

SENATE EDUCATION

EXHIBIT NO. 3

DATE 2-7-05

BILL NO. SJ 8

DATE: January 25, 2005

TO: Members of the Montana Senate and House of Representatives

FROM: Jerry D. Seidensticker, Principal
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RE: Support of Senate Joint Resolution No. 8

I am a strong supporter of parental and community involvement in developing curriculums within our school district and state. However, there is no place for religious beliefs which includes theories in our science curriculum.

I do believe there is a place to teach our students about religious traditions, beliefs and history as long as contrasts and similarities are discussed and how these religious beliefs play a role in everyday life within cultures found around the world.

I, therefore, believe it is imperative that the Montana State Legislature pass SJR #8 to show solidarity in the belief that there is a true separation between church and state.

Sincerely yours,

