



## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **Youth Leadership Council to convene in Helena**

*21 middle and high school students convening to address childhood hunger in Montana*

HELENA, MT – The Governor's Office of Community Service announced today that the 2019-2020 Governor and First Lady Youth Leadership Council will assemble at the Capitol on Friday, November 22 to discuss ways to address childhood hunger. The 21 members represent middle and high schools in 15 different communities across Montana, from Billings and Box Elder to Olive and Forsyth. They will meet with Governor and First Lady Bullock, learn about food insecurity in Montana, and begin planning projects to address this issue where they live.

### **Quote from First Lady or Governor Bullock**

Now in its sixth year, the Youth Leadership Council will culminate with multiple projects addressing childhood hunger during Fight Childhood Hunger Week, April 13-19, 2020. Past projects have included "Fill the Freezer" campaigns, food drives, educational programs, and mobile applications.

2019-2020 Governor and First Lady Youth Leadership Council members:

- **Carly Byrne, Billings, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade**
- **Zyanne Cervantes, Townsend, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade**
- **Kiniti Flood, Stanford, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade**
- **Kaden Heller, Reed Point, 10<sup>th</sup> Grade**
- **Kodee Henderson, Box Elder, 10<sup>th</sup> Grade**
- **Morgan Hubbard, Forsyth, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade**

- **Gabriela Jimenez, Helena, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade**
- **Lanie Keast, St Ignatius, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade**
- **Kori Kolka, Olive, 10<sup>th</sup> Grade**
- **Cayden Merchant, Billings, 10<sup>th</sup> Grade**
- **Ella Moore, Box Elder, 10<sup>th</sup> Grade**
- **Mara Old Person, Browning, 10<sup>th</sup> Grade**
- **BreeAnna Polk, Browning, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade**
- **Brynn Pule, St. Ignatius, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade**
- **J'Leanna Raining Bird, Box Elder, 10<sup>th</sup> Grade**
- **Rozlynn Seyler, Twin Bridges, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade**
- **Madalen Shipman, Dillon, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade**
- **Allie Skelton, Geysler, 10<sup>th</sup> Grade**
- **Cruz Sunchild, Box Elder, 10<sup>th</sup> Grade**
- **Allison Wipf, Bridger, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade**
- **Adie Woodhall, Stanford, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade**

For more information about Youth Leadership Council or Fight Childhood Hunger Week, visit:

[fightchildhoodhunger.com](http://fightchildhoodhunger.com).

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