

Montana Schools of Promise Fact Sheet



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WHAT IS THE MONTANA SCHOOLS OF PROMISE INITIATIVE?

Montana Schools of Promise is a partnership between schools, communities and the Office of Public Instruction to improve our most struggling schools. We have a unique opportunity that we cannot let slip through our fingers.

With Denise Juneau as our State Superintendent; a once-in-a-lifetime source of funding from the U.S. Department of Education; and the momentum we're seeing from school board trustees, educators, parents, and community members--the time to act is now.

WHY IS MY SCHOOL INVOLVED?

In communities across Montana, parents, families and caregivers share the hope that their children will graduate from high school and be prepared to go on to college or enter the workforce.

Too many students leave our schools without the knowledge and skills necessary to succeed. That's why we're teaming up to take advantage of the federal School Improvement Grant (SIG). The grant is designed to give priority to schools that:

- Are in greatest need of increased student achievement.
- Commit to the requirements to work together in new and exciting ways.

SCHOOLS OF PROMISE ARE MAKING A COMMITMENT TO:

- Focus on more teacher involvement and more instructional time with students
- Attract, train and keep the best teachers and principals
- Provide comprehensive professional development for all school staff
- Provide strong, comprehensive supports for every child
- Make connections between parents/community and schools stronger

WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?

To join your school's efforts, please call your local school and let them know you want to be contacted for upcoming SIG activities. This effort will take our hard work, creativity, and optimism; because what we do right in your community will serve as a model for the nation. Working together, we truly will create schools of promise across Montana.



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