



Dear PTA Leaders and Families,

We're excited to share that Montana schools can now stock albuterol inhalers to respond to students in respiratory distress, thanks to a [new law passed in 2025](#). This can make a critical difference for students with asthma or undiagnosed breathing issues during an emergency—but schools need support to make it available.

### Why This Matters

- One in 12 children in the U.S. has asthma. That's approximately 2 children per classroom!
- Asthma is one of the leading causes of school absenteeism.
- Stock albuterol can be a lifesaving intervention during sudden respiratory distress.

### Ways to Support

We are seeking community partners to help cover the cost of albuterol inhalers and spacers. Your contribution can ensure every child has access to emergency asthma medication, regardless of whether they have a diagnosis or a personal inhaler.

Your PTA can help by:

- Funding one or more inhalers and spacers (estimated \$40 - \$100 annually)
- Partnering with local providers or pharmacies
- Helping school staff implement training and outreach

If you're interested in helping to bring stock albuterol to your school, please contact your school administrator or health services staff to share this information and request that action be taken.

More information can be found at [schoolhealth.mt.gov](https://schoolhealth.mt.gov).

Thank you for being champions for student health and safety!

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "BJ Biskupiak". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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