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Montana Educators,

**The impacts to Montana public schools are limited during a partial shutdown of the federal government.**

All of the federal grants supporting K-12 education with the exception of Impact Aid and Veterans Education are forward funded, meaning that the funds for this fiscal year have been authorized and are not affected by the current budget impasse. Those schools who may be impacted have been contacted directly.

Federal agencies plan to keep minimal staff available to distribute funds during the shutdown. In past federal government shutdown events, federal payments to schools were not interrupted.

Thank you for your leadership in your communities. Please don't hesitate to reach out to anyone at the OPI if we can answer any questions. Of course, OPI staff are not affected by a federal shutdown and we are here to be of service.

Sincerely,

Elsie Arntzen  
State Superintendent