

# YOUR STATE TAXES CAN COUNT, DONATE THEM DIRECTLY TO YOUR SCHOOL

## WHAT:

Beginning in January of 2023, the State of Montana created an Education Tax Donation program where they committed a limited amount of money taxpayers could set aside for use at their local School District instead of paying the state personal or payroll taxes directly to the state. The funds are committed at the beginning of the year and the same amount is reduced from funds paid as income tax to the State of Montana during the year. The amount available state-wide was 6 Million in 2025, with the donations for small one-room school houses limited to around \$50,000. In many cases, schools have amassed a sizeable amount of funds from individuals making small donations.

## WHY:

The commitment to transfer tax dollars directly by the community helps District Schools, most of whom are struggling with tight budgets, trying not to subject the community to levies in order to meet their financial needs. Funds received from donors are used to operate the schools directly.

## HOW:

The donation commitment deadline is in mid-January with donors completing a donation form that identifies the entity or tax ID and providing a check in the amount of the commitment made payable to the appropriate school. On the assigned date, the state-wide “portal” opens and the District Clerk enters donations until all of the tax dollars the state set aside have been committed.

If interested in making a donation in the upcoming year, please contact your District Clerk for the donation form before January.

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