

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
STATE OF MONTANA

STEVE BULLOCK
GOVERNOR



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June 26, 2019

Dear Friends:

We are pleased to write in support of the 2019 Safe Schools Summit in honor of our nephew, Jeremy Bullock, in association with the Jeremy Bullock Memorial Trust and the Montana Office of Public Instruction (OPI).

As the parents of a seventh grader, a freshman and a senior in high school, no issue is more important to us than ensuring students have a safe environment in which to learn. These tragic acts of violence are far too prevalent on school campuses all across the country.

We have great pride knowing that experts from around Montana and the United States will gather to discuss methods that will enhance the safety of our schools and ensure that students and educators have a safe environment to grow and learn. It is imperative that school safety teams, educators, school nurses, mental health professionals, law enforcement, and emergency and disaster preparedness coordinators can learn, interact and unite with one another to end violence in our schools.

With a theme of Prevention and Preparedness, the Summit is designed to assist with the development of school safety plans that will be in accordance with the Montana OPI Safety and Security Guidelines.

The Summit will occur in Butte, Montana on August 19th through the 21st. Community engagement, social media, crisis intervention, suicide prevention, building a positive school climate, infrastructure, grant opportunities, and mental health are a few topics that will be on the agenda for the Safe Schools Summit – Planning and Prevention. For more information about the Summit, visit <https://jeremybullocksafeschools.com/about-the-summit/>.

Thank you for your interest in preventing violence and keeping Montana's schools safe. With your help, we can ensure that students and educators have a safe space to learn and grow.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Steve Bullock, consisting of a stylized 'S' followed by a horizontal line.

STEVE BULLOCK
Governor

A black ink signature of Lisa Bullock, written in a cursive style.

LISA BULLOCK
First Lady