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**TEACHERS TO TRAIN IN NEW UM BUILDING** – About 50 master teachers from across Montana will learn about new classroom technologies during professional development sessions Friday and Saturday, Dec. 4-5, at The University of Montana. The Edtech Professional Development training is one of the first opportunities for UM's College of Education and Human Sciences to showcase its new Phyllis J. Washington Education Center. The teachers will meet in PJWEC Room 241, and members of the media are welcome to attend.

The teachers will learn about cloud computing, open source and Web 2.0 tools that meet the diverse needs of today's students. They then will return home to train educators in their base school districts. Jennifer Arns from the Organization for Educational Technology and Curriculum will be the primary presenter.

Diane Woodard is an instructional technology coordinator with the Western Montana Comprehensive System for Personnel Development with Missoula County Public Schools. She said UM's new educational building "has endless possibilities to provide a teaching and learning environment that could better prepare our pre-service teachers for 21st-century learners."

**Friday, Dec. 4, schedule:**

10 a.m. – check in  
11 a.m. – get-to-know-you activities  
11:30 a.m. – lunch and team discussions  
Noon – learning styles  
2 p.m. – social media  
5 p.m. – dinner  
6:30 p.m. – closing

**Saturday, Dec. 5, schedule:**

7:30 a.m. – breakfast  
8 a.m. – opening  
8:30 a.m. – adult learners  
11 a.m. – Web 2.0  
11:30 a.m. – lunch  
1:30 p.m. – closing

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