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SENT VIA EMAIL

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Ravalli County Commissioners
215 S. 4th Street, Suite A
Hamilton, MT 59840

Re: Literacy Bitterroot and WIOA Funds

Dear Ravalli County Commissioners,

Thank you for your attention to Adult Education in Ravalli County. I appreciated the phone call conversation at your County Commissioners Meeting on Tuesday, August 22nd.

As we discussed, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) is a federal program and, if the state wishes to make use of the funds, certain federal requirements must be met. In this case, regionalizing services. The agency's purpose in the framework is to administer and audit the use of the funds while monitoring the services that are provided to each Montana Association of Counties (MACo) district.

The exact specifics of the monitoring benchmarks are being created with collaboration from stakeholders. All previous providers under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and current providers under WIOA will be engaged as part of that discussion. The first monitoring period will begin in the spring of 2018 and will conclude by the end of the state's fiscal year (June 30, 2018).

As the program moves forward, the OPI will endeavor to keep you informed. If I can be of any assistance to you or your students in Ravalli County in the meantime, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

As State Superintendent, I will continue to promote local control in education and be an advocate for students in all of our rural communities. As leaders in your county, I look forward to working with you.

Best regards,

Superintendent Elsie Arntzen
Montana Office of Public Instruction

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Hello Commissioners,

Thank you for taking the time to speak with Superintendent Arntzen on Tuesday. Please see the attached follow up letter from the Superintendent.

Best,



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