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DATE: June 4, 2020

TO: Montana Board of Dentistry

FROM: The Montana Office of Public Instruction

RE: Consideration of Limited Access Permit Facility Identification Standards

Dear Montana Board of Dentistry Members,

The Montana Office of Public Instruction (OPI) appreciates the Board of Dentistry engaging in discussions about how to best promote the health and safety of Montana students as it relates to dental hygiene. The OPI understands that the Board is [considering](#) whether to create uniform standards for adding schools to [ARM 24.138.509](#) as public health facilities for Limited Access Permits (LAP) using the OPI's free and reduced lunch count data to create a definition for "Financial Constraints" under [MCA 37-4-405](#).

As the Board discusses the above standards, the OPI is available to provide you information throughout the process with regards to up-to-date and accurate free and reduced lunch count data or other education-related information. In these deliberations, the OPI asks that the Board honor Montana's system of local control in education by ensuring that any addition of schools to ARM 24.138.509 is initiated with the local school district in consultation with local health authorities.

The health and safety of Montana's students are of the utmost importance to the OPI, including the dental health of our state's children. Please don't hesitate to reach out if the OPI can answer any questions or provide any information for the Board. You can reach the OPI's Communications Director [Dylan Klapmeier](#) at 406-444-3559.

Sincerely,

Elsie Arntzen
Superintendent of Public Instruction