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## Indian Impact Schools of Montana

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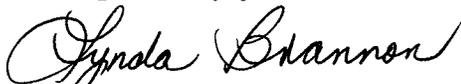
Dear Senate Administration Committee:

The MT Assoc. of School Business Officials, and the Indian Impact Schools of Montana, respectfully request your do pass vote on **House Bill 305** by Representative Frosty Boss Ribs. This bill is undoing some legislation that was put in place in 2003 and was thought at the time, to be a good bill for districts but it turned out to be devastating to most of them, especially to those districts that received a lot of federal grants.

Pre 2003 most districts charged the retirement for a teacher that was being paid with a federal grant to the retirement account of the district. In 2003 the law was put into place that stated the district's retirement responsibility for that employee paid with federal dollars would also come out of those same federal dollars. Although this sounded logical at the time, it made a direct reduction of dollars that went to the child's educational services. We literally took money directly out of the classroom and away from the children. We understand that there will be an amendment offered and we support the amendment.

Please pass this bill out of committee.

Respectfully yours;

  
Lynda Brannon

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