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BILL NO. SB 224

Monday, January 17, 2005

Senator Ryan and members of the Senate Education and Cultural Resources Committee,

For the record, my name is Darrell Rud, Executive Director of the School Administrators of Montana.

I would like to convey my support and that of the School Administrators of Montana for **SB224 that would allow off-site educational services.**

In this challenging time of declining enrollment, acquisition of adequate resources, and maintaining and enhancing **QUALITY** education for the 148,000 students of Montana, one thing is crystal clear! Distance Learning will be a key factor in delivering quality education to our large state! The infrastructure is in place to a fairly high degree and now, all that remains, is to develop and strengthen the methods of delivery of this high quality distance learning. The Montana Schools E-Learning Consortium has a "locally controlled" governance structure and is an organization that can be entrusted to ensure the quality distance learning that our students deserve.

Thank you for your consideration of this request to vote for SB224!

Sincerely,

Darrell Rud
Executive Director
School Administrators of Montana