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ITEM 173-1003-R1116

Request for authorization to execute utility easement between Missoula County Public Schools and the University of Montana-Missoula

THAT

Consistent with Board of Regents Policy 1003.6, the Board of Regents of Higher Education authorizes the University of Montana to execute a utility easement agreement with Missoula County Public Schools (MCPS) to install/maintain underground fiber optic cable on University of Montana property.

EXPLANATION

MCPS is building a fiber optic cable network between their campuses, their administrative offices and intersecting the University of Montana's fiber optic cable network on the University of Montana's campus. The easement would allow the installation of the fiber and the ongoing maintenance by MCPS that would create this intersection of networks. Benefits include enhanced collaboration around academic programs, added efficiencies/shared services between the parties and the ability for MCPS to connect to national education networks available through the University of Montana.

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment #1 – Utility Easement
- Attachment #2 – Letter of Agreement