

NOTICE OF SCHOOL ELECTIONS

TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2020

The following school districts will hold mail ballot elections. Regular polling places will not be open. To be counted, mail ballots must be received at the Gallatin County Election Office by 8:00 P.M. on Election Day, Tuesday, May 5, 2020. All district ballots will be mailed Friday, April 17, 2020. NOTE: If you miss the regular voter registration deadline on April 27, you may still register for the election in person at the Gallatin County Election Office, 311 W. Main Street, Room 210, Bozeman, Montana, until noon on May 4, 2020, and resuming at 7:00 A.M. on Election Day until 8:00 P.M.

Elementary School District Elections

District	Purpose of Election	Contact
Amsterdam #75	<p>1. Elect one (1) trustee for a three-year term.</p> <p>2. Shall the board of trustees be authorized to impose an increase in local taxes to support the general fund in the amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) per year which is approximately 4.00 mills for the purpose of: Increased operating costs of the district?</p> <p>Passage of this proposal will increase the annual taxes on a home with a market value of \$100,000 by approximately \$5.40 and on a home with a market value of \$200,000 by approximately \$10.80. The durational limit of the levy is permanent once approved by the voters, assuming the district levies that amount at least once in the next five years.</p>	Sharon Roe (406) 282-7216
Bozeman #7	<p>1. Elect two (2) trustees for three-year terms.</p>	Mike Waterman (406) 522-6097
Manhattan #3	<p>1. Elect one (1) trustee for a three-year term.*</p> <p>2. Shall the Manhattan School District Trustees be authorized to impose an increase in local taxes to support the General Fund in the amount of One Hundred Ninety-Two Thousand Dollars and 96/100 (\$192,809.96) which is an increase of approximately 20.88 mills for the purpose of 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 \$28.19 and on a home with an assessed market value of \$200,000 by approximately \$56.38. The durational limit of the levy is intended to be permanent once approved by the voters, assuming the district levies that amount at least once in the next five years.</p>	Ann Heisler (406) 284-6460
Monforton #27	<p>1. Elect one (1) trustee for a three-year term.*</p> <p>2. Shall the district be authorized to impose an increase in local taxes to support the General Fund in the amount of One Hundred Thirty Thousand Three Hundred Forty-Eight Dollars and 00/100 (\$130,348) which is approximately 6.84 mills for the purpose of operating and maintaining the Monforton School?</p> <p>Passage of this proposal will increase the taxes on a home with a market value of \$100,000 by approximately \$9.23 and on a home with a market value of \$200,000 by approximately \$18.46. The durational limit of the levy is permanent once approved by the voters, assuming the district levies that amount each year thereafter. However, lowering over-BASE tax levies in any year will lower the amount of permissively over-BASE levies in subsequent years.</p>	Kris Ortmeier (406) 586-1557
Three Forks #J24 (Broadwater, Gallatin, Jefferson Counties)	<p>1. Elect two (2) trustees for three-year terms.</p> <p>2. Elect one (1) trustee for a one-year term.</p> <p>3. Shall the Board of Trustees of Elementary School District No. J-24 (Three Forks), Gallatin, Broadwater, and Jefferson Counties, Montana (the "Elementary School District"), be authorized to sell and issue general obligation bonds of the Elementary School District in one or more series in the aggregate principal amount of up to Ten Million and No/100 Dollars (\$10,000,000.00), bearing interest at rates to be determined at the time of the sale, payable semiannually, during a term as to each series of bonds of not more than twenty-five (25) years, for the purpose of paying the costs of designing, constructing, remodeling, equipping, and furnishing improvements to the Elementary School District facilities to accommodate growth and address safety concerns, to include adding a new secure middle school entrance, new classrooms, and flex space for music and art classrooms; renovating existing space to create a new secure elementary school entrance and administration space, special education and support spaces, and music practice rooms; replacing aging infrastructure, including upgrading mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems; installing a fire suppression system; and making various site improvements to include moving bus lanes and emergency fire access to the north of the school, adding a new parking lot, installing sidewalks and curbs to meet Americans With Disabilities Act requirements, and relocating playground equipment; related improvements and costs; and paying costs associated with the sale and issuance of the bonds?</p>	Lisa Morgan (406) 285-6830

*Denotes non-competitive race. Trustee candidates' names appear on the ballot but are elected by acclamation. The following elementary school districts will not be holding school elections. Trustees were elected by acclamation: Anderson, Belgrade, Cottonwood, Gallatin Gateway, LaMotte, Malmborg, Pass Creek, Springhill, Willow Creek.

High School District Elections

District	Elementary District	Purpose of Election	Contact
Big Sky K-12 #72	Ophir #72	<p>1. Elect one (1) trustee for a three-year term.</p> <p>2. Shall the Board of Trustees of K-12 School District No. 72 (Big Sky), Gallatin County, Montana (the "District") be authorized to sell and issue general obligation bonds of the District in one or more series in the aggregate principal amount of up to Twenty-Three Million Five Hundred Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$23,500,000.00), bearing interest at rates to be determined at the time of the sale, payable semiannually, during a term as to each series of bonds of not more than twenty (20) years, for the purpose of improving the existing Ophir Middle School and Lone Peak High School building and school grounds by paying the costs of designing, constructing, furnishing and equipping additions to the building to include (a) laboratory and shop spaces to enhance and expand capacity for science, technology, engineering, art, and math programs and increase adult education and after-hours use opportunities and (b) an additional gym, locker rooms, and athletic support space; renovating and remodeling areas within the Ophir Middle School and Lone Peak High School building to expand student commons and dining area, accommodate district-wide student growth, and improve underutilized spaces to make room for and modernize educational opportunities; upgrading the sports field to include a synthetic turf surface to extend season play for soccer, football, track and field, and other sports and building an additional outdoor all-sports grass practice field; upgrading site circulation, parking, and student drop-off at the campus as a whole to reduce congestion and increase safety; related costs and improvements; and paying the costs associated with the sale and issuance of the bonds?</p>	Corky Miller (406) 995-4281
Bozeman High School #7	Anderson #41 Cottonwood #22 Gallatin Gateway #35 LaMotte #43 Malmborg #47 Monforton #27	<p>1. Shall the district be authorized to impose an additional levy each year for six years to add to the building reserve fund of Bozeman High School District No. 7 to raise a total of up to Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000; \$1,000,000 per year for six years), which is approximately 4.47mills, for the purpose of transition costs resulting from the opening of Gallatin High School?</p> <p>Passage of this proposal will increase the annual taxes on a home with a value of \$100,000 by approximately \$6.03 and on a home with a value of \$200,000 by approximately \$12.06. If this request is approved, the District will completely offset the tax impact of the annual Transition Levy with other reductions. The durational limit of the levy is six years.</p>	Mike Waterman (406) 522-6097
Three Forks High School #J24	Three Forks #J24 (Broadwater, Gallatin Counties), Willow Creek #15	<p>1. Shall the Board of Trustees of High School District No. J-24 (Three Forks), Gallatin and Broadwater Counties, Montana (the "High School District"), be authorized to sell and issue general obligation bonds of the High School District in one or more series in the aggregate principal amount of up to Fifteen Million and No/100 Dollars (\$15,000,000.00), bearing interest at rates to be determined at the time of the sale, payable semiannually, during a term as to each series of bonds of not more than twenty-five (25) years, for the purpose of paying the costs of designing, constructing, remodeling, equipping, and furnishing improvements to the High School District facilities to accommodate growth and address safety concerns, to include adding a new secure high school entrance and common space, classrooms, and expanding the cafeteria; renovating the existing kitchen, special education and support spaces, art classroom, and district and school administration offices; replacing aging infrastructure, including upgrading mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems; installing a fire suppression system; and making various site improvements to include moving bus lanes and emergency fire access to the north of the school, adding a new parking lot, installing sidewalks and curbs to meet Americans With Disabilities Act requirements, and relocating playground equipment; related improvements and costs; and paying costs associated with the sale and issuance of the bonds?</p>	Lisa Morgan (406) 285-6830
Manhattan High School #3	Amsterdam #75 Pass Creek #25	<p>1. Elect one (1) High School Trustee for a three-year term.*</p> <p>2. Shall the district be authorized to impose an increase in local taxes to support the General Fund in the amount of One Hundred Forty-Six Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Five and 82/100 Dollars (\$146,285.82) which is approximately 10.17 mills for the purpose of properly operating and maintaining the Manhattan High School District?</p> <p>Passage of this proposal will increase the taxes on a home with an assessed market value of \$100,000 by approximately \$13.73 per year and on a home with an assessed market value of \$200,000 by approximately \$27.46 per year. The durational limit of the levy is permanent once approved by the voters, assuming the district levies that amount at least once in the next five years.</p>	Ann Heisler (406) 284-6460
West Yellowstone K-12 #69	West Yellowstone #69	<p>1. Elect two (2) trustees for three-year terms.</p>	Norma Salinas (406) 646-7617

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**Return voted ballots by mail to the Gallatin County Election Office, or hand deliver to:
Gallatin County Election Office, 311 W. Main Street, Room 210, Bozeman, Montana
Monday-Friday, 8:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. through May 4, 2020
Election Day, May 5 - 7:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M.**

ALL BALLOTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY NO LATER THAN 8:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2020.

For information about propositions being considered or trustee positions, contact the school officials listed above. For other information about school elections, contact Gallatin County Superintendent of Schools, Matthew Henry, 311 W. Main St., Room 107, Bozeman, MT 59715, or call (406) 582-3090.