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## **Over 2,500 Educators to Descend on Billings for Annual MFPE Educator Conference**

(BILLINGS, MONT.) - The 2018 Educator Conference, hosted and organized by the Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE), will take place October 18<sup>th</sup> through 19<sup>th</sup> at Skyview High School in Billings, Montana. Over 2,000 educators from every corner of Montana have already registered for the conference which will feature over 500 training sessions and keynotes from 18 curriculum groups with expertise in education. The Educator Conference is a one of a kind opportunity offered by MFPE for educators to deepen their expertise and benefit the students they serve.

**“The MFPE Educator Conference is all about teacher professional development. The best kind of professional development: Teachers teaching teachers cross grade, cross curriculum. A Montana tradition,”** said Eric Feaver, MFPE President.

This year’s annual Educator Conference is the first to be held since the formation of the Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE) after the merger of MEA-MFT and Montana Public Employee Association. MFPE is Montana’s largest union with over 25,000 members.

The Educator Conference will also feature an evening Celebration of Teaching, Thursday, starting at 6:00 pm at the Northern Hotel, featuring Lily Eskelsen Garcia, President of the National Education Association and Melissa Romano, 2018 Montana Teacher of the Year. The Celebration is sponsored by [the Montana Professional Teaching Foundation](#). During the celebration, the Foundation will honor teachers from throughout Montana who have earned state and national recognitions over the past year.

In addition to 500 training sessions and keynotes, there will be dozens of exhibition booths at this year’s educator conference. There will also be a screening of Dark Money.

More details on this year’s Educator Conference can be found [HERE](#).

MFPE welcomes press to attend this year’s conference and Celebration of Teaching. For more details or specific interview requests, please contact Bob Funk by email at [bfunk@mfpe.org](mailto:bfunk@mfpe.org) or by phone at 406-461-6787

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