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NO. 369  
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TO: Representative Kathleen Galvin Halcro  
FROM: Judy Snow, State Assessment Director  
RE: Statewide Testing Contracts  
DATE: February 4, 2005

The Office of Public Instruction has contracts for statewide testing with Riverside Publishing Company and Measured Progress. Students at accredited Montana schools in the grades tested are included in the contracts. Students at nonaccredited Montana schools or Montana home-schooled students may be tested within the limits of each contract. In the Riverside contract, the limit is contained within a yearly allowable percent increase. The Measured Progress contract limit is based on a specific number of students to be included in testing. For both contracts, the number of extra students to be tested is approximately 750 per grade.

As a courtesy, county superintendents test home schooled students at the request of the parents. The ability to make this offer is dependent upon the limits within the contracts and the county superintendents schedules. Results of home-schooled students are not included or averaged with any school, district, or state results. They are given directly to the parents by the county superintendent.