



**GALLATIN GATEWAY SCHOOL
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Greeting GGS Parents and Community Members,

The Gallatin Gateway School is submitting an application for a school-planning grant (prior to August 19, 2011) for future participation in the Quality School Grant Program. Information about this program was discussed at the **December 2010 and January 2011 and March 2011, and August 8, 2011** School Board meetings. With abundant community input at these meetings, the school board created the list below for the ongoing concerns for our children's learning environment. The school's safety committee also submitted building concerns for review by the school board. We also received visits from the state fire inspector, the local fire chief, and the state building inspector to build our list of building needs for the application.

Comments from the community are welcome and appreciated. In addition, if you are interested in participating in the grant process through your submission of letter addressing any of the building needs, Dr. DeBruycker is available to visit with you about the grant process. Please call her on the school cell phone at 406-539-0545 or at the school directly at 406-763-4415 or email her at debruycker@gallatingatewayschool.com. Thank you in advance for your commitment to the children of Gallatin Gateway.

Board list from 12/13/2010 School Board public meeting

Moisture (basement, hallway, crawl space, rain gutters, draining at gym),

Lighting, (old building classrooms, hallway)

Ventilation (bus exhaust and parking lot fumes)

Fire system (connect the building systems)

Safety (sidewalk north side of school due to snow, classroom doors and latches in old building, stairs to basement not in compliance, outdoor exits from classrooms not in compliance K-2 and Title)

Heating and cooling (gymnasium, cafeteria, classrooms, tech room, office gets the cold from front doors, conference room too warm to hold IEP meetings, computer software to accurately control for heating and cooling,)

ADA compliance (to access art room and Head start, etc not in compliance),

Back-up power system (for brown outs due to parts replacements to boilers, computer panels such as bell system, phones, etc.)

Security (history of vandalism)

Extension cord use (old classrooms lack outlets and teachers need extension cords)

Students (wearing coats in classroom – tech room 40 degrees)

Security Lighting (ramp, entrances, sides and back of school)

Board List of School additional needs from 1/10/2011 public school board meeting

Locker room lights always on in the bathroom section of the locker room

pipes falling in spec ed room

knocking sound in special education room - valves in heating system

appliances in kitchen outdated--

appliances not energy star in kitchen

old school lights K-2 classrooms, kitchen, hallways

windows in old school

Energy Efficiency TV's

Software for computers to shut off every night
Flooring tiles- moisture
Gutters- leaking
Well - water softener system
Stairs- east end of the gym
Freezer- food safety and energy efficiency
Membrane Roof- moss and moisture will be tested
Windows- old building some window area are covered with plywood
Vandalism - safety of school property -Driving over Lawn- swing gate
Irrigation pump
Dishwasher in Kitchen

March 7, 2011 public school meeting:

Alan Anseth of Yellowstone Electric, Shawn Murray of CTA, and Kim Allerton of ETS presented information to the Board regarding the Quality Schools Grant Program. They noted that they assist schools with the application process for the grant. They explained to the Board that they coordinate with OPI to ensure the schools applying for the grant maximize the funding they can obtain to assist with energy efficiency projects in their buildings. They also noted that the legislative session has currently put the funding on hold until 2013, so the District's application does not need to be completed in June 2011 as they had originally thought. It was recommended that the District continue to complete the process so when funding does become available the District will be ready to submit their application. Applications require community input and for the District to set priorities of their needs.

August 8, 2011 motion passed unanimously by the school board

"Based on community input and the recommendations defined by the Gallatin Gateway School safety committee, the GGS board has identified the **Energy Efficiency Upgrade** as the #1 priority. This priority includes heating, cooling, ventilation, temperature control, and lighting control."

Sincerely,

The Gallatin Gateway School Board

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