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MONTANA SECRETARY OF STATE



March 1, 2024

Dustin Zuffelato
Columbia Falls School District
Clerk/Business Manager / Elections Administrator
501 6th Avenue West
Columbia Falls, MT 59912

Dear Dustin:

On March 1, 2024, we received your plans, timetables, and instructions for the following mail ballot elections to be held on May 7, 2024:

- Elementary District No. 6 (Columbia Falls) - Trustee, Director, Governing Body - Flathead County, Montana
- Elementary District No. 6 (Columbia Falls) - Levy - Flathead County, Montana
- High School District No. 6 (Columbia Falls) - Levy - Flathead County, Montana
- High School District No. 6 (Columbia Falls) – Building Reserve Levy - Flathead County, Montana

This office hereby approves your submitted plans, timetables, and instructions for these elections.

Please be advised mail ballot elections must be conducted in compliance with Title 13, Chapter 19 of the Montana Code Annotated and Rule 44, Chapter 3, Subchapter 27 of the Administrative Rules.

Per Montana Code Annotated Title 20, Chapter 20, Section 201, Subsection 2, a resolution calling for a school election must be transmitted to the county election administrator no later than three days after the resolution is passed. If the school clerk is conducting the election, the school clerk must also transmit a copy of the written plan to the county election administrator as soon as the plan has been approved by the Secretary of State.

Title 13, Chapter 2, Section 301 of the Montana Code Annotated requires county election administrators to publish notice of the close of voter registration for all elections being conducted within a county including school elections conducted by the school clerk, requiring coordination between the county elections office and school clerks to ensure notices of the close of registration are published per the approved timetable.

Please verify your submitted mail ballot plans appear in the approved elections list above. If you have questions pertaining to this correspondence, please contact the Secretary of State's Office immediately.

Sincerely,

Tari Nyland

Tari Nyland
Elections Specialist

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