



# Gallatin Gateway School District #35 Election Information May 3, 2016



*“Educating the Future”*

## *Voter Registration*

Voter registration cards may be downloaded at:  
<http://sos.mt.gov/elections/officials/forms/documents/Voter-Registration-Application.pdf>

To vote in the Gallatin Gateway School District, one must be:

1. 18 years of age on or before Election Day.
2. Be a registered voter no less than 30 calendar days before election.
3. Be a U.S. citizen.
4. Reside in the Gallatin Gateway School District.

The deadline for regular registration for the school election was **Monday, April 4, 2016**. If a voter missed the regular registration deadline, he/she may still register for the election by showing up at the county election office up to and including on Election Day. Citizens may register to vote by completing a voter registration card and returning it to: Election Administrator, 311 West Main, Room 210, Bozeman, MT 59715.

## *For More Information*

Visit our website: [www.gallatingatewayschool.com](http://www.gallatingatewayschool.com)  
 Or contact a School Board Trustee  
<http://gallatingatewayschool.com/board/>  
 Or contact Superintendent Travis Anderson  
 at [anderson@gallatingatewayschool.com](mailto:anderson@gallatingatewayschool.com) or 406-763-4415 ext. 13

## *Voter Information*

Gallatin Gateway School District #35 will hold its annual school election by mail ballot. Voters will decide on two open Trustee seats and a requested General Fund Levy. This brochure explains the details of each issue on the ballot.

- **April 18, 2016 - County Election Office mails ballots.**
- **May 3, 2016 - Election Day – Ballots due by 8:00 pm**

Ballots may be returned to the following locations:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Office Hours</u>	<u>Election Day Hours</u>
<b>County Election Office</b> 311 West Main, Room 210	8am – 5pm Monday – Friday	7am – 8pm
<b>Monforton School</b> Business Office 6001 Monforton School Road, Bozeman	8am – 4pm Monday – Friday	8am – 8pm

Ballots may be returned in person or by mail (49 cent or Forever Stamp). Please allow enough time for delivery prior to the May 3, 2016 deadline.

## *Trustee Election*

Gallatin Gateway School has two (2) Board of Trustees seats open this year. Each position is for a three-year (3) term. Currently, only one (1) individual have filed for election:

- Donna Shockley
- No write-in candidates filed by March 31, 2016 deadline

## *Requested General Fund Operating Levies*

The Gallatin Gateway Board of Trustees is requesting a General Fund operating levy increase of \$25,389.87 for next year. The primary reason for requesting this levy is a continuing drop in enrollment, leaving the school with only an additional \$9,841.29 next year to support current student programs, staff, and maintenance of our aging facility. One of the strategic goals of the Gallatin Gateway School Board is to “provide and maintain high quality educational services.” The Board has determined that costs for operation and maintenance as well as increases in providing our current instructional program will require an additional \$35,000 over last year's budget.

Next year's General Fund Budget for FY 2016-17     \$1,176,365.21  
*(Highest Budget without a voted levy)*

Last year's General Fund Budget for FY 2015-16     \$1,166,523.92  
 Difference     \$     9,841.29

Next year's General Fund Budget FY2016-17     \$1,201,755.08  
*(Highest Budget with a maximum voted levy of \$25,389.87)*

Last year's General Fund Budget for FY 2015-16     \$1,166,523.92  
 Difference     \$     35,231.16

GALLATIN COUNTY	STATE OF MONTANA	MAY 3, 2016
<b>INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS</b>		
<p><b>1. TO VOTE, BLACKEN THE OVAL COMPLETELY.</b> An oval blackened completely to the left of the candidate or ballot issue choice indicates a vote for that candidate or a vote on the ballot issue.</p> <p><b>2. To write in a name,</b> blacken the oval to the left of the line provided, and write in the name (or affix a pre-printed label) in the blank space(s) for the write-in candidate(s) for whom you wish to vote.</p> <p><b>3. DO NOT CROSS OUT.</b> If you make a mistake or change your mind, exchange your ballot for a new one.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT ISSUES</b> (Continued)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>BOZEMAN HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7 GENERAL FUND LEVY</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>High School District Proposition</b></p> <p>Shall the Bozeman High School District Trustees be authorized to impose an increase in over-base local taxes to support the General Fund in the amount of Two Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$260,000), which is an increase of approximately 1.68 mills for the purpose of properly maintaining and operating the programs of the district?</p> <p>Passage of this proposal will increase the annual taxes on a home with an assessed market value of \$100,000 by approximately \$2.27 and on a home with an assessed market value of \$200,000 by approximately \$4.54. The durational limit of the levy is intended to be permanent.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="radio"/> FOR the High School additional Levy</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="radio"/> AGAINST the High School additional Levy</p>	
<b>VOTE IN ALL COLUMNS</b>		
<b>SCHOOL DISTRICT</b>		
<b>GALLATIN GATEWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 35 TRUSTEE ELECTION THREE YEAR TERM VOTE FOR TWO</b>		
<p style="text-align: center;"><input type="radio"/> DONNA SHOCKLEY</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="radio"/> _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="radio"/> _____</p>		
<b>SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT ISSUES</b>		
<b>GALLATIN GATEWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 35 GENERAL FUND LEVY</b>		
<b>Elementary School District Proposition</b>		
<p>Shall the Gallatin Gateway School District Trustees be authorized to impose an increase in over-base local taxes to support the General Fund in the amount of Twenty-Five Thousand and Three-Hundred and Eighty-Nine Dollars (\$25,389), which is an increase of approximately 5.12 mills for the purpose of properly maintaining and operating the programs of the district?</p> <p>Passage of this proposal will increase the annual taxes on a home with an assessed market value of \$100,000 by approximately \$6.91 and on a home with an assessed market value of \$200,000 by approximately \$13.82. The durational limit of the levy is intended to be permanent.</p>	<p>Passage of this proposal will increase the annual taxes on a home with an assessed market value of \$100,000 by approximately \$14.35 and on a home with an assessed market value of \$200,000 by approximately \$28.70. This levy will replace a 6-year \$9,000,000 (\$1,500,000 per year) levy that expires on June 30, 2016.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="radio"/> FOR the High School Building Reserve Levy</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="radio"/> AGAINST the High School Building Reserve Levy</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><input type="radio"/> FOR the additional Levy</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="radio"/> AGAINST the additional Levy</p>		
<b>VOTE IN NEXT COLUMN</b>		
<b>END OF BALLOT</b>		
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