



FOR MONTANA'S
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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BUILDING A CONSTITUTIONALLY COMPLIANT SYSTEM OF QUALITY SCHOOLS

The CAMPS Coalition Proposal

QUALITY • EQUITY • INNOVATION • LOCAL CONTROL • PROPERTY TAX RELIEF



INNOVATION ZONE

LOCAL VOTERS MAY APPROVE
UP TO 10% ABOVE THE
QUALITY ASSURANCE LINE

Discretionary Funding Enhancement (DFE)

Reserved exclusively for:

- Transformational Learning
- Advanced Opportunities
- Expanded Opportunities for Students with Disabilities
- Career Certification
- Dual Credit
- Work-Based Learning
- Technology Innovation
- Facilities and Equipment Supporting Innovation



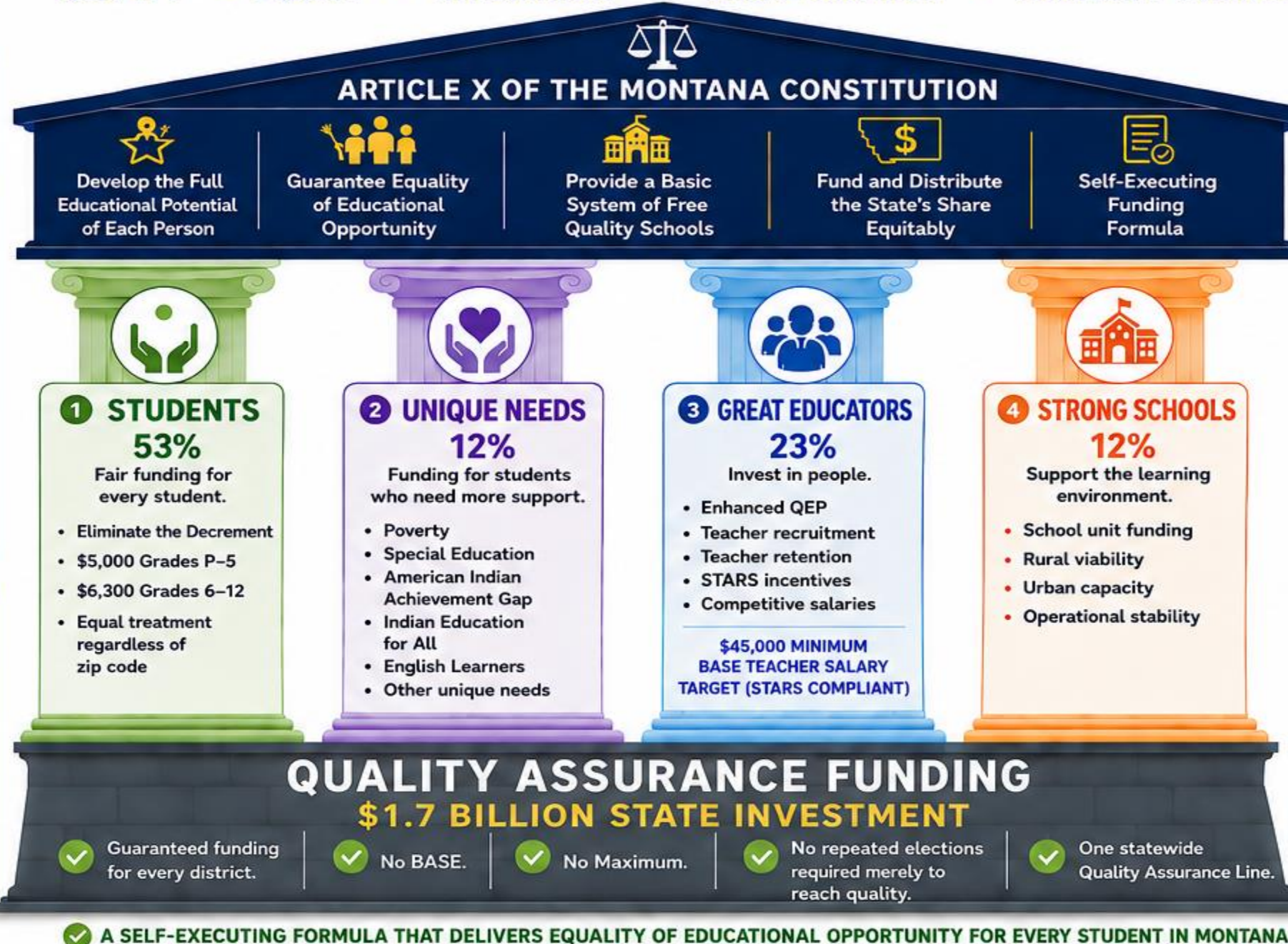
STOP THE INFLATION EROSION

CURRENT LAW:

- ✗ Inflation capped at 3%
- ✗ Lagged calculations
- ✗ Schools fall behind every year

CAMPS PROPOSAL:

- ✓ Remove the 3% cap
- ✓ Reduce the inflation lag
- ✓ Maintain purchasing power
- ✓ Keep the formula constitutionally relevant



PROPERTY TAX RELIEF + ADEQUACY

MONTANA CURRENTLY SPENDS
\$611 MILLION LESS THAN THE
NATIONAL AVERAGE PER PUPIL
EXPENDITURES

Note that a dedicated surcharge on income tax of only 0.89% would generate enough revenue to reduce property taxes by \$300+ million and fund the quality assurance line, providing School funding adequacy, Property tax relief and a Greater state share .

LOCAL CONTROL PRESERVED

The proposal DOES NOT eliminate voter authority for:

- ✓ Building Reserve
- ✓ Bonds
- ✓ Technology Levies
- ✓ Safety Levies
- ✓ Discretionary Funding Enhancement (DFE) Levies
- ✓ Other locally approved projects

Instead:

- Create a uniform statewide equalization mechanism
- Provide GTB-style assistance, including for DFE levies
- Reduce disparities between wealthy and less wealthy communities
- Protect local choice
- Expand opportunity



WHAT HAPPENS IF WE DO NOTHING?



Inflation
gaps
continue



Teacher
shortages
worsen.



Property taxes
remain under
pressure.



Montana falls
farther behind
neighboring states.



Future litigation
becomes increasingly
likely.

INVEST IN QUALITY TODAY. BUILD OPPORTUNITY FOR TOMORROW. ★ EVERY STUDENT. EVERY COMMUNITY. EVERY FUTURE.