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Dear Educators,

Every Montana child deserves to grow up in a safe, nurturing environment to thrive and reach his or her full, outstanding potential.

Unfortunately, not every child has that opportunity. As educators and mandatory reporters, you play a critical role as advocates and sources of support for Montana's school-aged children.

This informative booklet will assist you in implementing best practices to preserve the well-being of Montana's youth. The booklet's contents include an overview of important laws and regulations, services available to children and families, ways to recognize the various types of abuse and neglect, and much more. It also includes information on how to report suspected child abuse and neglect using the Montana statewide toll-free child abuse hotline. It is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at 1-866-820-KIDS (1-866-820-5437).

Making a difference in the lives of children takes all of us, and I encourage all educators and school staff to use this booklet to support Montana's children and families.

Thank you for the noble work you do to promote the well-being of Montana children. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me. My door is always open.

Sincerely,



Greg Gianforte  
Governor