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As a former teacher and school board member, I have a deeply personal understanding of how critical education is to the future of our state and our country. That's why I'm introducing three pieces of legislation aimed at helping recruit new teachers to underserved areas and making it easier for veterans to get college degrees.

The REST & NEST Acts

My two pieces of legislation, the ***Rural Educator Support and Training (REST) Act*** & the ***Native Educator Support and Training (NEST) Act*** will help recruit more teachers into the classrooms across Montana.

- **Provide scholarships, loan forgiveness, and financial incentives** for National Board Certification to native/rural teachers.
- Undergraduate and graduate students pursuing degrees in education or school administration who contract with native/rural schools for at least three years are eligible for **scholarship to cover tuition, fees, books, and a living stipend.**
- Educators who work in a native/rural school for five years can apply for up to **\$17,500 in loan forgiveness.**
- Educators in native/rural schools can get **funding to cover the costs of National Board Certification** and their schools receive funding to provide them with a **\$5,000 - \$10,000 salary increase.**



The Education Development (ED) for Troops & Veterans Act

The ED for Troops & Veterans Act will strengthen educational opportunities for Montana veterans by doing five things:

1. **First**, it will fix a problem with existing law that prohibits certain National Guardsmen and Reservists from getting their full education benefits under the GI Bill.
2. **Second**, it ensures the GI Bill benefits keep up with the annual cost of tuition.
3. **Third**, it more fairly distributes housing benefits to student veterans.
4. **Fourth**, it allows service members to defer their student loans during pre-deployment training.
5. **Fifth**, it establishes a grant program to help colleges establish veteran education centers.