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STATE OF MONTANA

Putting Montana Students First **A<sup>+</sup>**



March 12, 2018

Dear Superintendent Voyd St. Pierre, Principal Josephine Corcoran, & Board Chair Theodore Russette III:

Based on the school accountability system under 20 U.S.C. § 6311(d)(1)(A) of the federal Every Student Succeeds Act, Rocky Boy School has been designated under the Targeted Support label. Your school is identified as Targeted because the Special Education student group is performing at the rate of the bottom five percent of students in the state. The OPI will be working with your leadership team to provide focused professional development and technical assistance for the Special Education student group in your school to monitor and increase their student achievement. The list of Comprehensive and Targeted schools will be posted publicly on the OPI website per the ESSA law.

In August of 2018 the OPI will contact school leadership and begin planning implementation of Targeted support.

Your designation as Targeted also makes you eligible to apply for a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant for after school/summer programs. For more information, contact Mary Ellen Earnhardt at [MEarnhardt@mt.gov](mailto:MEarnhardt@mt.gov)

You might receive media or vendor inquiries because of your designation. Please feel free to reach out to the OPI for additional information or guidance. We will strive to promote positive public conversations around improving opportunities for all Montana students. Dylan Klapmeier can be reached at [dylan.klapmeier@mt.gov](mailto:dylan.klapmeier@mt.gov) for questions, concerns or assistance in these matters.

We look forward to working with your school to ensure that all Montana students can succeed.

Sincerely,

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State Superintendent

*K-6  
Elementary  
Targeted Support*

With further questions please contact:

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Dear Superintendent Voyd St. Pierre, Principal Lewis Reese, & Board Chair Theodore Russette:

Based on the school accountability system under 20 U.S.C. § 6311(d)(1)(A) of the federal Every Student Succeeds Act, Rocky Boy 7-8 School has been designated under the Comprehensive Support label. The OPI will be working with your leadership team to complete a Comprehensive Needs Assessment and Continuous School Improvement Plan. The list of Comprehensive and Targeted schools will be posted publicly on the OPI website per the ESSA law.

Comprehensive designation is determined when a school is in the lowest five percent of schools in the state based on the accountability indicators within ESSA. These indicators are: student achievement on the SBAC; growth in student achievement; EL progress; the four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate; and the additional Montana Flexibility indicator, which includes satisfactory attendance, student achievement on the CRT Science assessment and College and Career Readiness.

- Week of March 12<sup>th</sup>- Registration and additional information will be sent to superintendents regarding the upcoming workshop on April 25-26. A district leadership team, with representation from each school, must attend to receive funds for the 2018-2019 school year.
- Week of April 1<sup>st</sup>- A webinar highlighting the formula grant process will be sent to superintendents
- April 1- 15- School and district leadership teams will complete the gap analysis in preparation for attending the formula grant workshop
- April 25-26- School and district leadership teams attend a two-day formula grant workshop in Helena to draft application with OPI support
- May- Schools and districts finalize their formula grants with (the) OPI support
- June 1- Districts submit formula grants
- June 1-15- The OPI reviews formula grants and works with schools and districts to revise as needed
- August- Schools and districts will begin to implement the Comprehensive Support and Improvement Formula Grant Plans with the OPI support.

Your designation as a comprehensive school, also makes you eligible to apply for a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant for after school/summer programs. For more information, contact Mary Ellen Earnhardt at [MEarnhardt@mt.gov](mailto:MEarnhardt@mt.gov)

JH (7-8)  
Comprehensive Support

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Dear Superintendent Voyd St. Pierre, Principal Deborah Lamere, & Board Chair Theodore Russette:

Based on the school accountability system under 20 U.S.C. § 6311(d)(1)(A) of the federal Every Student Succeeds Act, Rocky Boy High School has been designated under the Comprehensive Support label because Rocky Boy High School has a graduation rate of less than 67%. The OPI will be working with your leadership team to complete a Comprehensive Needs Assessment and Continuous School Improvement Plan. The list of Comprehensive and Targeted schools will be posted publicly on the OPI website per the ESSA law.

Comprehensive designation is determined when a school is in the lowest five percent of schools in the state based on the accountability indicators within ESSA or has a graduation rate of less than 67%. These indicators are: student achievement on the SBAC; growth in student achievement; EL progress; the four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate; and the additional Montana Flexibility indicator, which includes satisfactory attendance, student achievement on the CRT Science assessment and College an Career Readiness.

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*HS (9-12)  
Comprehensive Support*

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