational units of the Montana University System are providing quality and efficient delivery of higher education, the above parties agree to establish efficiency benchmarks.

For the 2019 Biennium, the mutually agreed on efficiency benchmarks are: 1) **MUS average state support per resident student FTE**, plus or minus $2,500; and 2) **funding comparisons to regional peers** of the MUS campuses.

With the lump sum funding provided by the Legislature, the Montana University System will strive to allocate funds in such a manner that all campuses of the Montana University System fall within the efficiency benchmark range.

Given that MUS Flagship campuses (MSU & UM) operate with approximately 60% of the median state support per student FTE as their regional peers and that the MUS ranks 48\textsuperscript{th} in nation in total educational revenue per student FTE, all parties will strive to provide adequate funding levels for the Montana University System in relation to median income.

![STATE SUPPORT PER RESIDENT STUDENT FTE](chart)

- **Average State Support per Resident Student FTE**: $7,335 (weighted average)
- **Range**: $4,835 to $9,835
Shared Policy Goal

**Efficiency Benchmarks**: a shared policy goal of the Legislature, the Governor, and the Montana University System

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State Support per Student FTE, MUS Campuses vs Regional Peers

- **Campus**
- **Peers (median)**

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**Regional Ranking**
- MSU Bozeman: 14th of 14
- UM Missoula: 10th of 12
- MT Tech: 6th of 7
- MSU Billings: 13th of 20
- MSU Northern: 6th of 20
- UM Western: 12th of 20
- Helena College: 10th of 14
- Great Falls College: 11th of 14

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**On behalf of the Office of the Governor:**

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Steve Bullock  
Governor

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**On behalf of the Montana University System:**

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Clayton T. Christian  
Commissioner of Higher Education

**On behalf of the Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Education:**

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Rep. Tom Woods

Sen. Terry Gauthier

Rep. Tom Burnett

Sen. Lea Whitford