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Dear Home Educator:

As the County Superintendent of Schools, it is my role to inform you of the requirements for home schooling in Montana and your responsibilities concerning notification outlined in law (MCA 20-5-109(5)). Annual notification of your intent to home school is required and a form is enclosed for your convenience. Immunization records for your child(ren) need to be included if this is your **first** year of home schooling or whenever these records change. According to Montana Law 20-5-109, 20-1-301, and 20-1-303 MCA, nonpublic schools (including home schools) must provide 1080 hours (grades 4-12) of instruction or the equivalent and an organized course of study that includes instruction in the subjects required of public schools as a basic instructional program. You are encouraged to keep track of your instructional hours on a calendar or plan book.

For those of you within the Helena School District, you have several options for **part-time attendance** at all grade levels. The PEAK program, an innovative **after school program**, offers 4 sessions during the year. A **talented and gifted program** one day a week is available for eligible home school students. Contact the PEAK office at 324-2900 or visit the website at www.helenaschools.org for more information. Explore School at Exploration Works continues to be a program for home school students. Contact Devon at 457-1800, Extension 2 or <http://www.explorationworks.org> for more information. Another opportunity through the Helena School District is the Montana Digital Academy. Online coursework is available for high school students. Enrollment is through your school of attendance. Visit <http://www.montanadigitalacademy.org> for course availability and for further information.

For those of you within the East Helena School District, you have an option of part time attendance for 3 successive periods, either in the morning or afternoon. Contact the appropriate school's principal depending on your child's grade level—Eastgate (K-1), Radley (2-5), East Valley Middle School (6-8).

Finally, "Stuff the Bus" is a community effort that collects school supplies for students in need. Home school children are eligible to participate. If desired, contact your child's school of attendance.

Wishing you and your students a wonderful 2016 -17 school year!

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