



This is a sample of a letter sent via email to school clerks, superintendents, and board trustee chairs of districts with eligible students in the ESA program.

June 19, 2024

RE: Education Savings Account Preliminary Information for your school district

Good afternoon Board Chairs, Superintendents, and School Clerks,

In 2023, Montana's Legislators passed HB 338, *Students with Special Needs Equal Opportunity Education Savings Account*. The applications for this program closed on June 1, 2024.

Per 20-7-1705, MCA, the OPI will be entering into contracts with the eligible families for this program. While these contracts will not be finalized until mid-July, we wanted you to be aware that there are families in your district who have applied and been determined eligible to participate in the program. At the beginning of August, the OPI will send specific notice of the numbers of students to the districts who will be participating. Per 20-7-1709, MCA, school districts will remit the appropriate amount back to the OPI no later than the 10th of the month following the BASE aid distribution. For more information on this program, go to the [Education Savings Account Webpage](#).

If you have questions, let me know, or contact Whitney Williams, 406-444-3408, OPI's Education Savings Account Specialist. Kiera Moog, our Family Engagement Specialist, is also available to answer questions.

Regards,

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