

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-2600

June 7, 2021

The Honorable Miguel A. Cardona  
Secretary of Education  
Department of Education  
400 Maryland Ave SW  
Washington, DC 20202

Dear Secretary Cardona,

Thank you for your leadership of the Department of Education. As our nation continues to reopen, it is imperative we ensure our children are receiving the highest-quality education.

I am writing to urge you to accept the Montana Office of Public Instruction's state plan for the American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund.

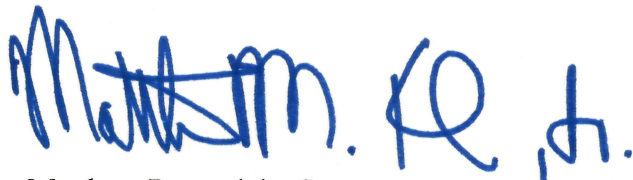
Since COVID-19 struck our nation nearly a year ago, schools have been forced to adapt to changing circumstances. Educators and administrators across Montana have quickly and effectively responded to the changing environment.

I am confident that the Montana Office of Public Instruction's state plan is the correct way forward and I fully support the plan. The plan will give control to local entities to make the most appropriate decisions to serve students in Montana schools.

We must work to get all of our students back in the classroom as soon as possible. The Montana Office of Public Instruction understands the unique challenges of getting students back in the classroom and ensuring they are able to continue to receive their education safely. I believe this state plan will best serve the students of Montana.

I urge you to approve Montana's state plan for the American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matthew M. Rosendale, Sr." The signature is stylized and written in a cursive-like font.

Matthew Rosendale, Sr.  
Member of Congress