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

This informative booklet will assist you in the best practices to preserve the well-being of Montana's youth. The booklet includes valuable information on Montana law, Child and Family Services, how to recognize the various types of abuse and neglect, and 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 read this booklet in its entirety.

Thank you for the noble work you do to promote the well-being of Montana children.

Sincerely,



Greg Gianforte
Governor