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Angela McLean
LT. GOVERNOR

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Dear Montana Educator:

As the Lt. Governor of Montana and as a former teacher, I understand what quality education and increased educational opportunities can do for the students of Montana. The *Governor's Mobile App Challenge* is an opportunity to award students and highlight Montana's most innovative classrooms. I also understand how important it is to get your students on task at the beginning of the school year and extra activities can add to their already busy schedules. That is why the Governor and I are extending the deadline to sign up for this challenge to **Friday, October 10th**.

I have seen first-hand Montana high schools across the state, from urban to rural, promoting technology courses and preparing our students to address the future needs of their peers, families, and communities within the mobile economy. This challenge engages students in civic understanding of their communities and how mobile technology can benefit its citizens. These mobile apps will give communities greater access to state resources and help government become more effective, transparent, and accountable to all Montanans.

The winners of the *Governor's Mobile App Challenge* will be announced statewide and they will receive recognition for their achievement. Winners will have an award ceremony in the Montana Capitol Rotunda and a private lunch with Governor Bullock and me. Not only will students receive statewide recognition but this accomplishment can be used on their resumes and scholarship applications.

Remember, if you do not know which apps your students want to build you do not have to sign up for a specific app when you register. You may sign your school up and later tell State Information Technology Service Desk (SITSD) which app your students are working on. Throughout this contest, those who have signed up will receive updates, FAQs and the state data needed for app development.

To sign up for this challenge, please go online to <http://appchallenge.mt.gov/>. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Tyler Campbell at 406-444-5525 or tjcampbell@mt.gov. If you have technical questions please contact SITSD at 406-444-2000 or servicedesk@mt.gov.

For a vibrant state we must first engage and prepare our students for the 21st century economy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Angela McLean".

ANGELA McLEAN
Lieutenant Governor