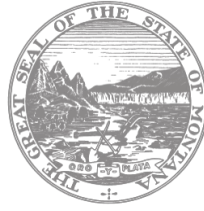


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Dear Partners in Education,

On July 3rd, the Montana Office of Public Instruction received notice that the U.S. Department of Education has approved Montana's amendment to our state plan under the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The amendment provides a definition for "ineffective teacher" as required by ESSA and shows supporting evidence that low-income and minority children enrolled in Title I, Part A schools in Montana are not served at a disproportionate rate by ineffective, out-of-field, or inexperienced teachers.

The official letter that the OPI received from the Department which confirms approval of the amendment can be viewed [here](#). Background on the amendment to Montana's state plan can be viewed at [this link](#) and [this link](#).

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