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As a former student, teacher, and school board member, Jon is both a product and champion of public schools. He knows they're the foundation of our democracy, our economy, and our society. That's why he has secured investments, introduced legislation, and aggressively advocated for teachers, students and parents.

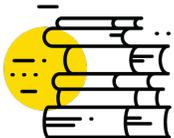
Fighting for Public Education

TRIO Caucus

As the co-chair of the Senate's TRIO Caucus, Jon has played a pivotal role in making sure Montana's first generation and low-income college students have the resources they need to pursue higher education. When Education Secretary Betsy DeVos rejected the University of Montana's TRIO application because one page wasn't double spaced, **Jon successfully demanded she reverse her decision** going so far as to introduce legislation to force her to reconsider it.



Summer Pell Grants



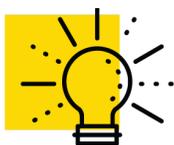
Jon believes financing should never be a barrier for students who want to pursue higher education. That's why in May, **Jon helped pass critical legislation to restore year-round Pell Grants.** In September, he brought a bill to fully fund year-round Pell Grants and increase the maximum amount students can receive through the Pell Grant program to the Senate floor.

Vouchers

Jon strongly believes that we must invest in our public schools, not privatize them. Pulling funding from public schools to subsidize vouchers for private schools will cause schools to close, communities to struggle, and students to suffer. We must invest in 21st-century public education, the future of our state and nation depends on it.



Early Education



Jon has championed Head Start and other early childhood education initiatives in the U.S. Senate. Head Start provides education, nutrition, and social services to children from birth through age five in communities across the state.

Jon also strongly supports the Best Beginnings initiative, which ensures children and their families can afford safe, affordable, and high-quality child care.

Jon's Legislation

Reducing Standardized Tests

Federal testing mandates have stifled creativity in our classrooms and burdened local schools with red tape and regulation. That's why Jon has introduced the **Student Testing Improvement and Accountability Act**, which significantly reduces the number of standardized tests schools must administer from 17 to 9. This is a commonsense approach that allows teachers to determine what's best for their students and gives more flexibility to local school districts.



Recruiting More Teachers

Jon has introduced not one, but two pieces of legislation, to help bring more teachers into classrooms across Montana. **The Rural Educator Support and Training (REST) Act & Native Educator Support and Training (NEST) Acts** provide scholarships, loan forgiveness, and financial incentives to students, teachers and administrators who agree to work at one of Montana's native or rural schools.



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