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Dear Educators,

On Wednesday, October 23, 2013 at 10:23AM over 107,000 Montanans, including approximately 76,000 K-12 students in public and private schools, participated in the Rocky Mountain ShakeOut, the first annual state earthquake drill. Students, teachers, and administrators dropped, covered, and held on to practice what to do in the event that the ground starts to shake.

Mark your calendars! The 2014 Great Montana ShakeOut will occur on **Wednesday, October 22, 2014 at 10:22AM**. We encourage you to embrace this opportunity as a creative way to complete required emergency preparedness drills and planning at your school or district and prepare for earthquakes, the #3 hazard in Montana according to the State of Montana Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan.

The ShakeOut message is simple, "Drop, Cover, and Hold On." In the school setting, this drill not only educates students on what to do and how to react in case of an earthquake, but also encourages thinking around general emergency preparedness and risk reduction measures. To register your school, district, or classroom and to access useful preparedness resources visit: <http://shakeout.org/montana/>.

The 2014 Great Montana ShakeOut is organized by the State of Montana Disaster and Emergency Services, Governor's Office of Community Service, Montana Tech University, Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology, the American Red Cross of Montana, Dept. of Public Health and Human Services, Dept. of Administration, the Office of Public Administration, and local partners. ShakeOut drills are supported by the Earthquake Country Alliance, whose members include the U.S. Geological Survey, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the American Red Cross.

We offer our support for this project, as it aims to prepare participants not only for earthquakes, but for disasters and emergencies of all types. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Katie Gallagher, Governor's Office of Community Service, by phone at 406-444-1718 or via email at serve@mt.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve Bullock".

Steve Bullock
Governor

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Denise Juneau
Superintendent of Public Instruction