TO: **Trustees, East Helena Schools**

FROM: **Dan Rispens, Superintendent**

BOARD MEETING: **October 13, 2025**

RE: **Student Enrollment (October 8, 2025)**

School	Grade Level	To Date	Month Ago	Year Ago
Eastgate	Age-K	48	48	50
	K	143	145	111
EG Total		**[191]**	**[193]**	**[161]**
Prickly Pear	1	126	129	125
	2	132	132	144
Prickly Pear Total		**[258]**	**[261]**	**[269]**
Radley Elementary	3	157	158	148
	4	159	157	145
	5	150	151	135
Radley Total		**[466]**	**[466]**	**[428]**
East Valley	6	151	152	150
Middle School	7	146	152	154
	8	152	150	167
EVMS Total		**[449]**	**[454]**	**[471]**
East Helena High	9	172	176	150
	10	134	132	150
	11	132	134	140
	12	119	121	125
EHHS Total		**[557]**	**[563]**	**[565]**
EVMS 227	6	1	2	10
	7	14	13	6
	8	9	9	6
EVMS 227 Total		**[24]**	**[24]**	**[22]**
EHHS 227	9	7	6	8
	10	16	16	18
	11	21	23	20
	12	19	20	15
EHHS 227 Total		**[63]**	**[65]**	**[61]**
TOTALS		**2008**	**2026**	**1977**

School Board Report
October 13th, 2025

Chairman Walter and Trustees,
Here are some monthly items to share with you.

Character Strong & Olweus
In my previous board report, I noted that our focus this year is on refining the systems we have in place and aligning some of our behavior programs. Two of our programs, Character Strong and Olweus, mesh very well together. Each morning, we highlight the character trait of the month during our morning announcements. September was Respect and October is Responsibility. We held our kick off assembly on October 3rd for our anti-bullying program, Olweus. This year's theme is, "My Character is Strong!" Each class had a buddy class and together, those classes were assigned a specific character trait. Students worked with their buddies on creating their character trait posters that will be hung at each elementary school and our Central Office.

Early Release - Professional Development
Our September 29th Early Release was focused on writing and two of our district instructional coaches, Shana Dachs and Katherine Senecal, provided development on writing instruction and worked with Eastgate, Prickly Pear, and Radley on vertical alignment.

Focus Groups and Data
On September 16th, our teams of teachers, along with our instructional tutors, coach, and myself, met to review our fall benchmark data. During our data meetings, we worked collaboratively to organize all students into our reading focus groups. These groups are 25-30 minutes, based upon schedules, and are driven by specific skill work that is tailored to student needs. In addition, our teams review how students are responding to the instruction for these focus groups on a 3 week cycle during team meetings. From there, our teams work to determine if students should move to another group or the focus of the instruction needs to be modified.

Adult Education - Fall Session
The fall session for our Adult Education program will run October 6th - November 21st. Our next session, winter, will start on January 12th. Currently, we have 4 different classes being offered.

- Pottery - Instructor: Victoria Curtiss
- Gentle Yoga - Instructor: Vicki Ries
- Intermediate Yoga - Instructor: Vicki Ries
- Chinese Ink Painting - Instructor: Juliette Jones

Upcoming Events
- October 20th - 24th - Red Ribbon Week
    - October 22nd - Red Ribbon Parade
- October 30th - Student of the Month Assembly
- November 3rd - Early Release - Special Education Process

Thank you!
Brandon Crusat, Eastgate and Prickly Pear Elementary Principal

Month	Gen. Insap./Defiance	Playground	Fighting/Physical Contact	Bus	Weapons	Vandalism	Threat	Bullying	Harassment	Profanity	Total
September											0
October	15	1	5								21
November											0
December											0
January											0
February											0
March											0
April											0
May											0
June											0
Total	15	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21

Month	Warning	Time Out	Conference	Parent Call	Bus Sus.	Alt. Recess	OSS	ISS	CSCT	Total
September			21	21		14	3	3	1	63
October										0
November										0
December										0
January										0
February										0
March										0
April										0
May										0
June										0
Total	0	0	21	21	0	14	3	3	1	63

Eastgate Elementary

Month	Gen. Innap./Defiance	Playground	Fighting/Physical Contact	Bus	Weapons	Vandalism	Threat	Bullying	Harassment	Profanity	Total
September											0
October	7	4	7							2	20
November											0
December											0
January											0
February											0
March											0
April											0
May											0
June											0
Total	7	4	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	20

Month	Warning	Time Out	Conference	Parent Call	Bus Sus.	Alt. Recess	OSS	ISS	CSCT Referral	Total
September										0
October		3	20	20		13		4		60
November										0
December										0
January										0
February										0
March										0
April										0
May										0
June										0
Total	0	3	20	20	0	13	0	4	0	60

Prickly Pear Elementary

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Radley Elementary (406) 227-7710, grades 3-5
East Valley Middle School (406) 227-7740, grades 6-8
East Helena High School (406) 227-7730, grades 9-12

SUCCESS FOR ALL

October 13, 2025 Radley Elementary Board Report Gus Somerfeld

- Fall Academic Data

Benchmark Test	Tier I	Tier II	Tier III
ELA	39%	34%	26%
Math	26%	50%	24%

- For students who score below grade level on benchmark assessments, Radley implements additional secondary screeners, including MCOMP and phonics inventories, to pinpoint specific skill deficits. These targeted assessments allow educators to identify the precise areas where students need support, whether in mathematical computation, phonics, or other foundational literacy skills. The results guide the development of individualized interventions, ensuring that instruction is focused on addressing each student's unique learning needs and accelerating progress toward grade-level proficiency.

- Radley uses benchmark assessment data called i-Ready to identify students' specific skill levels and determine who requires additional Title I intervention support. Data is analyzed to group students by need, allowing interventionists to deliver targeted, research-based instruction that addresses identified gaps in literacy or mathematics during designated Target Time blocks. For students performing at or above grade level who remain in the classroom during Target Time, teachers provide enrichment or extension activities designed to deepen understanding and apply skills in more complex ways. This ensures that all students—whether receiving intervention or enrichment—are engaged in meaningful, data-driven instruction that supports academic growth. The goal is to provide responsive instruction so every student continues to make progress from their current level of performance.

- The K–5 schools held their annual Olweus Kickoff Assembly, themed *"Our Character is Strong."* The assembly began with a joint musical performance that brought all students together to celebrate school community and positive behavior. Following the performance, students participated in "Buddy Activities," which paired students across grades to engage in collaborative exercises focused on teamwork, respect, and kindness.These activities are part of the school-wide Olweus Bullying Prevention Program, designed to foster a safe and supportive environment for all students. By emphasizing character development and positive peer relationships, the kickoff assembly sets the tone

for the school year and reinforces the importance of social-emotional learning. Teachers and staff continue these lessons in the classroom, building on the skills introduced during the assembly to ensure ongoing development of empathy, cooperation, and responsible behavior.

- Discipline Report

September Resolution Data				
Total Resolutions	**Total Students**	**3rd Grade**	**4th Grade**	**5th Grade**
55	32	21	26	3
Before Class	**After Class**	**During Passing**	**During Lunch/Recess**	**During Class**
3	1	1	13	26
Classroom	**Cafeteria**	**Hallway/Stairs/Gym**	**Restroom**	**Playground**
25	2	1	2	16

Year to Date Resolutions				
Total Resolutions	**Total Students**	**3rd Grade**	**4th Grade**	**5th Grade**
55	32	21	26	3
Before Class	**After Class**	**During Passing**	**During Lunch/Recess**	**During Class**
3	1	1	13	26
Classroom	**Cafeteria**	**Hallway/Stairs/Gym**	**Restroom**	**Playground**
25	2	1	2	16

2025-2026 --- Radley Discipline Report

TYPE of REFERRAL

	General Misbehavior	Open Defiance	Fighting or Intent to Harm	Bullying	Bus Discipline	Chronic Minor Behavior	Weapons or Substances	Vandalism	Threat or Intimidation	Theft	Harrassment	Profanity	monthly totals
September	15	13	7	1		5		2	5		6	1	55
October													0
November													0
December													0
January													0
February													0
March													0
April													0
May/June													0
total	15	13	7	1	0	5	0	2	5	0	6	1	55

CONSEQUENCES

	Warning	Time out	Work Detail	Conference	Parent Meeting	Bus Suspension	Recess Det.	Lunch Detention	Detention	**ISS	***OSS	Alternative	monthly totals
September	3	5	1	1	1	1	16	4		9	3	11	55
October													0
November													0
December													0
January													0
February													0
March													0
April													0
May/June													0
total	3	5	1	1	1	1	16	4	0	9	3	11	55

* Every office discipline referral results in a parent phone call, at a minimum.
** In-School Suspension
*** Out of School Suspension

East Valley Middle School

Success for All Students

EVMS Sept. Board Report

Our staff and students are now in full swing for the 2025-2026 school year. In fact, we are already half way through the first trimester. Parent teacher conferences are October 8th and 9th.

Sports:

- Volleyball and Cross Country started Sept. 2 and have been off to a great start.

Academics

We are finishing up our beginning of the year benchmark. We are struggling with getting students tested due to all the illnesses going around.

Behavior: As we have had some time with our students, we have learned a bit about each grade. We have learned the 6th class needs to work on keeping hands and hurtful comments to themselves, especially when dealing with conflict. Our 7th grade students have shown a lot of maturity over the summer. There are some struggles with cell phones and language but overall have started off the year extremely well. We have spent (and will continue to spend) a lot of time reinforcing expectations with our 8th grade students. I would say their biggest struggle is the urgency to get to class on time instead of walking laps.

	Gen. Inapp. Beh	Open Defiance	Fighting	Bullying	Bus Discipline	Chronic Refocus	Weapons	Vandalism
August								
September	11	4	2	2		22	1	
October								
November								
December								
January								
February								
March								
April								
May								
June								
Total								

	Warning	Intervention	Work Detail	Other	Parent Meeting	Bus Susp	Lunch Det.	Recess
August				1				
September	20	1		9	2		19	
October								
November								
December								
January								
February								
March								
April								
May								
June								
Total								

	Threat/Intimi	Theft	Harassment	Assult	Disruption	Drugs/Tobacco/	Cell Phone	
August			1		1			2
September	2		8		19	3	14	88
October								0
November								0
December								0
January								0
February								0
March								0
April								0
May								0
June								0
Total								0

	Detention	**ISS	Parent Call	***OSS	Plan of Improver	Expulsion	Monthly Totals
August			1				2
September	26		6	17			100
October							0
November							0
December							0
January							0
February							0
March							0
April							0
May							0
June							0
Total					**0**	**0**	102

2025-26 Referrals	**Referrals**	**Detentions**	**2024-2025 Referrals**
August	2		
September	89	26	46

By Grade	Aug.	Sept.
6th Grade		13
7th Grade		14
8th Grade	2	75

Location	Aug.	Sept.
Classroom	1	68
Hallway	1	8
Playground		5
Cafeteria		
Bathroom		2
Other Outside		3
Bus		2

Out of the 480 in person students at EVMS, 52 students (10.8%) had 1 or more write-ups. With 155 6th grade students, 10 students (6.45%) had 1 or more write-ups. There are 165 7th grade students and 8 students (4.84%) had 1 or more write-ups. Out of the 160 8th grade students, 34 students (21.25%) had one or more write ups.

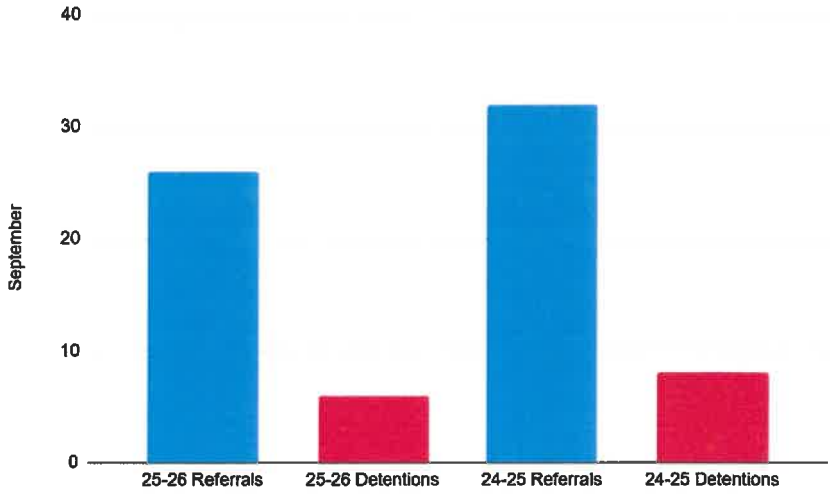
School Board Report- October 2025
East Helena High School

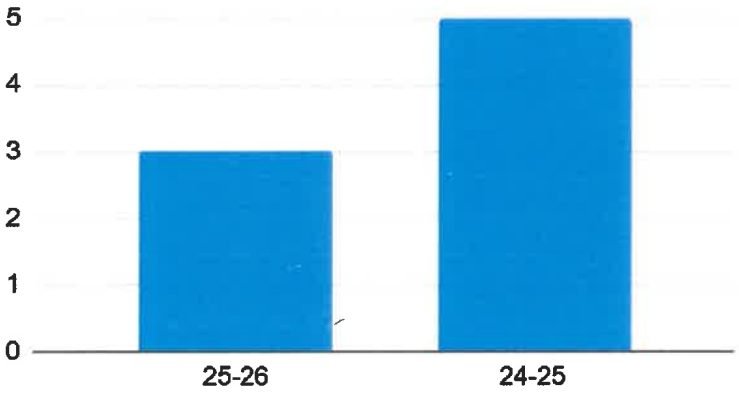
As we are moving through a new school year, the time provided during Circle Up/Advisor has created a space for not only teaching and reinforcing expectations but also increased support for missing work and one-on-one time for students to work with teachers. This has led to increased connections with students and teachers. Students are expressing they are enjoying the time to make up work that is not during their lunch or before and after school. It has also allowed more time to teach and reteach expectations through the advisor lessons. We have seen a decrease in the number of referrals, detentions, suspensions and student issues across the board. This is very encouraging considering we have seen an increase in our enrollment. Even though we have more kids, we are not seeing as many issues with student behaviors. In the month of September, we had 26 referrals resulting in 6 detentions. This time last year, there were 32 referrals and 8 detentions. As a result of some student issues/referrals, we have had 16 student meetings, had 4 parent meetings and made 29 phone calls home directly related to behaviors. This clear and consistent communication helps us to build relationships with our students and parents so that we can help to establish a routine for better choices. As for In-School Suspensions, we had 3 incidents that required ISS (most tied to attendance and tardies). We also had 3 Out of School Suspensions. These three events involved two students for three separate suspensions.

PBIS breaks information down into Tier 1, 2 and 3. Below is the breakout of students receiving office referrals, detentions or suspension. As you can see, the vast majority of our students are following our expectations and doing great work in our school.

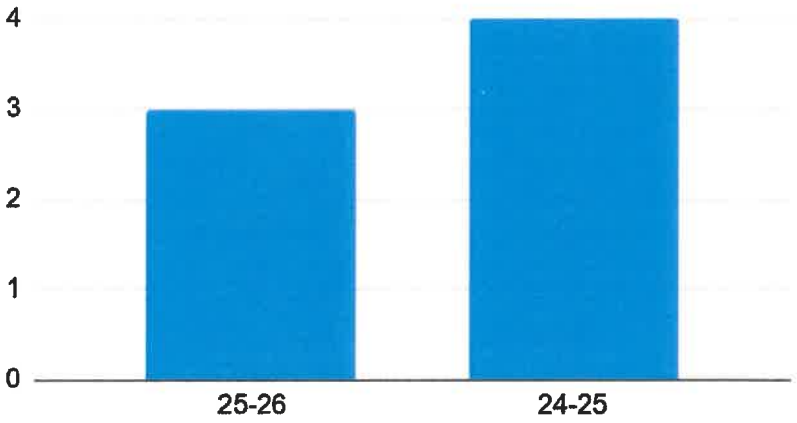
PBIS Tiers	Students	Percentage
Tier 1	655	97.6%
Tier 2	17	2.1%
Tier 3	2	.3%

Comparison Between School Years:





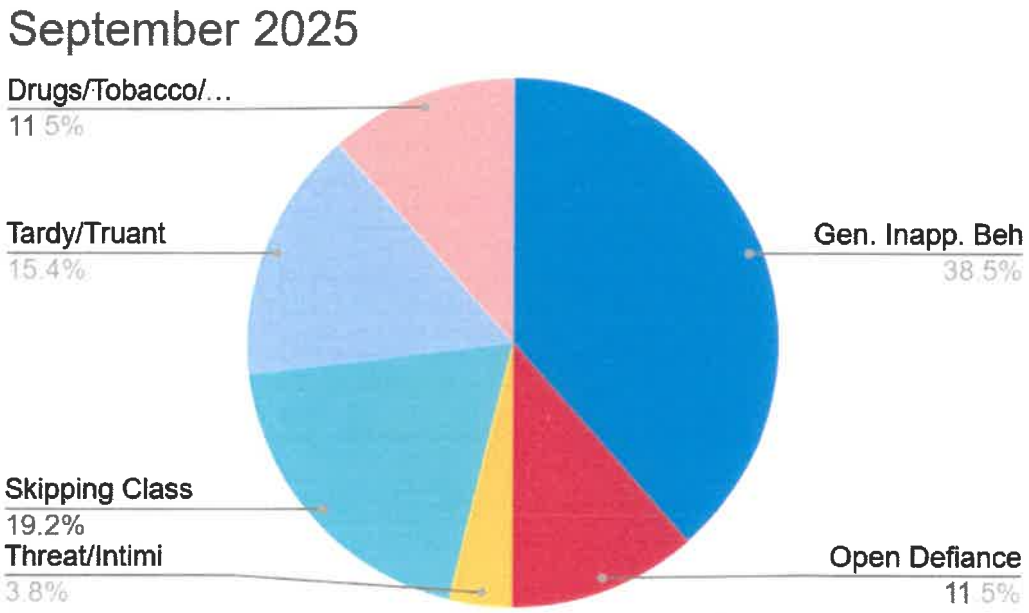
Out of School Suspension



In School Suspension

Office Referrals by Category:

The office referrals in September are outlined in the graph below. General Misbehavior and attendance policy violations were the major category for this month. Attendance is a focus for the high school and are working to bring parents into the conversation around the importance of attendance. As a staff, we are working on ways to help students understand why they need to attend class and complete the work in class.



Mrs. Klock
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EHHS Principal Report

October 2025

Counselors Corner

We continue to work on being able to give students, especially our Seniors up to the date information via the Vigilante Record. On top of the Circle Up time scheduled in every two days information is being made available by our hard-working Counselors Kelli and Ethan. Next up for the Seniors is the FAFSA process.

227 Academy

Starting our 2nd year we are continuing to attempt to improve the program for students. We have in person instruction, where our instructors go to our student's classroom, and they are assessed through Competency Based Learning. The 4 Academy teachers have just finished training, and will look to strengthen their instruction and also supply training to our HS Staff. Ultimately, we would like to see all our HS Teachers using Competency Based strategies where it may be useful.

Previously we had 227 Teachers trying to be the online resource as well, but found they could not keep up with the online students. We have switched online learning to a company called Harmony who source out classes for online students from multiple online providers like Edmentum or E Dynamic Learning platforms. As part of the contract Harmony stays in contact with the parents and students and tells us when there are attendance and work completion issues. Online students are on a 6-monthly trial, and if work is not completed they must return in person.

Homecoming Week

Always a really busy week for everyone with activities in the school every day from dress up days to pep assemblies, and after school sporting events. The Parade went well and the week was capped with the Football Game and outside

Street Dance. We are looking forward to making next year's Homecoming even better.

Career Coach

Jill Hayter has hit the ground running with visits from local electricians to the school as well as working with students on work experience placements and getting students lined up for outside qualifications we don't offer like CPR. A lot of her early work has been consulting with outside entities and working with students in a similar vein to the work our Counselors do with College preparations for our students.

Pre ETS and Vocational Training

We also have Shanell who provides us with Pre-Employment training and support for our Special Education and 504 populations. She has gained work experience for some of our students doing Custodial work in our district.

Graduation

After a subcommittee meeting with the Calendar committee, Graduation has been mooted to be moved to June 5 from May 29, and Carroll College indoors will be the venue this year with a view to keeping it there in the future due to space requirements.

Shout Outs

The Student Council and Ms. Schoenfeld for their organizing and planning of the Homecoming Week.

Ms. Klock for the implementation of Advisory and Circle up which are important pieces for our students.

Our Teachers who are getting lots of innovation and new systems thrown at them as well as having to teach their classes. Not forgetting how much time our teachers spend helping students outside of class either academically or activity wise.

School is in

We have (as of September 3rd) 608 students (HS = 542, 227 Academy = 66). There are 183 Freshman, 147 Sophomores, 147 Juniors, and 131 Seniors.

After a great first year, Trish and I are looking to continue the good things that were already in place; like reaching out to parents to discuss the importance of attendance, continuing the consistency in day to day functioning (like discipline structures), continuing helping teachers create a positive academic and socially appropriate school environment, and continuing to work with community, students and teachers to create our unique and evolving Vigilante Culture and Norms.

One of our new initiatives is Advisory/Circle up time. We also are organizing meeting scheduling, teacher routines, smart pass, concessions set ups, as well as making links between the community work force and our students.

Attendance

Attendance continues to be an issue for all American schools. We will create a school wide collaboration as we look at what has worked elsewhere and look to make decisions with input from Community, Staff and Students.

New Teachers

We would like to welcome our new teachers to the High School:
Nick Edlund – Business Studies
Patrica Gillett – Business Studies
Brandy Gallups – Special Education
Alex Reid – Social Studies
Kacey Titus - English

New Curriculum Adoption

English will be operating with a new Curriculum this year after teachers trained through last year and this Summer to put all the pieces in place. This year will see the Math teachers working on what Curriculum they will use starting 2026-27.

Scheduling

We have finished all the student scheduling which was quicker than last year. The 227 Academy scheduling took the longest time as we are now providing online opportunities through Harmony. As with all things both the HS scheduling and 227 Academy scheduling will be improved for next year.

Homecoming Parade

The Homecoming Parade will be at 2pm on Friday September 26th, followed by the Home Football Game v Park, with the theme of 'Western'. After the game will be the Homecoming Street Party outside between the Football Field and HS Building (Commons if needed due to weather) until 11pm.

Shout Outs

To our dedicated sports coaches in Football, Volleyball, Soccer, Golf, Cross Country and Flag Football who have been working hard with our student athletes in the late summer and fall sports seasons.

To our Community members who have been running a myriad of activities for students in our community.

To Mr. Skains and the custodial staff who worked all summer to keep our building looking immaculate and safe for our students return to the classroom.

To Ms. Cobb for organizing our link up crew to tour around our incoming Freshman the week before school started.

To Ms. Kerpa and Mr. Hoffman who dealt with the fixing of schedules in the High School, and the new 227 Academy.

East Helena High School

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"Success For All"

To: East Helena School Board

From: Shaun Murgel

Subject: 10/13/2025

Activities: We are in full swing with our Fall sports. It is a very exciting time as we start year seven as a high school and be able to participate in varsity sports in all of our programs. We are seeing some of our teams really enjoy some success as they build the culture for their teams. We have some other programs that are still getting their footing and working on this but the coaches and kids are all working hard to achieve their goals. Our football team has won 4 straight games for the first time in school history, and volleyball had a 3 game win streak as well. We are experiencing some record numbers in some of our programs as cross country now has over 21 kids competing from the 10 they have averaged for the past year. Our golf team, though small in numbers, is getting more competitive and they have already concluded their season by the first week of October with 2 boys and 1 girl qualifying for the state tournament in Sidney. Our boys and girls soccer teams are working hard to compete and their futures look bright as they are both extremely young teams with both starting three 8th graders on both of their teams. As our teams continue to grow this is an amazing opportunity for all of our kids to be able to compete. The tough part is that as the teams get bigger that means we have more needs. We need to purchase more uniforms for all of our kids and it means we have more kids traveling which means more money for hotel rooms and more trips and so we are in need of making sure we make the money we have in our budget work as we grow. Overall I am extremely happy with how we have managed to grow all of our programs each year and be a little more competitive each year.

We also have our other programs that are rolling. Girls Flag Football took 2nd place at state this year losing out to Hamilton in a great defensive game ending in a 0-7 score. The trap team is out competing and I can't wait to see how their fall season goes. Speech and Debate is starting up with practice and have their first meets in November. They are also adding Drama to their program to give our kids even more opportunities to participate in their program. Our other very successful program that we have had going for 3 years now is our Esports program. They are in the middle of their fall season and competing hard out of their gaming headquarters over at Prickly Pear Elementary. The coaches are doing a great job of scheduling games with teams from not just the state but also other states as well. They are getting an opportunity to compete against some great competition to help them get ready for another attempt to win some state championships.

Transportation: With addition of more clubs and activities, our travel buses are being taxed. We are seeing an uptick in repairs to our buses and we could use at least one new travel bus in the near future and at least one more in the foreseeable future.

We currently have 10 bus routes up from the 9 we have run in the past as we continue to grow as a school district. We are now the 2nd largest Class A in the state behind Columbia Falls. We have been using some of our reserve

route buses as travel buses but if we were to have a few route buses breakdown we would not be able to have a bus to take some of our sports and activities out.

We are very fortunate to have the route drivers and subs to help cover routes when we have several programs out on the road.

Nick Turner nturner@ehps.k12.mt.us Transportation Supervisor Contact

https://ehhs.ehpsmt.gov/ehhs-athletics-activities/athletics-updates/sports

District Website link:

https://www.ehpsmt.gov/

AD Newsletter link:

https://ehhs.ehpsmt.gov/ehhs-athletics-activities/athletics-updates

Facilities: Our facility use is something that takes a magician to figure out ways to accommodate all of the requests. We are fortunate to have Janie Taylor who is in the high school office as part time Activities Secretary as well as our high school secretary. We have a google calendar that has a rainbow of colors and to keep track of all the activities she does an amazing job. We not only have our own programs using the facilities but also many outside groups. We have some big tournaments that will be using several of our gyms including the high school gym.

Facility Use Schedule Link and my email:

https://www.ehpsmt.gov/district-facilities/district-facility-use/facility-reservation-instructions

smurgel@ehps.k12.mt.us.

Thanks

Shaun Murgel

EHPS Technology Report

Oct. 13th, 2025

To the EHPS Chairman and Board of Trustees,

The main focus this month is fall reporting and ensuring all data in Infinite Campus is accurate and complete. October 6th served as the official fall count date for ANB, and we are currently verifying all enrollments, attendance, and schedules to finalize those numbers. This includes reviewing section setups, staff assignments, student demographic data, program participation, and graduate and dropout validations from the previous year to ensure alignment with state reporting requirements.

In addition to fall reporting, the tech department has settled into the new school year, continuing to focus on ticket resolution and monitoring our system integration syncs (Clever, GoGuardian, HMH, etc.) to ensure student, staff, and course information is populating correctly.

This month also marks the end of Windows 10 support. Much of the credit goes to Oliver for taking this on over the summer, but around 70 Windows 10 devices were identified and have been updated to Windows 11, allowing them to continue to receive necessary updates.

Thank you for your time,

Eric Power
Technology Coordinator

DISCRETIONARY ENHANCED FUNDING ABOVE QUALITY ASSURANCE LINE

1. *CAPPED AT 10%*
2. *SUBJECT TO VOTER APPROVAL*
3. *PILOT FUNDING FOR INNOVATION AND EXCELLENCE*

THE QUALITY ASSURANCE LINE - A $1.7 BILLION INVESTMENT TO GUARANTEE QUALITY FOR EACH CHILD

Smart Choices, Strong Value: Elevating Our Future with Competitive, Efficient Funding.

***Projected to Improve Montana's State Rank for Per Pupil Funding from 35th to 26th**

53% - 53% DISTRIBUTED FOR ALL STUDENTS - $885 MIL.



- Eliminate the Decrement
- Funded 100% by state at the QA Line
- $5,000 per ANB, Grades P-5
- $6,300 per ANB, Grades 6-12

12% - 12% DISTRIBUTED FOR UNIQUE STUDENT NEEDS & CHARACTERISTICS - $200 MIL.



- 15x Current At Risk Funding
- 3X Current American Indian Achievement Gap
- 2X Current Indian Education for All with $5k minimum
- 2x Current Special Education Funding

23% - 23% DISTRIBUTED PER QUALITY EDUCATORS & QUALIFIED STAFF - $390 MIL.



- 15k base QEP amount - $30k if district complies with STARS act
- Minimum base teacher salary of 3X base QEP (i.e., 15k X 3 = $45k)
- Funding per "quality educator and qualified staff" as defined in current law

12% - 12% DISTRIBUTED PER SCHOOL UNIT -$215 MIL.



- At least 1 school unit per enrollment level (Grades P-5, 6-8, 9-12)
- 2nd+ entitlements are funded at same level as the first, rounded to nearest tenth
- $100k for each group of 100 Grade P-5 students
- $150k for each group of 200 Grade 6-8 students
- $400k for each group of 400 Grade 9-12 students

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Wednesday, October 15, 2025 - Pre-Conference

8:00 am - Noon – MTSBA Board Meeting - MTSBA Headquarters #1

Noon - 5:00 pm – Registration - MTSBA Headquarters

2:00 - 4:00 pm – A Call to Action for Montana's Public Schools - MTSBA Headquarters Fourth Floor and Official Release of the Great Work of Montana's Public Schools, Vol. XVI - - MTSBA Headquarters Fourth Floor

4:00 - 5:00 pm – MQEC Board Meeting - MTSBA Headquarters #1

4:30 - 6:30 pm – MASBO Board Meeting - Great Northern Hotel Iron Horse Room

4:30 – 6:30 pm – SAM Board Meeting/Dinner - SAM Office

Subject to change

Thursday, October 16, 2025

7:30 am - 4:00 pm Registration - MTSBA Headquarters

9:00 - 11:30 am – Welcome - Awards - Opening Keynote - Helena Civic Center

11:30 am - 12:30 pm - IISM Meeting - MTSBA #1

12:00 - 12:45 pm - ISBC Board Meeting - Great Northern Hotel Iron Horse Room

1:00 – 1:50 pm – Clinic Session #1 - six concurrent breakout sessions - Great Northern Hotel and MTSBA Headquarters

2:10 – 3:00 pm – Clinic Session #2 - six concurrent breakout sessions - Great Northern Hotel and MTSBA Headquarters

3:20 – 4:10 pm – Clinic Session #3 - six concurrent breakout sessions - Great Northern Hotel and MTSBA Headquarters

4:30 – 5:20 pm – Clinic Session #4 - six concurrent breakout sessions - Great Northern Hotel and MTSBA Headquarters

6:00 – 8:00 pm – MCEL Welcome Reception - Sponsored by MREA & MCS - Everyone welcome - Great Northern Hotel Ballroom

Subject to change

Friday, October 17, 2025

7:00 – 8:00 am – MSGIA/MTSUIP Membership Meeting and Breakfast - Great Northern Hotel Ballroom

8:00 – 9:00 am – MASBO Membership Meeting - MTSBA Headquarters #1

8:00 – 9:00 am – SAM Membership Meeting - Great Northern Hotel Iron Horse Room

8:00 - 9:00 am – MTSBA Delegate Assembly - MTSBA Headquarters Fourth Floor

9:15 - 10:45 am – Education Partner's Panel - Decennial Study - Great Northern Hotel Ballroom

11:00 am - Noon – CLOSING KEYNOTE - Great Northern Hotel Ballroom

Subject to change

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EHPS

Dan Rispens <drispens@ehps.k12.mt.us>

Graduation Date

1 message

Paul Condon <pcondon@ehps.k12.mt.us> Thu, Sep 25, 2025 at 8:28 AM
To: Dan Rispens <drispens@ehps.k12.mt.us>
Cc: Trish Klock <tklock@ehps.k12.mt.us>, Brandon Crusat <bcrusat@ehps.k12.mt.us>

Hi Dan,

After a meeting yesterday afternoon it was decided by the sub committee that Friday June 5th would be the day to be presented to the Board. Kelli and Ethan will be at the Board Meeting to explain the committee's thinking. I will double check with Carroll today to see if that is still good, and look at 6:30pm start time again.

Thanks,

Paul Condon
Principal
East Helena High School

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Current Calendar

East Helena Public Schools

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District Calendar

First Day of School: August 27

Last Day of School: June 9

Early Release Dates**
September 29th 12:30
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December 19th-1:30!
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February 23rd 12:30
March 16th 12:30
April 27th 12:30
June 9th- 1:30!

July '25

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August
School Board Meeting -11th
School Starts 27th

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September
Labor Day 1st
School Board Meeting -8th

October '25

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October
School Board Meeting-13th
State Convention-16th & 17th

November '25

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November
School Board Meeting -10th
Thanksgiving Break 26th -28th

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December
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January
School Resumes- 5th
School Board Mtg- 12th
Martin Luther King Day -19th

January '26

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President's Day -16th

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Memorial Day -25th
EHHS Graduation 29th

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Last Day of School 9th

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School District No. 9

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Superintendent/Administration Office (406) 227-7700

Eastgate Elementary School (406) 227-7770 * Prickly Pear Elementary (406) 227-7720

Radley Elementary School (406) 227-7710 * East Valley Middle School (406) 227-7740

East Helena High School (406) 227-7730

"Success For All"

Memorandum of Understanding

October 13, 2025

The East Helena School District and the East Helena Education Association agree the teachers who have been assigned case management for special education will be awarded a stipend for the additional responsibility and time involved. The additional responsibility will be for the term of the teacher contract from August 25, 2025 until June 9, 2026. The teacher will be paid a stipend commensurate with the need to fulfill the case management of IEP's at the rate of $200 per IEP per year.

The Memorandum of Understanding achieves this mutual intent. This Memorandum will be in effect for the 2025-2026 school year and does not constitute a change in the Master Agreement or set precedent for future matters. The employee and Association waive their right to grieve the provisions in the contract as stated in this Memorandum.

Signed this 13th day of October, 2025.

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President, East Helena Education Association Vice President, EH Education Association

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EHPS School Board Chair EHPS Superintendent

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Employee

Attest,

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EHPS District Clerk

New buses for consideration

Type of Bus	Bluebird All American Activity Bus conversion (NFW)	Used Thomas Activity Conversion (Hardin)	New VanHool over the road coach "Charter bus"	New Ultra Coachliner DXL	Used VanHool Double Decker
Year	2025	2020	2025	2025	2018
Miles	0	50,000	0	0	86000
Capacity	46	48	56	56	67
Storage	Limited Underbelly pass through	Limited Underbelly pass through	Full underbelly passthrough storage	Some undebelly and passthrough behind rear axle	Bulk Storage area in rear
Price estimate	$277,250.00	$120,000.00	$630,806.00	$428,112.00	$399,000.00
notes	Would have coach seats and overhead storage	Has coach seats and overhead storage	Typical "Charter" Bus	https://nationa	https://www.lasvegasbussale

Our current buses

Type of Bus	2000 VanHool Charter Bus	2012 VanHool Charter (Google bus)	1989 MCI Charter Bus
Year	2000	2012	1989
Miles	268,279	322,290	949,213
Capacity	67	49	47
Storage	Full underbelly passthrough storage	Full underbelly passthrough storage	Full underbelly passthrough storage
notes		New engine	Rebuilt engine

RESOLUTION 242

WHEREAS, Section 20-6-602 (MCA) designates the power and responsibility to hold in trust all real and personal property of the district for the benefit of the schools and children of the district to the Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, Section 20-6-604 (MCA) authorizes the Board of Trustees to sell or otherwise dispose of real or personal property that they determine is or is about to become abandoned, obsolete, undesirable, or unsuitable for the school purposes of the district; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has determined that certain personal property of the district is or is about to become abandoned, obsolete, undesirable, or unsuitable for the school purposes of the district,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9, LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY, that a detailed list of the personal property that is abandoned, obsolete, undesirable, or unsuitable will be prepared; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the detailed list of personal property will be available to interested citizens at the Central Office, 250 Academic Street, East Helena, Montana, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all identified property will be sold by bid at a time and place to be determined by the board of trustees and subsequently disposed of if proven undesirable for sale.

Dated this 13th of October, 2025.

Jill Hoogerheide
Clerk, Board of Trustees
School District No. 9
Lewis and Clark County

Scott Walter
Chairman, Board of Trustees
School District No. 9
Lewis and Clark County

Brown 1998 Autumnwood Chevy Van
Vin# IGCFG15R2W1057712

1993 John Deere Sweeper F725
Model #20578C027
Ser# 051095

Greater Helena MPO
Long Range Transportation Plan

Subject: Share Your Voice on the Helena Area's Transportation Future

Hello,

The **Greater Helena Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)** is a regional partnership that coordinates transportation planning for Helena and surrounding areas, including Helena, East Helena, and Lewis & Clark County. The MPO is tasked with developing a **Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)** to guide investments in roads, biking, walking, transit, and safety over the next 20 years.

As we begin the planning process, we want to hear from you!

Join us at one of our upcoming **public open houses** to explore exhibits, learn about the LRTP, and share your ideas for the future of the Greater Helena Area's transportation system. The information will be the same at both open houses, please attend whichever is most convenient for you.

Helena
Helena Civic Center Ballroom (340 Neill Avenue)
Tuesday, October 21st, 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

East Helena
Fireman's Recreation Hall (2 E. Pacific Street)
Wednesday, October 22nd, 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

If you can't make it in person, visit our **virtual open house** beginning on October 1st at: greaterhelenampo.com/LRTP.

Please help spread the word by sharing this invitation with friends, neighbors, and colleagues.

Thank you for taking part in helping us shape Helena's transportation future!