MONTANA SCHOOL for the Deaf & the Blind

3911 CENTRAL AVENUE
Great Falls, Montana 59405
406.771.6000
406.771.6164 FAX
406.205.0016
VIDEOPHONE
www.msdbmustangs.org

TO: **Section E Committee Members**
FROM: **Paul Furthmyre, Superintendent**
DATE: **February 10, 2025**

RE: **Request for Outreach Caseload Numbers**

During the 2023 Legislative Session, MSDB was allocated with four additional outreach consultants to help with the average caseload of each consultant. The information below shows the relationship between the 2023 and 2025 session.

	Year	Consultants	Total Students	Caseload Average
Deaf Hard of Hearing	2023	6	601	100.17
	2025	9	607	67.44
			6	-32.73

	Year	Consultants	Total Students	Caseload Average
Visually Impaired	2023	7	518	74.00
	2025	8	570	73.85
			52	-0.15

As you can see, with three extra consultants assigned to our Deaf and Hard of Hearing Department, the average caseload dropped by over 32 students. It is also important to note that the total number of students for this department increased only by six students during that time.

The Visually Impaired Consultant caseloads have stayed the same. This is a result of an additional 52 students added to the Visually Impaired Outreach Department and one extra consultant assigned to the department.