



## Coaching update

WCM is excited to kick off our 2022 coaching year!

Coaches are back in Ravalli County schools--Corvallis High School in an AP Government course in January and Hamilton High School across multiple English classes in February. We're delighted to reconnect with these school partners and expect our Ravalli calendar will continue to fill up during the winter and spring months.

We will also continue our robust programming in Missoula and Flathead counties. In the Flathead, we're excited to reconnect with Columbia Falls High School next month, the first time since before the pandemic.

Trained volunteers can check out our upcoming coaching opportunities by logging in to the coaching calendar on our website. Not a trained coach yet? See information about our upcoming new volunteer training below.

*Pictured below: Coaches are helping 11th grade Sentinel High School students with a U.S. Supreme Court case research paper this past December.*



## New Volunteer Training NEXT WEEK

WCM will be holding a new volunteer training on **Thursday, January 27th from 6-8:45pm**. The training will take place online. Please share this information with friends and colleagues.

Folks can [REGISTER for the workshop here](#).



## WCM's Giving Season--how we're investing your donations to make a bigger impact

Our goals for the 2021 Giving Season were to recruit 20 new coaches and raise \$3,500. Your generosity helped us surpass both goals! We trained 23 new coaches in December and raised \$4,505. We cannot thank you enough for supporting our mission!

To ensure your donations are spent wisely, we are growing our capacity in the following ways during 2022:

- **Hiring a part-time Missoula/Ravalli coordinator:** coaching demands have increased lately, and we want to keep up with teachers' and students' needs! That's why we're hiring one or two coordinator(s), to ensure that all coaching requests can be met, even across multiple counties in a single day. Hiring a coordinator also allows our executive director to spend more time on development, such as grant writing, fundraising, and corporate sponsorship recruitment. As we build our development plans, we hope to decrease the sliding scale percentage we ask schools to contribute toward coach coordination costs.
- For the first time in our 26-year history, WCM will embark on a **formal strategic planning process**. Coaches and educators--be on the lookout this month for a quick survey in your inbox, as we attempt to gather stakeholder opinions on how to better serve our communities and build our capacity moving forward.

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You can now follow WCM on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#). This is a great way to enjoy weekly messaging about supporting public education, WCM updates, and school partner efforts in your communities.

With gratitude,  
The WCM Team

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