



## **Montana Quality Education Coalition Position Announcement for an Executive Director**

The MQEC Board of Directors is seeking a dynamic, self-driven individual who will strategically lead MQEC as constitutional guardian of Article X of the Montana Constitution.

**Focus of the Position:** MQEC is not the same as other public education advocacy groups. We don't aspire to provide the full range of services provided by our valued partners in the Montana Public Education Center. Our focus is more narrow but equally important. We aspire to take the lead in monitoring and ensuring compliance with the guarantees afforded children through Article X of the Montana Constitution.

We are looking for an inspirational leader who can help us navigate our roadmap to success, monitoring, assessing, and recommending steps necessary to ensure:

1. That our system of public schools is unobstructed in fulfilling the peoples' goal of developing the full educational potential of each person.
2. That public schools are empowered to guarantee equality of educational opportunity for all.
3. That the state recognizes the distinct and unique cultural heritage of the American Indians and is committed in its educational goals to the preservation of their cultural integrity. This includes ensuring that every person be encouraged to learn about the distinct and unique heritage of American Indians in a culturally responsive manner and ensuring an understanding of and appreciation for the American Indian people.
4. That the Legislature provides a basic system of free quality public elementary and secondary schools as they have defined that term in section 20-9-309, MCA.
5. That supervision and control of schools in each school district remains vested in elected boards of trustees in each community.
6. That the Board of Public Education is empowered to exercise general supervision over the public school system in Montana.

**Flexibility in the Position:** The MQEC Board will be flexible in the terms of conditions for leading the Coalition, including flexible consideration of full or part-time employment or an independent contractor arrangement, compensation and/or benefits. In summary, the MQEC Board is seeking an individual who will effectively lead MQEC forward in carrying out its Mission and Vision and will accommodate the successful individual in their employment or working relationship with the MQEC Board.

**Requirements of the position:** The chosen individual to lead MQEC as its next Executive Director will:

- Be well-steeped in K-12 public education issues in Montana;
- Be a strategic, visionary leader who will assist the MQEC Board and its members in the development a strategic plan for the future success of MQEC and its members and carry out the priorities identified in the Coalition’s Strategic Plan;
- Be a strong advocate for K-12 public education during Montana legislative sessions, on interim committees and with state agencies;
- Be an effective communicator on the value of membership in MQEC to our K-12 public schools as a means of building the capacity of MQEC as constitutional guardian of Article X of the Montana Constitution;
- Be a strong leader in making sound recommendations to the MQEC Board on legal strategies that support MQEC’s mission and vision;
- Effectively communicate and provide leadership to the MQEC Board and its members;
- Be available and in Helena during times when the Montana Legislature is in session;
- Have strong technology skills

**Application and Timelines:** The anticipated timelines for getting the Executive Director on board are as follows:

1. The following application materials must be **submitted electronically to MQEC Chair David Marzolf at [dmarzolf@srvs.k12.mt.us](mailto:dmarzolf@srvs.k12.mt.us) by 5:00 p.m. November 30, 2021** to be considered for the position:
  - a. Letter of application which must include a provision relating to the terms of conditions for performing the duties of the MQEC Executive Director position through the flexible arrangements noted above, including a preference for either full or part-time employment or an independent contractor arrangement with MQEC and the desired compensation package;
  - b. Resume; and
  - c. A minimum of three (3) letters of professional reference.
2. The MQEC Board will schedule interviews in December 2021 and anticipates making an offer to the successful candidate shortly thereafter.