

Superintendent's Update Submitted by: Rebecca Rappold July 8, 2025

Items of Information:

- Declined 25-26 Professional-Technical Contract-Heidi Crawford, IT Technician
- Transfers-
 - Yvonne DeRoche-Napi Custodian to BHS Custodian (employee request)
 - Kortni Guardipee-Bullshoe BNAS Grade 1 Teacher to BMS 6th Grade Science Teacher (employee request)
 - Brian Harrell-BHS HPE Teacher to Bullshoe Elementary Grade 1 HPE (employee request)
 - Katherine Skunkcap-BHS Special Education Teacher to Bullshoe Elementary Grade 1 Special Education Teacher (superintendent transfer)
 - Linda Trombley-BHS Special Education Teacher's Assistant to Bullshoe Elementary Grade K Special Education Teacher's Assistant (superintendent transfer)
 - Genevieve Goudy-transfer from BHS SPED TA to BHS Assistant Secretary after interview process and recommendation for hire on 6/9/25

July Highlights Completed:

- Completion of DRAFT FY22 Audit Report
- Business Office FY 25 Close-out Completed on June 30
- Summer School & BAWAP Completed (June 9-26)
- Submitted Carl Perkins Grant Application (FY26-\$68,158)

Key Focuses/Priorities for Upcoming Month(s):

- EeKahKiMaht (June 9-July 24)
- Special Education ESY (July 7-24)
- o Develop Implementation Plan for District 5 Year Strategic Planning 2025-2030
- Attend 4-H Fair, Indian Days, and Community Events (July 8-13)
- o FY 26 Budget Planning & Adoption Prior to August 15th
- FY 23 & 24 Audit (pending auditor)

Upcoming Superintendent/District Events:

- NAID Events & Activities (July 10-13)
- 4-H Fair (July 9)

July 2025 Teacher Shortage Statistics

Approximate 25-26 SY Educator Numbers:

Worldwide:	**69,000,000 positions needed	33% Shortfall Anticipated for 25-26 SY
United States:	**3,240,000 positions needed	9% Shortfall Anticipated for 25-26 SY
Montana:	**11,000 positions needed	9% Shortfall Anticipated for 25-26 SY
Browning Public Schools:	180 positions needed	11% Shortfall Anticipated for 25-26 SY

***BPS has 17-General Education positions (K-12) for 25-26 SY (7 positions are open 9-12)

***BPS has 7 SPED Teacher positions (K-12) for 25-26 SY

**2-instructional coaching position (BMS) shortages for 25-26 SY (only fill if other positions are filled)

Options for Reducing the BPS Shortage:

- 1. Prioritize filling General Education & SPED Teaching positions 1st
- 2. Only fill Instructional Coach's positions, if other positions are filled
- 3. Fill Special Education positions with iTutor Teachers, if needed
- 4. Hire fully licensed educators (first and foremost)
 - A. Licensed applicants (monitoring applications daily)

B. Instructional Coaches moved into classrooms (9-instructional coaches districtwide-not licensed for special education, 8-Instructional Coaches are Elementary Endorsed and 1-is HS Endorsed)

- 5. Hiring teacher interns (in last year of teacher prep program-completing a 1-year internship in a public school)-Emergency Licensed Educators
- 6. Hiring teacher prep program candidates (in years 1-4 of their prep program, priority given to candidates in years 3 & 4)

BPS Teacher Mentoring & Coaching Support for ALL NEW Teachers (licensed & emergency licensed):

- 1. BPS Mentoring Program (building-level, department-level, and community mentorship provided)
- 2. BPS Instructional Coaching Program

