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The Honorable Arne Duncan
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington DC 20202

Dear Secretary Duncan:

This letter submits a formal request to amend the Montana Accountability Workbook. The amendment concerns the Annual Measurable Objective (AMO) Trajectory used to determine Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for Montana schools and districts.

The Office of Public Instruction could have proposed a new trajectory in 2005-2006, but did not. The new targets are set using the same prior increments that we did, in fact, use for 2005-2006 through 2009-2010. The AMOs we originally used were higher than they had to be and we will hold Local Education Agencies (LEAs) accountable to those higher AMOs. We will not recalculate AYP for those years. A chart showing the proposed AMOs is enclosed with the letter.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have questions or require further information, please contact Assistant Superintendent Nancy Coopersmith at (406) 444-5541 or by e-mail to ncoopersmith@mt.gov. I look forward to continuing our work together to develop an accountability system that takes into account the needs of rural states.

Sincerely,

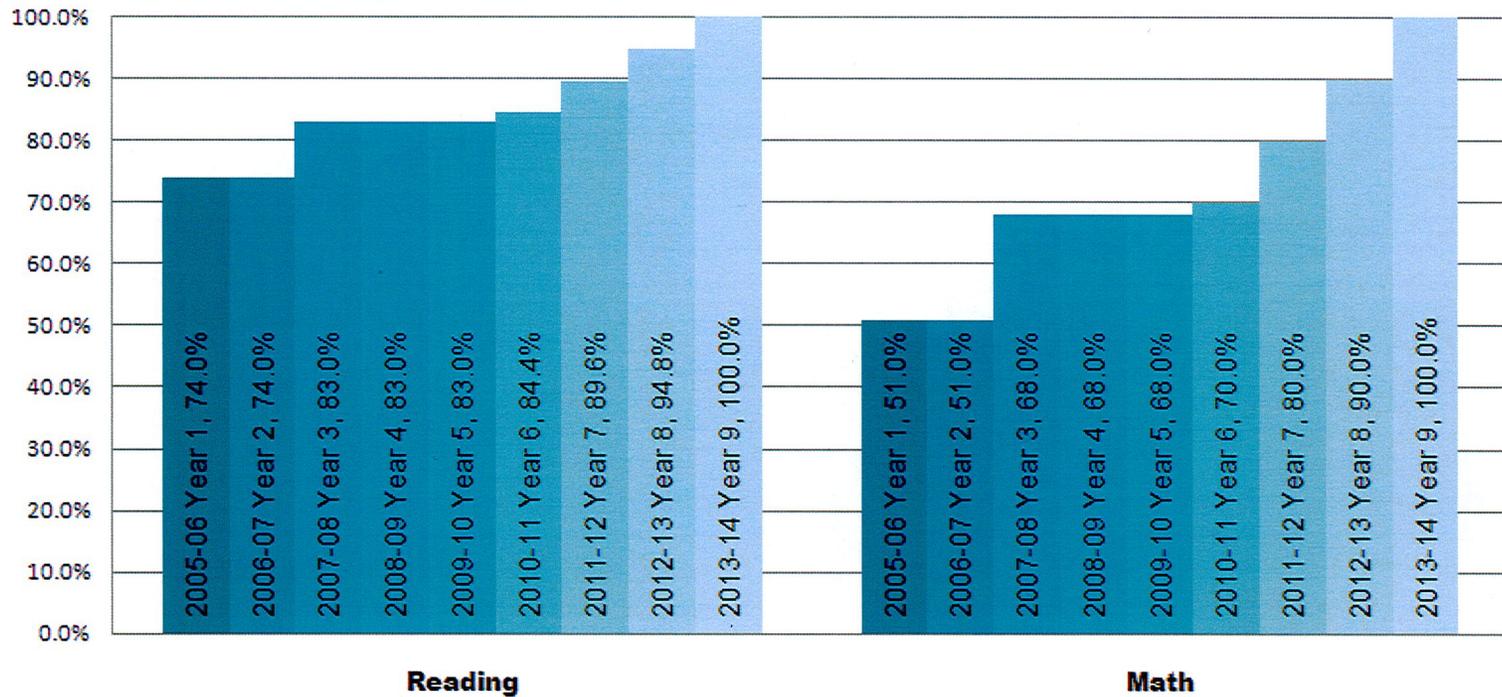
A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Denise Juneau".

Denise Juneau
State Superintendent of Public Instruction

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Enclosures

Montana Annual Measurable Objective Trajectory Amended as of August 12, 2011



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