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To: Bob Harmon
From: Jack O'Connor
Re: Distinguished Schools Process

Montana uses a straight data run for each category of the Distinguished Schools Awards. There is no application process used. The schools with the highest scores are the winners. However, a school must have at least an N number of 40 tested to students to qualify.

Category 1: High Achieving School

1. Title I school
2. 35% poverty rate or above
3. *Highest scores across all 7 student groups

Category 2: Closing the Achievement Gap

1. Title I school
2. 35% poverty rate or above
3. Scores are compared across all 7 student groups

*Montana participated in the SBAC field test for school year 2013-14. Therefore, no data is available. For this award for 2014-15, the OPI will only use one year of data.