MONTANA STATE SENATE

EXHIBIT NO. 9
DATE 3-2-05
BILL NO. 9

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REPRESENTING LAKE Co. SUPT OF SCHOOLS

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL ? HB 83

DO YOU: **SUPPORT** ✓ **OPPOSE** ____ **AMEND** ____

COMMENTS:

Unlike many of my County Supt. colleagues, I have no problem with this bill, but indeed support it for the following reasons:

As long as the school District is notified where their out-of-district students are placed, I see no problem with OPI tracking and paying tuition bills. The money bill comes out of the same state equalization pot.

With recent law changes, this is really a moot issue for Lake County as tuition is currently paid by the county of attendance & most of our students attend in Missoula or Flathead.

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH COMMITTEE SECRETARY