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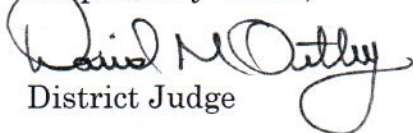
Ed Smith
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Re: Montana Quality Education Coalition v. Montana Eleventh Judicial District
Court, Supreme Court File No. OP 16-0494

Dear Mr. Smith:

The purpose of this letter is to advise the Court, and counsel of record, that the 11th Judicial District Court, Department 4, does not intend to file a formal response to the Petition for Writ of Supervisory Control. This court's order denying intervention states sufficiently the legal and factual basis for denying intervenor's motion. The court concludes that any further briefing on its part will not aid in the determination of the issue before the Court.

Respectfully Yours,


District Judge

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