

**AGENDA**  
**Board of Trustees**  
**Columbia Falls School District Six**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**Monday, March 10, 2025**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**School District Six Board Room**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Pledge to the Flag**
- 3. Approval of Agenda**
- 4. Consent Agenda.**
  - a. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes- Pgs. 1-6
  - b. Approval of February Bills
  - c. Approval of Investment Reports
  - d. Approval of the 24-25 Out-of-District Student Recommendations:
    - 25208 25209 25210 25211
- 5. Public Participation**
  - a. Student Body Representative
  - b. Missoula Children's Theater – Ruder Elementary
- 6. Reports**
  - a. Written
    - Elementary Principals – Pgs. 7-13
    - High School Principal – Pgs. 14-16
    - Board Standing Committees –See website for reports
  - b. Verbal
    - MTSBA Update – Barb Riley
    - Clerk / Business Manager – Dustin Zuffelato – Pgs. 17-18
    - Superintendent – Cory Dziowgo
    - Board Chair – Jill Rocksund
- 7. Action/Discussion Items:**
  - a. MAST testing overview.
  - b. Consideration of the SY 25-26 school calendar. Pg. 19
  - c. Consideration of the recommended changes to Policy #3141 – Out of District Enrollment on second of two readings. – Pgs. 20-23
  - d. Consideration of Resolution #438 – Elementary General Fund Over-base Mill Levy Election. – Pg. 24
  - e. Cancellation of High School General Fund Over-base Mill Levy Election.
  - f. Consideration of Permissive Levies: - Pgs. 25-26
    - Resolution #436 – Elementary District Intent to Impose an Increase in Levies. – Pg. 27
    - Resolution #437 – High School District Intent to Impose an Increase in Levies. – Pg. 28
  - g. Consideration of the Managed IT Services Agreement –with Pinecove Consulting LLC. – Pgs. 29-36
- 8. Personnel**
  - a. **The superintendent has accepted the following resignations:**

Isabella Calabrese	Kindergarten Teacher – Ruder Elementary – end of SY 24-25
Isabella Calabrese	ESL Campus Coordinator – Ruder Elementary end of SY 24-25

**Personnel – Resignations Continued:**

Teri Hovde	Third Grade Teacher – Ruder – Retirement end of SY 24-25
Samantha Jones	ESL Campus Coordinator – Junior High – end of SY 24-25
Rachel Archuleta	Track Coach – Junior High – end of SY 23-24
Jewel Huntsman	Food Service Helper – March 3, 2025
Catherine Martin	.50 FTE Business Teacher – end of SY 24-25
Amy Caudill	Swim Team Coach – end of SY 24-25
Aven Middlesworth	Assistant Swim Teach Coach – end of SY 24-25

**b. Consideration of the following hiring recommendations:**

Samantha Jones	Track Coach – Junior High
Austin Barth	Track Coach – Junior High

**c. Consideration of the attached elementary tenure teacher hires for SY 25-26: - Pgs. 37-38**

**d. Consideration of the attached high school tenure teacher hires for SY 25-26: - Pg. 39**

**e. Consideration of the following out-of-state travel request: - Pg. 40**

Troy Bowman	NATA Clinical Syposia & AT Expo
	June 24-27, 2025
	Orlando, FL

**f. Consideration of the attached substitute hires: - Pg. 41**

**9. Miscellaneous and Future Planning:**

- Insurance Committee Meeting – March 12, 2025 – 4:00 PM
- Special Meeting/Long Range Planning Committee Meeting – March 31, 2025 – 6:00 P.M.

**10. Adjournment**

**The next Regular Board Meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m.,  
Monday, April 14, 2025, in the School District Six Board Room**

REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SCHOOL DISTRICT #6  
FEBRUARY 10, 2025

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The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of School District Six was held at 6:00 P.M., Monday, February 10, 2025, in the Boardroom of the administration offices at 501 Sixth Avenue West, Columbia Falls, Montana.

PRESENT:

Jill Rocksund..... Board Chair  
Barbara Riley ..... Vice Chair  
Megan Upton ..... Trustee  
Justin Cheff ..... Trustee                      Via Google Meets  
Keri Hill ..... Trustee  
Heather Mumby ..... Trustee  
Amanda Pacheco..... Trustee  
Casey Heupel ..... Trustee  
Cory Dziowgo..... Superintendent of Schools  
Dustin Zuffelato ..... Business Manager/Clerk

ABSENT:

Keri Hill ..... Trustee

Call to order at 6:02 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Motion by Heupel, second by Upton, to approve the agenda as presented.  
Public comment was requested and there was none.  
Passed 7-0.

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Upton, second by Mumby, to approve the consent agenda as follows:  
Approve Board Meeting Minutes.  
Approve January Bills.  
Approve the Investment Report.  
Public comment was requested and there was none.  
Passed 7-0

APPROVE CONSENT  
AGENDA

Public Participation:

PUBLIC  
PARTICIPATION:

Approximately nine (9) people participated in the meeting remotely via Google Meets.  
Approximately sixteen (16) people attended the meeting in person.

High School Student Body was represented by Junior officers, Greyson Pfieffe and Alston Olson, updating the Board with the activities at the High School. The speech and debate team took second place at the state meet, losing to Whitefish by five points. Teachers' name doorplates are almost done and there was an example shared. Each nameplate is in the shape of a cat paw with the teacher's name. Upcoming events are the swim team and wrestling team traveling to their state competitions the weekend of February 13-15, 2025. Valentine's Day will be observed on Thursday, February 13, with the La Cuisine

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class making cookies to sell and the Sonifers will be performing singing valentines. A winter formal is scheduled for February 28 in the cafeteria. Bleed Blue week is February 24 through 28.

REPORTS:

Written Reports:

The Elementary School Principals provided the Board with written reports.

High School Principal, Josh Gibbs, provided the Board with a written report.

Special Education Director, Michelle Swank, provided the Board with a written report.

Curriculum Director, Mark McCord, provided the Board with a written report.

District Committees' reports provided for the Board are located on the District's Website.

Verbal Reports:

Trustee Barbara Riley provided the Board with the recent proceedings of the Consortium of State School Board Associations (COSSBA) and the Montana School Board Association (MTSBA). Trustee Riley participated in the public education day of advocacy in Helena on January 29th. Testimony was heard on the new STARS Act and has come out of committee with a positive vibe. Superintendent Dziowgo is posting legislative updates on the District website regarding public school bills. The statewide health insurance board is approximately 90% finished with the process of getting approval from the commissioner's office. The group will be presenting to school districts, but there is no timeline as of yet. School districts will be going through the renewal process this spring with their current plans, and will have information on the new state plan at the same time. If schools are considering switching to the state fund they will need to make sure their current insurance plans have the appropriate information to cover claims after the plan year ends.

District Business Manager/Clerk provided the Board with a written report. Mr. Zuffelato discussed the upcoming election in May and presented details concerning the county election department. He has been working on the budget for next school year, including potential impacts from legislature. Members of the Insurance Committee met with Logan Health to determine the circumstances regarding the Billings Clinic merger. In the meeting there was an opportunity to discuss discounts for the District. The annual audit is taking place and the report is due March 31, 2025. There could possibly be a delay with issuing this 2024 audit report as a result of workload constraints. Mr. Zuffelato and the auditors have discussed the appropriate accounting treatment for the repairs associated with the roof project as well as the restoration project. The auditors feel that the roof project expenses should be capitalized. Work is being done on the property and liabil-

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ity insurance renewal. There will likely be an increase in premiums because of the High School building roof claim, but premiums can also be affected by the fires in California. Lastly, Mr. Zuffelato introduced Michelle Bates as the District's new payroll person.

Superintendent Cory Dziowgo reminded the Board that committee meeting notes can be found on the District's website. The Transportation Committee meets in two days and needs to look at what to do with the shortage of drivers; need to start planning now for next year's field trips versus activity trips versus daily routes; and looking at the contract for the West Glacier route. Policy Committee talked about fund raising requests. The Long Range Planning Committee will talk about the bond for High School renovations. The State Legislature session is "moving and shaking". It was nice to get to Helena last week to talk about impact of legislative proposals.

Board Chair Jill Rocksund had nothing new to report.

## Action/Discussed Items:

Board Chair Rocksund provided an update concerning a community member complaint. The uniform complaint procedure has been followed with the next step being consideration by the school board. The District's attorney has recommended dismissal of the complaint due to untimely filing.

Presentation of the Climate Survey results which closed Friday, February 7. Results of the survey are posted on the District's website and the administration team will talk about the results at the next Admin meeting on Thursday, February 13, 2025. Superintendent Dziowgo presented details of the survey results.

Curriculum Director Mark McCord presented the District's Portrait of a Learner. Motion by Mumby, second by Riley, to adopt the Portrait of a Learner program's mantra "Wildcats are: Engaged, Prepared and Empowered".

Public comment was requested and there was none.

Passed 7-0.

The Board considered the Policy Committee recommendations.

Motion by Mumby, second by Upton, to approve changes to Policy #3141 – Out of District Enrollment – first of two readings.

The policy committee discussed how the new out of district student admittance process worked and the recommended revision regarding establishing specific date(s) that out of district students would be formally considered for enrollment by the Board of Trustees. The proposed change establishes two dates, one in the spring and one at the semester break.

Public comment was requested and there was none.

Passed 7-0.

ACTION /  
DISCUSSION ITEMS:

COMMUNITY  
COMPLAINT UPDATE

CLIMATE SURVEY  
RESULTS

MOTION TO APPROVE  
THE ADOPTION OF  
THE PORTRAIT OF A  
LEARNER MANTRA

MOTION TO APPROVE  
CHANGES TO POLICY  
#3141

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MOTION TO APPROVE  
TERMS OF  
SUPERINTENDENT  
CONTRACT EFFECTIVE  
JULY 1, 2025

Motion by Riley, second by Upton, to approve the extension of the terms of the superintendent contract effective July 1, 2025.

The evaluation was conducted in January 2025. The Board acknowledges that they are currently in the second year of a three-year contract and needs approval for a new three contract effective July 1.

Public comment was requested and there was none.

Passed 7-0.

Mr. Zuffelato presented projections for the FY 2026 General Fund budget in an effort to help the Board understand the scenario regarding the upcoming annual election. The Board must consider resolutions calling for an election no less than seventy days before the election and then have until the end of March to set an amount or cancel a levy election. General Fund budget authority is driven by the number of students in a snapshot occurring in October and February defined as annual number belonging (ANB). Enrollment is down eighty-nine students in the two elementary schools, the Junior High and High School remain consistent. The Elementary District will use the ANB driven by a three year average to mitigate the impact of the enrollment drop in the current school year. The High School ANB will increase slightly for next year. Current law caps inflation at 3%. Mr. Zuffelato presented budget projections based on 3% increase and the updated ANB. Furthermore, Mr. Zuffelato presented budget projections with the proposed funding within House Bill 252, the STARS ACT. If the STARS ACT does not pass in its current form, the Elementary District may propose a general fund levy to eliminate a projected budget deficit of \$450,000. The High School budget is in much better shape since enrollment is not going down. Last year's levy election was successful and so the District is close to the maximum and thus there is not much voted levy authority remaining.

MOTION TO APPROVE  
RESOLUTION 434 -  
CALLING FOR AN  
ELEMENTARY  
ELECTION

Motion by Riley, second by Upton, to approve Resolution 434 - Calling for an Elementary District Election.

Public comment was requested and there was none.

Passed 6-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE  
RESOLUTION 435-  
CALLING FOR HS  
ELECTION

Motion by Riley, second by Heupel, to approve Resolution 435 - Calling for a High School District Election.

Public comment was requested and there was none.

Passed 7-0.

Business Manager Dustin Zuffelato informed the Board that the County Election office has a new director who is willing to provide more support to the county school districts in terms of conducting our elections. The County has provided support in the recent past but this year will be almost entirely conducted by the County. The additional support for our District (this year as compared to prior) will be managing the ballots including ordering, mailing, and issuing replacements. As part of this arrangement, the election must continue to be conducted by mail ballot using the electronic ballots that can be tabulated by ESS.

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Motion by Mumby, second by Riley, to approve the mail ballot plans for the Elementary District Election.

Public comment was requested and there was none.

Passed 6-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE  
THE MAIL BALLOT  
PLANS FOR ELEM  
DISTRICT ELECTION

Motion by Heupel, second by Pacheco, to approve the mail ballot plans for the High School District Election.

Public comment was requested and there was none.

Passed 7-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE  
THE MAIL BALLOT  
PLANS FOR HS  
DISTRICT ELECTION

Motion by Mumby, second by Pacheco, to approve Memorandum of Understanding – 2025 Election Procedures – Flathead County.

This change will increase the county's responsibility with the change in personnel.

Public comment was requested and there was none.

Passed 7-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE  
MOA - 2025 ELECTION  
PROCEDURES -  
FLATHEAD COUNTY

Motion by Heupel, second by Riley, to approve the Multi District Participation Agreement with Montana School Unemployment Insurance Program 2024-2027.

There were no changes from the past, this is strictly a renewal process.

Public comment was requested and there was none.

Passed 7-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE  
THE MULTI DISTRICT  
PARTICIPATION  
AGREEMENT WITH  
MONTANA SCHOOL  
UNEMPLOYMENT  
INSURANCE  
PROGRAM

Motion by Pacheco, second by Upton, to approve the addition of two AP courses that will be added to the High School course offerings: AP Seminar and AP Research.

High School teachers Nia Vestal and Willow Moran want more AP options for students that may not want to take AP Literature type course but a more skills-based course.

Public comment was requested and there was none.

Passed 7-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE  
THE ADDITION OF  
TWO AP COURSES

Personnel:

PERSONNEL:

The Board acknowledged the following resignations previously accepted by the Superintendent: Jarrod Calabrese – Glacier Gateway Special Education Teacher, effective end of SY 24-25; Paula Koch – Junior High Track Coach, effective end of SY 23-24; John Thompson – High School Assistant Principal, retirement end of SY 24-25.

Motion by Upton, second by Riley, to approve the following Elementary District hiring recommendations: Jessica Burns – Glacier Gateway Special Education Paraeducator.

Public comment was requested and there was none.

Passed 6-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE  
ELEMENTARY HIRING  
RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion by Heupel, second by Riley, to approve the following High School/District Wide hiring recommendations: Teresa Hughes – Hot Lunch Site Building Lead; Karen Taylor – Hot Lunch Site Building Lead; Amanda King – Hot Lunch Site Building Lead; Angel McCarley – Hot Lunch Site Building Lead; Brad Parker – Bus Driver; Tary Middlesworth

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HS AND DISTRICT-  
WIDE HIRING  
RECOMMENDATIONS

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- Non-CDL Activity Bus Driver; Keegan Mackenstadt - High School Maintenance; David Brett Crump - High School Assistant Wrestling Coach; Alia Hanson - High School Mentor; Wendy Bruce - High School Part-time Special Education Paraeducator. Public comment was requested and there was none.  
Passed 7-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE  
TERMINATION  
WITHOUT CAUSE

Motion by Riley, second by Upton, to approve the termination of Kayla Davis-Nelson without cause, Hot Lunch Helper/Floater effective January 23, 2025.  
Public comment was requested and there was none.  
Passed 7-0.

Motion by Upton, second by Heupel, to approve the substitute hiring recommendations.  
Public comment was requested and there was none.  
Passed 7-0.

MISCELLANEOUS  
AND FUTURE  
PLANNING:

Miscellaneous and Future Planning:

Chamber of Commerce Food Bank Donation Drive - February 25 through March 11, 2025. This aligns to Bleed Blue week.

Transportation Committee Meeting - February 12, 2025 - 5:30 P.M. - Canyon Elementary

Long Range Planning Committee Meeting - February 19, 2025 - 5:00 P.M. - Dinner will be provided.

MEETING  
ADJOURNED

As there was no further business to come before the Board, Chair Rocksund adjourned the meeting at 7:25 P.M.

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Board Chair

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Business Manager/Clerk



School Board Report for March 2025  
Glacier Gateway Elementary School

February was I Love to Read Month and Glacier Gateway Staff had a variety of activities to support the development of reading for entertainment. We participated in theme Fridays, book bingo, Scholastic book fair guest readers, reading for Silverwood tickets, Bikes for Books and read-ins.

Glacier Gateway hosted Missoula Children's Theater for a week. One hundred thirty students auditioned for 60 roles. They practiced for 5 days and then performed on Saturday, March 1st. We secured \$1000 in grants and our PTO paid the remaining amount due. We had outstanding attendance at both shows and between the ticket sales, flowers, and concessions we ended up paying around \$300.

Glacier Gateway also hosted our Spelling Bee in early February. We will celebrate our winner and runner-up with a special medal at our March 5th assembly. Our winner Natalie Raymond went to the County spelling bee.

Our 3rd grade Gifted and Talented students performed plays for their parents and fellow 3rd grade students during February. We also conducted our CoGat screening and assessments in 2nd grade for students testing as gifted students.

Attendance for the Month of February was much better than last year for the month of February. Our 4th grade won our monthly attendance contest this year and will get an additional recess!

February 2024	February 2025
K - 87%	K - 87%
1 - 87%	1 - 91%
2 - 89%	2 - 89%
3 - 93%	3 - 90%
4 - 89%	4 - 92%
5 - 89%	5 - 91%

Glacier Gateway Celebrated Dr. Seuss Day with Green Eggs and Ham breakfast and a Dr. Seuss Read-a-thon in many of our classrooms.

On April 24th we will host our Spring Art Walk. We are teaming with PTO to offer dinner, art activities, and our annual bully prevention parent survey.

We finalized WIDA test for our ELL students. We will launch into our 3rd window of MAST testing and begin our Science Assessment for 5th grade students.

Swimming lessons at the Wave for our 3rd grade students at GG will begin in April and many spring field trips will start. We have LonePine, Glacier National Park, and Forestry Expo coming up in the next couple of months.

Bike for Books assembly will be March 21st and the Masons will give 2 bikes per grade level to our lucky winners.

GG 5th Graders will perform the JAZZ musical for our student body and their parent on March 6th. Our 4th Grade students will perform on March 13th an underground railroad historical musical "Quilt Speaks" for parents.

## **Ruder Elementary Principal's Report – March 2025**

February was a busy and exciting month at Ruder Elementary! Our students and staff have been engaged in a variety of activities that promote learning, school spirit, and community involvement.

### **Encouraging and Supporting Our Readers**

- We are thrilled to continue our Bikes for Books program, generously sponsored by The Masons, who have once again provided two bikes per grade level as reading incentives.
- Students are also participating in the Silverwood Read 2 Ride program, encouraging a love for reading with a fun incentive.

### **Academic Achievements & Events**

- Our school spelling bee was held in February, and we were honored to have Superintendent Dziowgo and Mark McCord serve as pronouncers.
- The Great Brain Project was a huge success, with over 100 voluntary participants showcasing their incredible work!
- We wrapped up Winter STAR Benchmark testing and completed our second round of MAST testing for grades 3rd through 5th.
- WIDA testing for our English Second Language learners was also finalized.

### **Exciting Student Activities**

- Ruder celebrated the 100th Day of School, and our amazing kindergarten team dressed up for the occasion!
- Kindergarten students also had the opportunity to go snowshoeing in Glacier Park, creating wonderful hands-on learning experiences.
- Third-grade students are currently participating in swim lessons at The Wave in Whitefish.
- Our students were thrilled to welcome the high school Bleed Blue Tour—the energy was incredible, and the students loved the performance!
- This week, we are celebrating Dr. Seuss Week, and the entire school is enjoying dressing up and participating in themed activities each day.

### **Community Engagement**

- Last week, Superintendent Dziowgo, along with school board trustees Dr. Jill Rocksund and Mrs. Keri Hill, took post in our morning drop-off line to receive food donations for our district food drive. We appreciate their support in helping us give back to our community!

As always, we are so grateful for the hard work and dedication of our staff, students, and families who continued to support making Ruder Elementary a place where students grow, learn, and thrive!





**CFJH March Board Report  
Monday, March 10th**

**Staff Activities & Academics**

- The Scheduling Committee met again to discuss next year's schedule. We are making progress to develop the best schedule that meets the needs of our students and makes the most impact. The committee discussed how to best provide all three tiers of support, especially in math and ELA. We have prioritized our needs and plan to meet later this month to finalize the list and start building a master schedule. This is a long process but very important.
- Our MTSS Team met this month and discussed creating classroom norms for the whole school to go alongside our BLUE expectations, students with repeated negative behaviors and how to support them, connecting our Character Strong program to our BLUE expectations, and the teaching of student expectations and how to do that more effectively next fall. We continue to meet and implement ideas from this group to benefit our students and strengthen our positive learning environment.
- The department PLCs have had a lot of opportunities to meet to discuss curriculum, student achievement, common assessments, data, scheduling, and department needs, to name a few. There have been a lot of great ideas conceived, needs reviewed and addressed, and activities/programs/initiatives implemented to positively impact student learning and achievement. Our teachers are fantastic and collaborative. They put students first and make decisions to best serve our students.

**Student Activities & Academics**

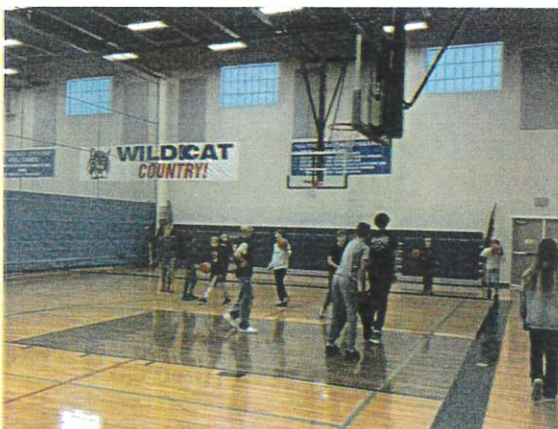
- The Student Council has been conducting Hat Days for the last few months. Students get to wear a hat for the day by donating \$1 to the Student Council. All of the funds raised go back to providing positive experiences for all students. For example, the Wildcat Bash is mostly funded by our Student Council. All of the Wildcat Way prizes come from these funds, as well as awards for our assemblies.
- Some high school students came to the junior high to put on the Bleed Blue Assembly and teach our students what it means to be Wildcats. It was fantastic! There was a drum



line, the Corners, the Band, Blood Blue Crew, and cheerleaders. They all performed for us to model Character, Focus, Honor, and Strength. All the groups were great! We are so glad they were able to come interact with our students. Great job CFHS!



- We had an awesome 2nd quarter Wildcat Bash! Students who met the academic and behavioral expectations for the quarter earned the reward. More than 400 students participated! It was an hour of fun activities and treats to end the day. Congratulations to all the Wildcats who earned the Bash!







- We have Wildcat Spirit! Some of our students created the Wildcat Student Section at CFJH! It is a great way for kids to get involved and raise our school spirit. What an excellent way to build up our school community!





- A group of high school students have started a HOSA Club at the junior high. They come to our school to work with students interested in health related topics and science. Students learn about many different health topics, complete hands-on activities, learn about leadership, work with others, and have fun. It is a great collaboration!

**February Attendance Rates**

6th Gr. - 88.13%

7th Gr. - 86.86%

8th Gr. - 86.52%

Overall - 87.16%

**February Student Enrollment**

6th - 171

7th - 184

8th - 174

Total - 529





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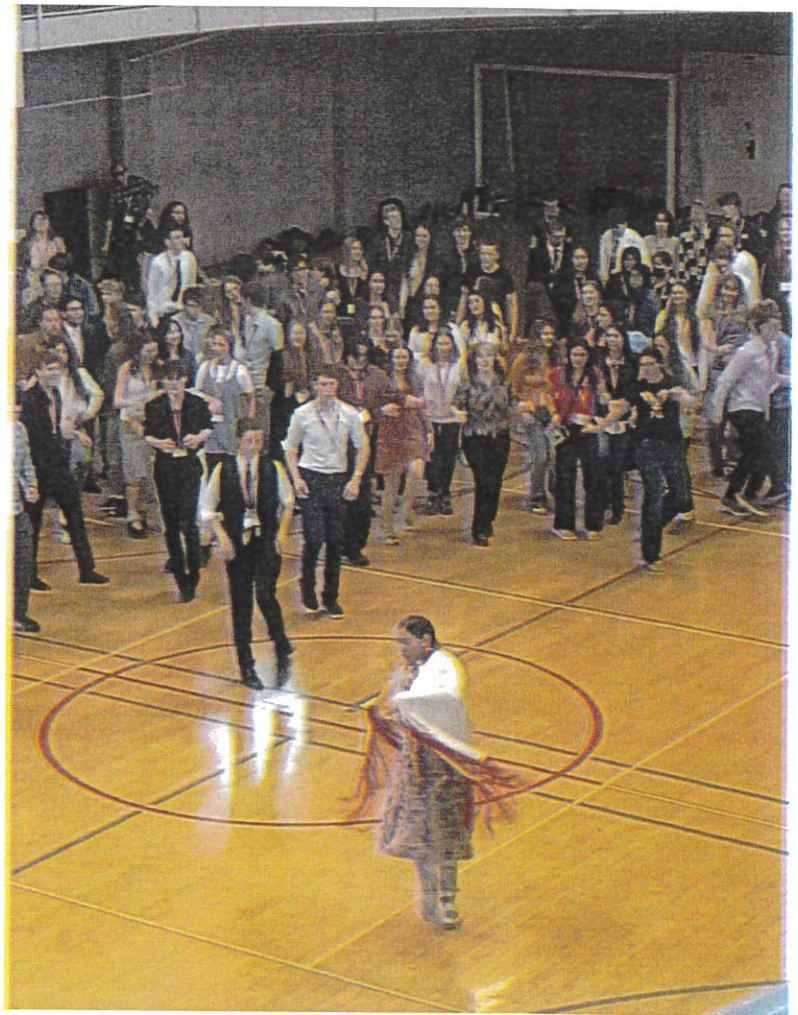
**Submitted by Josh Gibbs, CFHS Principal**

## **Strategic Goal #1: Challenging, Diverse, and Supportive Learning Environment**

**PIF GRANT** – Jolandie Brooks is the coordinator for the Prevention Incentive Funds (PIF) Grant. This is our fourth year serving our junior and senior class with interventions. By the end of the first semester, this program served over 222 students through internships and job shadows, ACT prep, career exploration, and education intervention / case management. This program services students labeled as at-risk due to low GPA's, absences, and behavior. Between the dates of 07/01/2022 and 02/24/2025, CFHS saw a 100% recidivism rate. This is unheard of when looking at this data. This stat reflects the positive impact that this is making on our students. Great job Mrs. Brooks!

## **ACADEMIC WORLD QUEST – Ms.**

Sunberg took 20 students to Missoula to participate in the Academic World Quest conference put on by the Montana World Affairs Council. Over 500 students participated from throughout Montana. Montana hosts the largest Academic World Quest in the United States and offers an intense two day academic learning experience. Students were not only exposed to but learned both Native Blackfeet dance and Indian Dance, achieving great moves they plan to bring to Prom this year. During the event students engaged in learning through interactive scavenger hunts, seminars, and presentations as well as intense research on current issues. Students participated in Q & A sessions with the Consul General Gupta of India where they learned about the United States agricultural relationship with India and our longstanding partnership. Students were also able to speak directly to students in New Zealand for an online exchange in which both groups shared about the culture of teenagers in each country. The final activity was a competition where teams of students answered 100 questions from 10 dense packets on various global topics. CFHS students, instead of opting to do lax evening activities, were in the conference room of the hotel from 7:30 to 9:30 studying and learning about indepth world affairs such as space and security, critical minerals in Africa, Indian Affairs, etc. This event is according to Ms. Tamara is one of the most valuable outside







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academic events she is privileged enough to attend. She enjoys watching students learn, engage and be invested and challenge themselves academically.

## **Strategic Goal #2: High Performing Workplace**

**Open and Unfilled Positions at the High School** - We have a few openings: two paraprofessionals for the special education program.

### **Other Accomplishments:**

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT** – Staff members are actively engaged in professional development focused on Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS). Our goal is to ensure that we have structured systems in place to support students academically, behaviorally, with attendance, and beyond. This district-wide initiative has been a key focus over the past year, aiming to provide targeted interventions that meet students' individual needs.

At the high school, we continue to refine our referral and support processes to better serve our students. Over the past month, we have expanded our SWAT (Student Well-being and Assistance Team) to include counselors, the principal, a family advocate, the school psychologist, a special education representative, and the school nurse. Additionally, we will involve our ELL coordinator or Jolandie Brooks if a student is on their caseload.

To align with the district's efforts, we have also updated our Success Plan document to reflect the structure used in other schools. These refinements, while small, will have a significant impact on ensuring that every student receives the support they need through the MTSS framework.

## **Strategic Goal #3: Organizational Effectiveness**

The third goal under Organizational Effectiveness on the strategic plan states, "Goal 3: Establish and foster a positive collaborative culture in all district departments." We are continually working on several areas within school culture. We have been working on increasing Positive Behavior Intervention Supports in our school. One strategy has been for staff to find students who are exhibiting Character, Focus, Honor, and Strength with Bleed Blue Tickets. These tickets are then mailed home to families. This year we have sent out







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over close to 200 tickets home!

## **Strategic Goal #4: Family & Community Engagement**

**Bleed Blue Tour** – One of the most exciting and impactful events during Bleed Blue Week is our annual Bleed Blue Tour. This year, nearly 70 students took part in this incredible tradition, representing a variety of groups, including the Pep Band, Drumline, Cheer Team, Bleed Blue Group, and National Honor Society.

These dedicated students spent time preparing an energetic and engaging performance, which they shared with students at Ruder Elementary, Glacier Gateway, Deer Park Elementary, West Glacier, and the Junior High. Their showcase not only highlighted the many activities and opportunities available at the high school, but it also served as an inspiring introduction to the vibrant school culture that awaits younger students. In addition to the music, cheers, and performances, the tour emphasized our core values Character, Honor, Focus, and Strength through thoughtfully crafted skits.

As always, the Bleed Blue Tour was a huge hit with the younger students, bringing excitement and enthusiasm to each school they visited. It's an incredible way to build connections, inspire future Wildcats, and celebrate the pride and tradition that make Columbia Falls High School so special!

## **Strategic Goal #5: District Facilities Support & Enhance Learning**

**Heating units project and Bond process** - Over the past month, all parts for the heating units have arrived. The crews from Monster and Electro Controls have been working swing shifts to minimize disruptions to student learning. They are making steady progress each night, though they have encountered some unexpected challenges in retrofitting the new units to our existing system. We are grateful that we made it through the winter thanks to all the work Doug completed before his retirement.

Additionally, we have received significant feedback regarding the recent surveys on the high school bond projects. Staff and students are eager to engage in the process, and the response has been overwhelmingly positive in support of remodeling the high school.

**TO:** Board of Trustees  
**FROM:** Dustin Zuffelato, Business Manager/Clerk  
**DATE:** March 6, 2025  
**RE:** **Business Office Report for the March 10, 2025 Regular Meeting**

## **Resolutions to Increase Non Voted Levies**

I intend to present data via a powerpoint presentation during the Board Meeting. A summary of the presentation is contained herein.

The legislature created the School Major Maintenance Account (SMMA) during the 2017 session allowing the District to permissively levy up to 10 mills in the building reserve fund. A statute was added (MCA 20-9-116) requiring the District to adopt a resolution and publish in the local newspaper the **intent to impose an increase in a non-voted levy** by March 31, 2025. With regard to any increase in the school district's new major maintenance levy, the district must also identify the major maintenance projects anticipated to be completed with the funds raised.

We are proposing to continue the Elementary District Building Reserve SMMA Levy for next year as the funds could be used to repair the exterior envelope at the Junior High. Jackola Engineering is working to determine the extent of the damage and it is likely this could be a multi-year phased approach to repair the exterior building envelope. Additionally, the parking lot needs to be repaired. We are proposing to continue the High School Building Reserve SMMA Levy during fiscal year 2025 to provide supplemental funds for the heating unit replacement project as well as repair the elevator and seal/asphalt the parking lot. The state match for the SMMA levy is projected to decrease next year to **\$.74:\$1** for the Elementary as compared to **\$.75:\$1** in FY25. The SMMA levy limit remained consistent at \$193,200.

With regards to the High School SMMA Levy, the state match is projected to be **\$.59:\$1** as compared to **\$.60:\$1** for the High School. The SMMA levy limit remains consistent at \$92,550 as compared to \$92,880 in current year.

With regards to the other non-voted permissive levies included in the Resolution: The Transportation Fund budgets are expected to have less unused funds (\$71,853) at fiscal year-end (as compared to last year) as a result of route changes that reduced state/county funding (\$17,593) as well as budget to actual expenditure projections resulting in fewer end of year funds. Additionally, the Transportation Fund budget for next year is projected to have less state/county funding as a result of the route changes/eliminations. Less state/county funding but the same budgeted expenses results in an increase to the local permissive levy. The Tuition Fund Budget is expected to increase primarily as a result of implementation of HB 203 passed during the 2023 session. HB 203 requires each District to pay tuition for each student that resides within our District but elects to enroll in another District. Current enrollment figures indicate 160 Elem District student and 25 High School District students are enrolled in other Districts and we will be required to levy the out of district tuition for these students in FY26. This levy amount is projected to be \$187,006 for the Elementary District and \$49,505 for the High School District.

Elementary District permissive levy **projected increase** of \$212,765 or 3.64 mills in FY26.

High School District permissive levy **projected increase** of \$58,242 or .87 mills in FY26.

## **E-Rate Program**

The District utilizes the Federal Erate Program to procure internet connectivity (category 1) and network infrastructure equipment (category 2). The District will simply be renewing our contracts for category one services as they were all bid last year and we are in multi-year agreements (with no changes). UPN provides our fiber optic wide area network. Montana Digital provides our Internet Service. The District Erate Discount will increase from 70% to 80%. Montana Digital-2GB \$2,264 per month. \$27,170 per year. Erate Discount (80%) \$21,736. District annual cost \$5,434 Unite Private Network - \$4,180 per month. \$50,160 per year. Erate Discount (80%) \$40,128. District annual cost \$10,032 The District went to bid for the category two infrastructure/equipment. With less than \$50,000 remaining within this budget as well as the network infrastructure equipment being replaced in the past several years, the District procured our managed services through this Erate (category two) program. Pinecove currently provides these services for a monthly fee of \$4,200. The District received two bids. Pinecove proposal was \$3,500. Not only will the service fee be reduced for the next year, the reduced fee will be discounted 80%. In summary, current cost for FY25 is \$50,400. The proposed would be \$42,000 with the District only paying \$8,400. **Total savings to our Tech Budget is \$42,000.** The other bid was from NetDiverse Solution. The proposed fee was slightly less than PineCove-\$3278 per month. Based on the familiarity with our network, the District recommended PineCove.

## May 7, 2024 Regular School Election

Declaration of intent to file for candidacy is due **March 27, 2025**. The District has TWO open positions (Cheff and Mumby). The District has received Declaration of Intent forms from ONE candidate (1) Heather Mumby. You recall the Board called for a general fund overbase levy election for both the High School and Elementary District. The District must set the amount or cancel the election by April 4<sup>th</sup>. The District received the final ANB figures and the preliminary budget data sheets from OPI. Unfortunately, the data sheets do not contain either the 3% inflation factor denoted in HB 15 nor the STARS Act increases. The projections presented last month have not changed. If the District simply receives the 3% inflation factor, the projected deficit for the Elementary District is \$468,443. The projected voted levy possible (with the 3% inflation factor) is \$454,265. As the entire voted levy authority would be necessary to mitigate the projected budget deficit without the STARS act, the proposed resolution sets the amount based on this figure. At this point, the Trustees can decide to cancel the election entirely, set an amount based on the 3% inflation, or table the resolution until the March 31<sup>st</sup> Board Meeting. Deadline to set the amount or cancel the election is April 4<sup>th</sup>. Consideration to cancel the election entirely would be based on assumption that the STARS Act will pass as currently drafted or that the District does not want to request a levy with the possible upcoming High School Bond Levy to be proposed in the Fall 2025. Setting the amount at \$454,265 would be based on the assumption that the STARS act will not pass through the legislative process. Tabling the decision until March 31<sup>st</sup> would allow the District to determine the fate of the proposed legislation. However, it is possible that the bill does not move through the process by this extended date, still leaving the District in a guessing game. Regarding the High School District General Fund overbase mill levy election, the District successfully passed a levy last year to get to 99% of max budget. As a result, the current year projected levy authority, with the 3% inflation factor, is \$52,532. The recommendation to cancel this general fund overbase mill levy election is based on the reality that the levy authority is minimal and we are aware of the tax burden on our community and appreciate the opportunity to mitigate this as much as possible (while continuing to provide the same educational services and programs).

## Monthly Insurance Claim Summary

### Paid Claims February 2025

Medical Plan Paid Claims	\$233,315
Specific Stop Loss liability	0

Monthly medical expected claims based on an enrollment of 217 Plan participants  
(69 singles/148 families):

\$219,387

Plan claim liability as a percentage of expected claims:

106.35 %

### Paid Claim summary plan year-to-date (July 2024 through February 2025):

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Expected</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Medical Plan Claims	\$1,814,598	\$1,764,948	103 %
Specific Stop Loss Claims	\$ 0		

Aggregating specific deductible paid \$ 51,155 YTD of the \$ 100k deductible



# Columbia Falls School District Six

## 2025-2026 Calendar (DRAFT C)

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	First practice for fall sports
	New teacher orientation
	Teacher work day
	PIR day (student holiday)
	Vacation day
	New quarter starts - students first day Sept. 3
	CFJH evening parent conferences (11/11, 11/13, 4/23)
	CFHS evening parent conferences (11/11, 11/13, 4/21)
	Half day for grading purposes

1st Quarter 9/2/25-11/5/25 (44 days)

2nd Quarter 11/6/25-1/23/26 (44 days)

3rd Quarter 1/26/26-4/7/26 (46 days)

4th Quarter 4/8/26-6/12/26 (46 days)

CFHS Graduation June 6th 2026

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#### Out-Of-District Student Enrollment

The Board will enroll out-of-district students in accordance with Montana law and this policy. A student's residence shall be determined pursuant to MCA § 1-1-215 except as otherwise provided by MCA § 20-9-207.

#### *Out-of-District Student Enrollment with Extenuating Circumstances*

The District shall enroll out-of-district students when extenuating circumstances exist pursuant to MCA § 20-5-321.

#### *Out-of-District Student Enrollment with no Extenuating Circumstances*

The District shall serve students who are residents of the District and out-of-district students who are subject to mandatory enrollment due to extenuating circumstances under MCA § 20-5-321 prior to enrolling other out-of-district students. The District may enroll out-of-district students at the request of the student's parent or guardian as provided in this policy when it is not mandatory because no extenuating circumstances exist. A parent or guardian seeking out-of-district enrollment when not mandatory shall apply on the out-of-district attendance agreement form approved by the Office of Public Instruction to the Board for approval on an annual basis. Out-of-district students shall reapply for admission for each school year. Admission in one school year does not imply or guarantee admission in subsequent years.

The District will begin collecting applications for the upcoming school year on April 1. Applications must be received by the first Friday in May for consideration by the school board at the June Regular Board Meeting. Failure to meet this deadline will result in postponement of enrollment until the second semester. The deadline for second semester enrollment of the current school year is the first Friday in December. The second semester approvals for the current school year will take place at the January Regular Board Meeting.

~~The District will begin collecting applications April 1, however out-of-district students who are currently enrolled will have first priority. Out-of-district students who are currently enrolled, and want to continue into the following year, must submit their application by May 1 to be given priority. Failure to meet this deadline will result in the currently enrolled student's application going into the non-current applicant pool. Once the current out-of-district applicants have been reviewed and approved, the board will begin processing the non-current applications requests. Approval will be based on the criteria listed on page 2 and 3 of this document.~~

~~Applications for enrollment of out-of-district students must be submitted to the District for consideration by August 1 preceding the intended start of the school year if students are intending to begin classes on the first scheduled day of the academic term. After that date, students will commence school, if approved, upon completion of the vetting process, and the Board has formally approved the student's attendance. All students will go through the vetting~~

process before the board can approve any applications and before attending any classes.

Currently enrolled students who move out of District at any time throughout the school year shall be required to complete an out-of-district attendance application. A 30-day grace period beginning on the date of change of residence to complete this application shall be afforded.

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Failure to submit the application within the grace period shall make the student ineligible for continued enrollment, with readmission only upon the District accepting a completing and out-of-district attendance application.

The Superintendent or designee shall review all applications for out-of-district enrollment when it is not mandatory and shall recommend approval or denial of each application to the Board as provided in this policy. As part of the review, the District shall request and review the student records of out-of-district students applying for enrollment prior to making the recommendation to the Board.

The Board shall approve an application for out-of-district attendance unless the trustees find that the impact of approval of the application will negatively impact the quality of education for resident students by grade level, by school, or in the District in the aggregate in one or more of the following ways:

1. The approval would result in exceeding the limits of:
  - a. Building construction standards pursuant to Title 50, Chapter 60, MCA;
  - b. Capacity and ingress and egress elements, either by individual room or by school building of any fire code authorized by Title 50, Chapter 3, MCA; or
  - c. Evacuation elements of the District's adopted school safety plan.
2. The approval would impede meeting goals, standards, or objectives of quality that the trustees have previously adopted in a plan for continuous educational improvement required under the rules adopted by the Board of Public Education.
3. The approval would risk jeopardizing the educational quality within the District because the out-of-district student applying was:
  - a. Truant as defined in MCA § 20-5-106 in the last school district attended;
  - b. Expelled by another school district at any time; or
  - c. Suspended in another school district in any of the three (3) school fiscal years preceding the school fiscal year for which attendance is requested. This subsection (c) does not apply to a student eligible for special education or related services.

Within 10 days of receipt of an out-of-district enrollment application, the District shall notify the parent or guardian and the trustees of the student's district of residence of the anticipated date for approval or denial of the application. The Board will consider the recommendation for denial of an out-of-district application in a closed session of the Board unless the parent or guardian



waives their respective rights of privacy.

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In the event that the District receives more applications for out-of-district students than it can accommodate, the District shall prioritize applications on the basis of the quality of education for students who are residents of the District and obligations of resident taxpayers. The District shall prioritize applications for the enrollment of out-of-district students in the following order provided the criteria established in this policy has been satisfied:

- 1- Students who attended school within the District the preceding year. In giving priority to students who have attended school within the District, the District will consider the number of years of attendance. Out-of-district students who are currently attending school within the District shall submit an application by May 1 prior to the start of the school year in which attendance is sought in order to retain their priority status. ~~If an application for an out-of-district student currently attending school within the District is not submitted by May 1, the application will be considered on the same basis as all other applications.~~
2. Students who are the children or step-children of nonresident District employees.
3. Students who have siblings attending school within the District.
4. Students who have previously attended school within the District.
5. Students whose parents or guardians own property within the District.
6. Students whose legal residence is adjacent to the boundaries of the District.
7. Students entering kindergarten or grades 6, 7, or 8 and whose district of residence does not provide an equivalent program.
8. When all of the above priorities are equal or not satisfied, the District shall give priority to applications on the basis of time of receipt by the District.

Within 10 days of the decision to approve or deny the enrollment of an out-of-district student and to enter into an out-of-district attendance agreement, the District shall provide copies of the approved or denied attendance agreement to the student's parent or guardian and the student's district of residence. In the event of a denial, the District shall provide the reason permitted by Montana and this policy and supporting documentation.

The District shall notify the district of residence for all out-of-district students enrolled under this policy regarding their tuition obligations under Montana law by July 15 following the year of attendance.

Unless otherwise agreed by the District and the district of residence in the out-of-district attendance agreement, the family of the out-of-district student whose application has been approved is responsible for transportation of the student and the student is not an eligible transportee under Montana law.



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Legal Reference:	§ 1-1-215, MCA	Residence – rules for determining
	§ 20-5-314, MCA	Reciprocal attendance agreement with adjoining state or province
	§ 20-5-320, MCA	Out-of-district attendance by parent or guardian request with no extenuating circumstances
	§ 20-5-321, MCA	Attendance with mandatory approval – tuition and transportation
	§ 20-5-322, MCA	Residency determination – notification – appeal for attendance agreement
	§ 20-5-323, MCA	Tuition and transportation rates
	§ 20-5-324, MCA	Tuition payment provisions -- state obligations -- district obligations -- financing -- reporting
	§ 20-9-707, MCA	Agreement with Montana youth challenge program or accredited Montana job corps program
	10.10.301B, ARM	Out-of-District Attendance Agreements
	10.55.712, ARM	Class Size Elementary
	10.55.713, ARM	Teacher load and class size: high school, junior high, middle school, and grades 7 and 8 funded at high school rates

Policy History:

Adopted on: 7-24-17

Reviewed on:

Revised on: 4-15-24

## Resolution # 438

### School District Six Elementary District Over-Base Mill Levy Election May 6, 2025

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has determined that there should be submitted to the electors of the Elementary District the question of whether or not this board shall be authorized to impose an increase in local taxes to support the Elementary District General Fund in the amount of \$454,265 dollars, which is approximately 7.79 mills for the purpose of meeting needs for operation and maintenance of the district.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of School District Number Six, Flathead County, Columbia Falls, Montana is calling for an election to authorize the Elementary District to increase the over-BASE levy by \$454,265 and being approximately 7.79 mills for the purposes stated above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees reserves the right to modify the amount of the levy through April 4, 2025, which is the date the ballot must be certified. If it is determined that any part of the election is not required, The Board of Trustees authorizes Dustin Zuffelato, Election Administrator, to cancel that portion of the election in accordance with 13-1-304 and 20-3-313, MCA.

The election will be held on Tuesday, May 6, 2025 which date is not less than thirty (30) days after the passage of this Resolution. All registered voters will receive a ballot in the mail. Ballots must be returned to the Flathead County Election Department, 290B North Main Street, Kalispell or via mail until 8:00 PM, May 6, 2025.

Passed and approved by the Board of Trustees of Columbia Falls School District Number Six this 10th day of March, 2025.

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Chairperson

Attest:

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Clerk

# Montana Code Annotated 2023

## TITLE 20. EDUCATION

### CHAPTER 9. FINANCE

#### Part 1. School Budgets

## Resolution Of Intent To Increase Nonvoted Levy -- Notice

**20-9-116. (Temporary) Resolution of intent to increase nonvoted levy -- notice.** (1) The trustees of a school district shall adopt a resolution no later than March 31 of each fiscal year and provide notice pursuant to subsection (2) whenever the trustees intend to impose an increase in a nonvoted levy in the ensuing school fiscal year for the purposes of funding any of the funds listed below:

- (a) the tuition fund under 20-5-324;
- (b) the adult education fund under 20-7-705;
- (c) the transportation fund under 20-10-143 and 20-10-144;
- (d) the bus depreciation reserve fund under 20-10-147; and
- (e) the flexibility fund established in 20-9-543 for the purposes in 20-7-1602.

(2) The trustees shall provide notice of intent to impose an increase in a nonvoted levy for the ensuing school fiscal year by:

(a) adopting a resolution of intent to impose an increase in a nonvoted levy that includes, at a minimum, the estimated number of increased or decreased mills to be imposed and the estimated increased or decreased revenue to be raised compared to nonvoted levies under subsections (1)(a) through (1)(e) imposed in the current school fiscal year and, based on the district's taxable valuation most recently certified by the department of revenue under 15-10-202, the estimated impacts of the increase or decrease on a home valued at \$100,000 and a home valued at \$200,000; and

(b) publishing in a newspaper that will give notice to the largest number of people of the district as determined by the trustees and posting to the school district's website:

(i) the resolution under subsection (2)(a); and

(ii) the resolution under 20-9-502(3)(a)(i) if adopted by the trustees. (*Terminates June 30, 2027--sec. 7, Ch. 402, L. 2019.*)

**20-9-116.** (Effective July 1, 2027) **Resolution of intent to increase nonvoted levy -- notice.** (1) The trustees of a school district shall adopt a resolution no later than June 1 in fiscal year 2017 only and no later than March 31 in fiscal year 2018 and subsequent fiscal years and provide notice pursuant to subsection (2) whenever the trustees intend to impose an increase in a nonvoted levy in the ensuing school fiscal year for the purposes of funding any of the funds listed below:

- (a) the tuition fund under 20-5-324;
- (b) the adult education fund under 20-7-705;
- (c) the transportation fund under 20-10-143 and 20-10-144; and
- (d) the bus depreciation reserve fund under 20-10-147.


(2) The trustees shall provide notice of intent to impose an increase in a nonvoted levy for the ensuing school fiscal year by:

(a) adopting a resolution of intent to impose an increase in a nonvoted levy that includes, at a minimum, the estimated number of increased or decreased mills to be imposed and the estimated increased or decreased revenue to be raised compared to nonvoted levies under subsections (1)(a) through (1)(d) imposed in the current school fiscal year and, based on the district's taxable valuation most recently certified by the department of revenue under 15-10-202, the estimated impacts of the increase or decrease on a home valued at \$100,000 and a home valued at \$200,000; and

(b) publishing in a newspaper that will give notice to the largest number of people of the district as determined by the trustees and posting to the school district's website:

- (i) the resolution under subsection (2)(a); and
- (ii) the resolution under 20-9-502(3)(a)(i) if adopted by the trustees.

**History:** En. Sec. 1, Ch. 404, L. 2017; amd. Sec. 3, Ch. 402, L. 2019; amd. Sec. 1, Ch. 245, L. 2021.

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**Resolution # 436**  
**Columbia Falls School District Six Elementary District**  
**Intent to Impose an Increase/Decrease in Levies**

WHEREAS, as an essential part of its budgeting process, the Elementary District Board of Trustees is authorized by law to impose levies to support its budget. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of School District Number Six, Flathead County, Columbia Falls, Montana is estimating the following changes in revenues/mills to support the Elementary District budget for the 2025/26 school year using certified taxable valuations from the current school fiscal year as provided to the District:

Fund Supported	Estimated Change in Revenues*	Estimated Change in Mills*	Estimated Impact, Home of \$100,000*	Estimated Impact, Home of \$200,000*
Transportation	\$ 100,784	1.72	\$ 2.33	\$ 4.66
Bus Depreciation	\$ -	0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Tuition	\$ 111,693	1.92	\$ 2.59	\$ 5.18
Flexibility	\$ -	0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Building Reserve	\$ 288	0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$212,765</b>	<b>3.64</b>	<b>\$ 4.92</b>	<b>\$ 9.83</b>

\*Annual impacts above are based on current certified taxable valuations from the current school fiscal year.

The District anticipates using the Building Reserve Fund School Major Maintenance Account levy to repair the exterior building envelope at the Junior High and repair the parking lots of the Junior High.

School Major Maintenance Account Levy Estimates – FY 2026		
Total Levy	\$193,200	\$15,000 + (PY ANB * \$110)
State Funding	\$82,166	\$.74 for each \$1.00 of Local Support
Local Permissive Levy	\$111,034	
Mill Levy	1.90	Based on 2024 Tax Value

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees reserves the right to modify the amount of the levy through August 25, 2025, which is the date the final budget must be adopted by the Board of Trustees.

Passed and approved by the Board of Trustees of Columbia Falls School District Number Six this 10th day of March, 2025.

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Chairperson  
Attest:

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Clerk



### Resolution # 437

#### Columbia Falls School District Six High School District Intent to Impose an Increase/Decrease in Levies

WHEREAS, as an essential part of its budgeting process, the High School District Board of Trustees is authorized by law to impose levies to support its budget.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of School District Number Six, Flathead County, Columbia Falls, Montana is estimating the following changes in revenues/mills to support the High School District budget for the 2025/26 school year using certified taxable valuations from the current school fiscal year as provided to the District:

Fund Supported	Estimated Change in Revenues*	Estimated Change in Mills*	Estimated Impact, Home of \$100,000*	Estimated Impact, Home of \$200,000*
Transportation	\$ 21,705	0.32	\$ 0.43	\$ .87
Bus Depreciation	\$ -	0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Tuition	\$ 36,329	0.54	\$ 0.73	\$ 1.45
Adult Education	\$ -	0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Flexibility	\$ -	0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Building Reserve	\$ 208	.01	\$ .01	\$ .01
Total	\$ 58,242	.87	\$ 1.17	\$ 2.34

\*Annual impacts above are based on current certified taxable valuations from the current school fiscal year.

The District anticipates using the Building Reserve Fund School Major Maintenance Account levy to repair the elevators, seal/asphalt the parking lot, and provide supplemental funds for the heating unit replacement project.

School Major Maintenance Account Levy Estimates – FY 2026		
Total Levy	\$92,550	\$15,000 + (PY ANB * \$110)
State Funding	\$34,342	\$.59 for each \$1.00 of Local Support
Local Permissive Levy	\$58,208	
Mill Levy	.87	Based on 2024 Tax Value

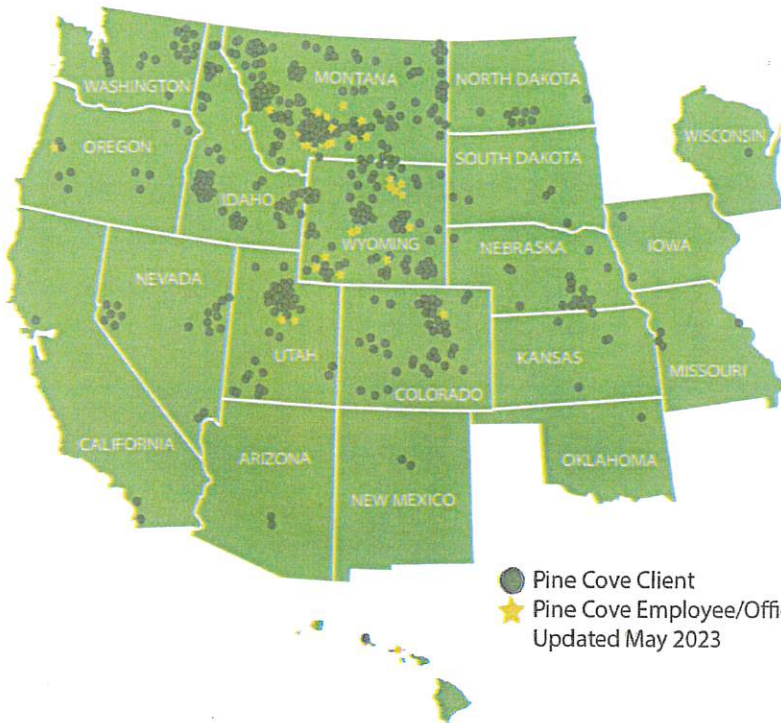
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees reserves the right to modify the amount of the levy through August 25, 2025, which is the date the final budget must be adopted by the Board of Trustees.

Passed and approved by the Board of Trustees of Columbia Falls School District Number Six this 10th day of March, 2025.

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Chairperson

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk



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We have prepared a quote for you:

## **E-Rate FY2025**

Quote # 010732  
Version 1

Prepared for:

## **Columbia Falls SD #6**

Dustin Zuffelato  
[d\\_zuffelato@cfmtschoools.net](mailto:d_zuffelato@cfmtschoools.net)



Thursday, February 27, 2025

Columbia Falls SD #6  
Dustin Zuffelato  
501 6th Avenue West GENERAL DELIVERY  
Columbia Falls, MT 59912  
d\_zuffelato@cfmtnschools.net

Dear Dustin,

Pine Cove Consulting, LLC (PCC) is pleased to present Columbia Falls SD #6 with a proposal for the services listed in the E-Rate Form 470 Application Number: 250017159

Kyle Thompson

Pine Cove Consulting





## About Us

### Why Pine Cove

Pine Cove Consulting is the leading technology consulting firm for organizations with dynamic and complex networks. Pine Cove Consulting customizes turnkey optimization solutions to help organizations solve real-world problems like protecting important information, communicating across great distances, and maximizing IT effectiveness.

### Company Information

Pine Cove Consulting has been providing turn-key technology solutions to educational institutions in the Rockies since 1993. Pine Cove Consulting has emerged as a leader in the technology industry and provides their customers with an intelligent balance between innovation, sustainability, and reliability.

### Technical Background

- Currently managing over 250 Virtualized Servers
- Currently maintaining over 20,000 Users
- Combined 160 Years of Network Management Experience
- Over 400 Server Configuration/Installations
- Over 100 Network Redesign/Reconfigurations

### Relevant Partnerships:

- Sophos Platinum Partner
- Ruckus Elite Partner
- Microsoft Authorized Education Reseller
- Tripp Lite Authorized Reseller/Installer
- Eaton Power Advantage Partner

### Project Implementation Process

- Pre-Project Meeting
- Schedule Project
- Pre-Project Questions
- Overview of Project
- Project Objectives Document
- Includes Project Team Contacts
- Additional Pre-Project Meeting (optional)
- Product Delivery
- Project Installation/Implementation
- Project Completion Document
- Post-Project Survey

### Corporate Information

Company Name: Pine Cove Consulting, LLC  
Service Provider Identification Number: (SPIN)143028541  
Company Contact: Rick Vancleeve, President  
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## Managed Internal Broadband Services

Description		Price	Qty	Ext. Price
<b>Managed Internal Broadband Services (Monthly)</b> This pricing includes managed services for all e-rate eligible items within the scope of the contract.	PCC-MIBS	\$3,500.00	12	\$42,000.00



SAMPLE

## Pine Cove Consulting – Support Agreement

Appendix A

### RESPONSE AND RESOLUTION TIME

The following table shows the targets of response and resolution times for each priority level.

REPORTED TROUBLE	PRI ORITY	RES PO NSE TIM E (IN BUS INE SS HRS .)	RESOLUTION TIME (IN BUSINESS HRS.)	ESCALATIO N THRESHOL D (IN BUSINESS HRS.)
Service not available (All users and functions unavailable.)	1	Wit hin 2 Hou rs	ASAP - Best Effort	4 Hours
Significant degradation of service (Large number of users or Business Critical Functions affected.)	2	Wit hin 4 Hou rs	ASAP - Best Effort	8 Hours
Limited degradation of service (Limited number of users or functions affected, Business Process	3	Wit hin 24 Hou rs	ASAP - Best Effort	48 Hours



Description	Price	Qty	Ext. Price
can continue.)			
Small service degradation  (Business Process can continue, one user affected.)			
4	Wit hin 48 Hou rs	ASAP - Best Effort	96 Hours

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**Please note: All work done after hours is done at "Best Effort" to find a solution.**

## SUPPORT TIERS

The following table details and describes our Support Tier Levels.

SUPPORT TIER	DESCRIPTION OF SUPPORT ESCALATION
Tier 1 Support	<p>All support incidents begin in Tier 1, where the initial trouble ticket is created; the issue is identified, and clearly documented, and basic hardware/software troubleshooting is initiated.</p> <p>Tier 2 Support</p> <p>All support incidents that cannot be resolved with Tier 1 Support are escalated to Tier 2, where more complex support on hardware/software issues can be provided by more experienced Engineers.</p> <p>Tier 3 Support</p> <p>Support Incidents that cannot be resolved by Tier 2 Support are escalated to Tier 3, where support is provided by the most qualified and experienced Engineers who have the ability to collaborate with 3rd Party (Vendors) Support Engineers to resolve the most complex issues.</p>

**Subtotal: \$42,000.00**



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Quote Information:

Quote #: 010732  
Version: 1  
Delivery Date: 02/27/2025  
Expiration Date: 06/30/2026

Quote Summary

Description	Amount
Managed Internal Broadband Services	\$42,000.00
Total:	\$42,000.00

TERMS: Due on receipt of invoice.

Signature

Date

PO Number

## References

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Andi Ward - IT Director, Carbon CSD #2

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## Terms

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Pine Cove can support either the SPI or BEAR method of invoicing.

Last Name	First Name	Check Location	Tenure Date
NICHOLS	SABRINA	JUNIOR HIGH	8/30/1991
KEHR	ROBYN	RUDER	8/28/1992
JENSEN	JODI	GLACIER GATEWAY	8/30/1995
GANGE	KIMBERLY	JUNIOR HIGH	8/25/1996
BLAIR	KENT	JUNIOR HIGH	8/25/1997
GANGE	KRISTINE	JUNIOR HIGH	8/25/1997
CHRISTENSEN	JANAE	RUDER	8/31/1998
HOERNER	JENNIFER	RUDER	8/31/1999
KOCH	PAULA	JUNIOR HIGH	8/31/1999
WETSCH	KATHY	JUNIOR HIGH	8/31/1999
BROWN	JOSIE	JUNIOR HIGH	8/28/2000
FEIST	HEATHER	JUNIOR HIGH	8/28/2000
ROBBINS	JENNIFER	JUNIOR HIGH	8/28/2000
DIMAIO	LESLIE	JUNIOR HIGH	8/27/2001
THOMPSON	JASON	GLACIER GATEWAY	9/3/2002
FREEMAN	HEIDI	RUDER	8/25/2003
CHILDERS	SARA	RUDER	8/30/2004
COLEMAN	TAMMY	JUNIOR HIGH	8/30/2004
WELCH	JOSEPH	JUNIOR HIGH	8/30/2004
BRANSTETTER	JACQUELINE	JUNIOR HIGH	8/29/2005
MASA	RUBIANNA	JUNIOR HIGH	8/29/2005
OREM	KRISTY	GLACIER GATEWAY	8/29/2005
SCHAEFFER	RACHEL	GLACIER GATEWAY	8/29/2005
GNAUCK	CARRIE	GLACIER GATEWAY	8/28/2006
ARCHULETA	RACHEL	GLACIER GATEWAY	8/27/2007
BOWLER	CAMI	JUNIOR HIGH	8/27/2007
EMERSON	LAURA	GLACIER GATEWAY	8/27/2007
ERLER	EMILIE	GLACIER GATEWAY	8/27/2007
GILCHRIST	HEATHER	JUNIOR HIGH	8/27/2007
TRENNERY	NICOLETTE	RUDER	8/27/2007
VAN DER WEIDE	SIMON	JUNIOR HIGH	8/27/2007
BALTZ	MARNA	JUNIOR HIGH	8/25/2008
GETTS	MARY ELLEN	GLACIER GATEWAY	8/25/2008
LADENBURG	CASSIE	RUDER	8/25/2008
OSBORNE	DENISE	GLACIER GATEWAY	8/25/2008
SCHAEFFER	TRISTA	GLACIER GATEWAY	8/25/2008
HEINZ	KAMI	JUNIOR HIGH	8/24/2009
LOBBESTAEL	HALEY	RUDER	11/19/2012
SCHWADERER	JESSICA	JUNIOR HIGH	8/26/2013
DEISTER	ZACHARIAH	JUNIOR HIGH	8/28/2014
MARTIN	JENNIFER	GLACIER GATEWAY	8/28/2014
SHIELDS	DANA	RUDER	8/28/2014
BYRD-RINCK	CECILIA	JUNIOR HIGH	8/31/2015

Last Name	First Name	Check Location	Tenure Date
CAUDILL	BENJAMIN	JUNIOR HIGH	8/31/2015
HARRIES	EMILY	GLACIER GATEWAY	8/31/2015
MILLER	TROY	GLACIER GATEWAY	8/31/2015
PREISS	JOSHUA	RUDER	8/31/2015
QUIRAM	TRISHA	RUDER	8/31/2015
WEAVER	ANDREA	GLACIER GATEWAY	8/28/2016
FINBERG	CHRISTOPHER	HIGH SCHOOL	8/29/2016
JONES	SAMANTHA	JUNIOR HIGH	8/29/2016
QUEEN	KRISTY	RUDER	8/29/2016
BURNS	MARY	RUDER	8/28/2017
BUTLER	AERICKA	JUNIOR HIGH	8/28/2017
DEWS	JANE	GLACIER GATEWAY	8/28/2017
GEORGE	ALEXANDRA	GLACIER GATEWAY	8/28/2017
HARWOOD	CAMBERIA	GLACIER GATEWAY	8/28/2017
JOHNSON	ASHLEY	GLACIER GATEWAY	8/28/2017
LILIENTHAL	CHARLES	JUNIOR HIGH	8/28/2017
MANSFIELD	AUTUMN	RUDER	8/28/2017
NADEAU	ASHLEY	RUDER	8/28/2017
MATHESON	CAROL	RUDER	8/23/2018
REAMY BUTTS	ALLYSON	JUNIOR HIGH	8/23/2018
ENOS	DEIDRA	GLACIER GATEWAY	8/22/2019
FOSTER	PAULA	JUNIOR HIGH	8/22/2019
HALL	PATRICIA	GLACIER GATEWAY	8/22/2019
THURSTON	JENNIFER	GLACIER GATEWAY	8/22/2019
BARTH	AUSTIN	JUNIOR HIGH	8/20/2020
JENSEN	SUZANN	GLACIER GATEWAY	8/20/2020
KAVANAGH	SARA	RUDER	8/20/2020
MCCORD	COURTNEY	GLACIER GATEWAY	8/20/2020
MILLER	EVAN	JUNIOR HIGH	8/20/2020
MILLER	JENNIFER	GLACIER GATEWAY	8/20/2020
RADABAH	SAMANTHA	RUDER	8/20/2020
ALLEN	MINDY	JUNIOR HIGH	8/19/2021
ANDREWS	SUZANNE	RUDER	8/19/2021
CHAPPELOW	MARY	GLACIER GATEWAY	8/19/2021
CROWE	TRINA	GLACIER GATEWAY	8/19/2021
FISHEL	LINDSEY	GLACIER GATEWAY	8/19/2021
HAKES	ALICIA	GLACIER GATEWAY	8/19/2021
HALL	PAIGE	RUDER	8/19/2021
HUBBARD	KYLE	GLACIER GATEWAY	8/19/2021
JOHNSTON	PATRICK	JUNIOR HIGH	8/19/2021
SCHULZ	ALLIE	GLACIER GATEWAY	8/19/2021
MOORE	CALLIE	GLACIER GATEWAY	10/26/2021



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BOWMAN	TROY	HIGH SCHOOL	8/27/1996
HEINZ	JAMES	HIGH SCHOOL	8/31/1998
BROWNE	PETER	HIGH SCHOOL	8/31/1999
LOVERING	JENNIFER	HIGH SCHOOL	8/31/1999
BATES	REBECCA	HIGH SCHOOL	8/27/2001
FERNANDEZ	ZULMA	HIGH SCHOOL	8/28/2002
SCHAEFFER	JESSIE	HIGH SCHOOL	8/28/2002
COLEMAN	WILLIAM	HIGH SCHOOL	8/30/2004
HOULE	KELLY	HIGH SCHOOL	8/30/2004
WHITMAN	JULIA	HIGH SCHOOL	8/29/2005
DEWELL	BEVERLY	HIGH SCHOOL	8/28/2006
JOLLYMORE	ASHLEY	HIGH SCHOOL	8/28/2006
ROE	DAWN	HIGH SCHOOL	8/28/2006
QUINTIA	ERIN	HIGH SCHOOL	8/28/2006
HANSON	ALIA	HIGH SCHOOL	8/25/2008
DANIELS	KATE	HIGH SCHOOL	8/24/2009
STAFFORD	JASNA	HIGH SCHOOL	8/29/2011
SCHWEIKERT	JACKSON	HIGH SCHOOL	8/27/2012
SCHAEFFER	BENJAMIN	HIGH SCHOOL	8/28/2014
FORKE	JOSHUA	HIGH SCHOOL	8/31/2015
GRESS	SHELLY	HIGH SCHOOL	8/31/2015
PEACOCK	JAMES	HIGH SCHOOL	8/31/2015
PENDERGAST	LESLIE	HIGH SCHOOL	8/31/2015
FINBERG	CHRISTOPHER	HIGH SCHOOL	8/29/2016
VESTAL	NIA	HIGH SCHOOL	8/29/2016
CHIARITO	BRIDGET	HIGH SCHOOL	8/28/2017
FORKE	SHELBY	HIGH SCHOOL	8/28/2017
HACKETHORN	EMILY	HIGH SCHOOL	8/28/2017
MORAN	WILLOW	HIGH SCHOOL	8/23/2018
PRICE	JEANETTE	HIGH SCHOOL	8/23/2018
RACIOPPI	LINDSEY	HIGH SCHOOL	8/23/2018
DANLEY	ANNA	HIGH SCHOOL	8/22/2019
OSBORNE	JOSIAH	HIGH SCHOOL	8/22/2019
WEBB	MARY	HIGH SCHOOL	8/22/2019
FINBERG	CIERA	HIGH SCHOOL	8/20/2020
YPMMA	HILARY	HIGH SCHOOL	8/20/2020



oard Approval for Athletic Trainer (Troy) to attend NATA Annual Convention  
message

oy Bowman <t\_bowman@cfmtschoools.net> Tue, Feb 25, 2025 at 1:27 PI  
: Marie Birky <mbirky@cfmtschoools.net>  
: Dustin Zuffelato <d\_zuffelato@cfmtschoools.net>, Cory Dziowgo <c\_dziowgo@cfmtschoools.net>

This sender is trusted.

Marie,

I am seeking board approval for this out of state travel. This will be paid for out of the Athletic Medicine activity account. Money was deposited in this account from the past few years of doing physicals at Heaven's Peak Health Care. The last National convention I attended was in 2019 in Las Vegas. By attending the National Convention, I can earn up to 24+ Continuing Education Units. I am required to earn 50 CEUs every two years to maintain my National Board Certification and state Licensure. The opportunities for CEUs in the state of Montana are few and far between. I mostly have to take on-line course work to maintain my CEU credits.

76th NATA Clinical Symposia & AT Expo  
Tuesday, June 24 - Friday, June 27, 2025  
Orange County Convention Center - West Building  
Orlando, Florida

I estimate flight will be @\$600, hotel will be @\$1400 and food per diem will be @\$500. Registration fees are \$345 if registered by May1, 2025. I would register as soon as possible after board approval.

Professional Member - Certified/Licensed/Associate			Member Professional	Includes registration Development fee & 2025	Certified Student Member	Student Member	Retired Certified/Licensed or Honorary (no CEUs)	Nonmember	Nonmember Student
EARLY BY MAY 1	\$345	Varies by state. Call N	\$245	\$155 (flat rate throughout). (Dues are	\$0 (flat rate throughout)	\$680	\$265 (flat rate throughout)	\$195 (flat rate throughout)	\$380 (flat rate throughout)
ADVANCE BETWEEN MAY 2 AND JUNE 5*	\$420	Varies by state. Call N	\$295	\$155 (flat rate throughout)	\$0 (flat rate throughout)	\$755	\$265 (flat rate throughout)	\$195 (flat rate throughout)	\$380 (flat rate throughout)
LATE BEGINNING JUNE 6*	\$495	Varies by state. Call NATA office for details.	\$345	\$155 (flat rate throughout)	\$0 (flat rate throughout)	\$830	\$265 (flat rate throughout)	\$195 (flat rate throughout)	\$380 (flat rate throughout)



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**Substitute Hires  
March 2025**

**Teacher**

LNAME	FNAME	Teacher
Lihou	Dean	Teacher or Aide
Rensel	McKenna	Teacher or Aide
Hyde	Haley	Teacher or Aide
Mortimer	Brynda	Teacher or Aide
		Aide
		Teacher or Aide
		Teacher or Aide
		Teacher or Aide
		Teacher or Aide
		Teacher or Aide

**Secretary / Nurse**

LNAME	FNAME	Other
Ross	Samantha	Secretary
Day	Tracy	Secretary
		Nurse

**Bus Driver**

LNAME	FNAME	Other
		Bus Driver
		Bus Driver
		Bus Driver

**Hot Lunch**

LNAME	FNAME	Other
		Hot Lunch
		Hot Lunch
		Hot Lunch
		Hot Lunch

**Custodian**

LNAME	FNAME	Other
Kimmet-Lee	Austin	Custodian
		Custodian
		Custodian
		Custodian

3/4/2025