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***JP Williams – State Director of Special Education Services***

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Dear Superintendents, Special Education Directors, and Principals,

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Greetings to you all! I hope that you are enjoying these wonderful summer days we are experiencing across the state. Summertime in Montana is a great season to rest and recharge in preparation for the school year ahead. I recognize that during the entire pandemic many schools have faced incredible obstacles. Keeping students and staff safe has proven to be a difficult challenge for all. I am encouraged because so many of you have continued to build up and support your communities with great courage and enthusiasm. Students and teachers alike continued to have incredible successes throughout the entire past two years. As a state, now it is more important than ever that we move forward and create many opportunities to support and celebrate student and teacher success, even with the challenges ahead.

I would like to offer my full support to you. I am seeking opportunities to visit your communities and schools during the 2022-2023 school year and celebrate with you. It is my sincere hope to personally connect with you as school leaders. There is no doubt that there remains much hard work ahead for the entire state. The OPI Office of Special Education Services entire team will continue to be available to assist you and support your efforts. My office remains committed to supporting your success in the upcoming school year.

As you continue to rest and prepare for what will certainly be an exciting school year, I want to make sure you have my direct contact information should you need to get in touch with me. My information is below, and I encourage you to please email or call me and I will do my best to ensure that you are supported. If you would like for me to visit your school, please let me know and we will schedule a visit. Thank you so much for the work you are doing to make Montana great. Enjoy the weeks ahead and get ready, Montana is going to have an amazing school year in 2022-2023!

With warmest regards,

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