

# NOTICE OF SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Board of Trustees (the “Board”) of School District No. 35 (Gallatin Gateway), Gallatin County (the “District”), that pursuant to a resolution duly adopted at a meeting of the Board on January 20, 2021, an election of the registered voters of the District will be held by mail ballot election on May 4, 2021 for the purpose of voting on the question of whether the Board may sell and issue general obligation school building bonds of the District in one or more series in the aggregate principal amount of up to Seven Million and No/100 Dollars (\$7,000,000.00), for the purpose of paying the costs of designing, constructing, remodeling, renovating, equipping, and furnishing improvements to the Gallatin Gateway School facilities consisting of the original 1915 school building and all adjacent buildings to accommodate growth and address safety concerns, to include renovating the school facilities to provide a new secure school entrance, additional and improved teaching and administration spaces, access improvements consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and library upgrades; adding a new kitchen, teacher support space, and gymnasium and cafeteria seating; replacing aging systems and infrastructure, including upgrading mechanical, electrical, plumbing, fire alarm, and security systems; installing a fire suppression system; and making various site improvements; related improvements and costs; and paying costs associated with the sale and issuance of the bonds. Each series of the bonds shall bear interest at a rate or rates to be determined at the time of sale and be payable semiannually during a term of not more than twenty (20) years.

The election will be conducted solely by mail ballot. Ballots will be mailed to all eligible registered voters in the District on April 16, 2021, and must be returned by each voter, by mail to the Gallatin County Election Administrator, 311 W. Main Street, Room 210, Bozeman, Montana 59715, or ballots may be delivered in person to the Gallatin County Election Office, 311 W. Main Room 210, in Bozeman, during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) weekdays (exclusive of holidays) April 19, 2021 through May 3, 2021.

On Election Day, May 4, 2021, the only place for deposit of voted ballots will be the office of the Gallatin County Election Administrator, which will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. All ballots must be in the Gallatin County Election office by 8:00 p.m. on May 4, 2021 in order to be counted. All ballots will be tabulated in accordance with Montana law with the results, if known, expected to be released after 8:00 p.m. on that day.

A qualified voter who will be absent from the District during the time the election is being conducted may:

- (a) vote in person in the office of the Gallatin County Election Administrator as soon as the ballots are available and until 8:00 p.m. on Election Day; or
- (b) make a written request prior to noon on May 3, 2021, signed by the applicant and addressed to the office of the Gallatin County Election Administrator requesting the ballot be mailed to an address other than that which appears on the registration records.

An elector may obtain a replacement ballot if his or her ballot is destroyed, spoiled, lost, or not received by the elector, by filling out and mailing, emailing, or faxing back a completed replacement ballot request form or by personally appearing at the office of the Gallatin County Election Administrator at 311 W. Main Room 210, in Bozeman.

Ballots may be returned in person at the places of deposit listed above, or returned by mail. If returning by mail, please use the then-prevailing first-class-postage price or one Forever Stamp. Postmark date does not apply; ballots returned by mail must be received by the 8:00 p.m. Election Day deadline to be counted.

*Please note, all electors, as defined in MCA 20-20-301, are those who reside within the District and are registered to vote by the close of registration on April 5, 2021.*

For electors who miss the close of registration deadline, such electors may register late at the office of the Gallatin County Election Administrator (311 W. Main Room 210, in Bozeman) from April 6, 2021 until noon on May 3, 2021. Same day voter registration is available for such electors at the office of the County Election Administrator on Election Day, May 4, 2021, from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

DATED this 25th day of March, 2021.

/s/Eric Semerad  
Gallatin County Election Administrator

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