## Elsie Arntzen, Superintendent

PO Box 202501 Helena, MT 59620-2501 406.444.5643 In-State Toll-free: 1.888.231,9393 TTY Users: 406.444.0235 opi.mt.gov

## OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION STATE OF MONTANA



Putting Montana Students First 4

January 22, 2018

Dr. Mary Susan Fishbaugh, Dean College of Education Montana State University Billings

Dear Dr. Mary Susan Fishbaugh:

Congratulations! This letter confirms the action taken by the Montana Board of Public Education (BPE) on November 3, 2017, granting accreditation and approval of the Educator Preparation Provider (EPP) in the College of Education at Montana State University Billings (MSUB).

The BPE sets policy for the approval process of Montana's 10 professional EPPs and all endorsement programs offered by each EPP. Regular accreditation and approval of the EPP in the College of Education will continue for a seven-year cycle. The next accreditation site visit is scheduled for 2024.

On behalf of the BPE and State Superintendent Arntzen, I wish to commend you, Dr. Fishbaugh, and your team for your collaborative leadership and vision, and to commend you for your ongoing commitment to advancing educator preparation at MSUB and across the state of Montana.

For further information, please contact me by telephone at 406-444-5726 or by email at <a href="https://linear.gov.ncbe/lephone">https://linear.gov.ncbe/lephone</a> at 406-444-5726 or by email at <a href="https://linear.gov.ncbe/lephone</a> at a second contact of the first of the first

Respectfully,

Linda Vrooman Peterson, Ph.D.

Division Administrator of Accreditation and Educator Preparation

cc: Timothy Tharp, Ed.D., Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction

Ron Larsen, Ph.D., Interim Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Delena Norris-Tull, Ph.D., State Team Chair, UMW