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Dear Educators:

Every child in Montana deserves to have a nurturing and secure environment where they can grow and achieve their fullest potential. Sadly, for some, this vision remains out of reach. As educators and mandatory reporters, you are vital advocates and supporters for Montana's school-aged children.

This informative booklet is designed to help you implement best practices for protecting the well-being of Montana's youth. It offers essential information about Montana law, the role of the Child and Family Services Division, and how to identify various forms of abuse and neglect. You'll also find details on reporting suspected child abuse through the Montana statewide toll-free hotline, available 24/7 at 1-866-820-KIDS (1-866-820-5437).

Collaboration is key to making a meaningful difference in the lives of children. I encourage all educators and school staff to use this booklet as a resource to support Montana's children and families.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment to improving the lives of Montana's children. Serving as your governor is the honor of my life. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you need anything. My door is always open.

Sincerely,

Greg Gianforte  
Governor