

TOM COOK

Hellgate Elementary Trustee Candidate

May 6, 2025 Election

Thomas H. Cook is Professor Emeritus of Music at The University of Montana, in Missoula where he served fifteen years as Director of Bands and Professor of Trumpet, ten as Chair of the Department of Music, two as Interim Chair of the Department of Art, and three years as Director of Special Projects for the Dean of the School of Fine Arts.

In addition, he has served as Interim Chair of the Division of Fine Arts at Friends University, in Wichita, Kansas, and as Director of Books and Operations for The College Music Society, a worldwide organization of college, university, and conservatory faculty members.

Dr. Cook is a program host and board operator for Montana Public Radio, a past president of the Montana Bandmasters Association and Montana Music Educators Association and has served as a guest conductor, adjudicator, and clinician for festivals and competitions in the Upper Midwest and Northwestern United States as well as in Colorado, Kansas, Alaska, Canada, and Thailand. He was a co-founder of the Missoula Community Concert Band and the University of Montana Alumni Band Association.

His earned degrees include a Bachelor of Arts in music education from Central College, Pella, Iowa; a Master of Music in trumpet performance from Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa; and a Doctor of Arts in Instrumental (Band) Conducting from the University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, Colorado.

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