TO: **Trustees, East Helena Schools**

FROM: **Dan Rispens, Superintendent**

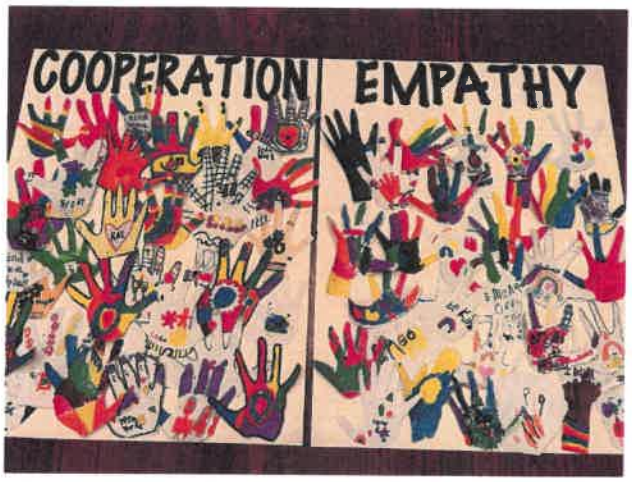
BOARD MEETING: **November 10, 2025**

RE: **Student Enrollment (November 4, 2025)**

School	Grade Level	To Date	Month Ago	Year Ago
Eastgate	Age-K	47	48	50
	K	142	143	111
EG Total		**[189]**	**[191]**	**[161]**
Prickly Pear	1	126	126	126
	2	132	132	146
Prickly Pear Total		**[258]**	**[258]**	**[272]**
Radley Elementary	3	157	157	147
	4	158	159	146
	5	150	150	135
Radley Total		**[465]**	**[466]**	**[428]**
East Valley	6	149	151	149
Middle School	7	144	146	154
	8	153	152	167
EVMS Total		**[446]**	**[449]**	**[470]**
East Helena High	9	171	172	148
	10	130	134	148
	11	128	132	137
	12	119	119	123
EHHS Total		**[548]**	**[557]**	**[556]**
EVMS 227	6	1	1	10
	7	15	14	6
	8	10	9	6
EVMS 227 Total		**[26]**	**[24]**	**[22]**
EHHS 227	9	7	7	8
	10	17	16	18
	11	23	21	19
	12	19	19	15
EHHS 227 Total		**[66]**	**[63]**	**[60]**
TOTALS		**1998**	**2008**	**1969**

School Board Report
November 10th, 2025

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



Olweus Posters
We are fortunate to have such a strong community of learners here in our schools. Our kick off assembly for our anti-bullying program, Olweus, was held in October for Eastgate, Prickly Pear, and Radley Elementary. Part of this get together was having each class buddy up with another class (typically older students with younger students). One of their activities was to create unity posters for different character traits. Each elementary will have these posters hung up in their hallways. You can see one of the creative examples to the right!

Safety Drills
Student safety is our number one priority. At Eastgate and Prickly Pear, we have a Safety Committee that has at least one teacher from every grade level along with our School Resource Officers. Part of this committee's task is to talk about and plan for different drills. We had our first lockdown drill in October and will continue to practice these and other drills on a monthly basis. What we have found is how to implement a fine balance in doing these in a way that students and staff are fully aware of how to proceed without creating too much anxiety or loss to learning.

November Character Trait
We held our Student of the Month Assembly for October on October 30th. We had the opportunity to highlight a student in each class who has been showing responsibility for the entire month. For the month of November we will be focusing on the trait, gratitude. Our focus will be appreciating the people and things in our lives.

Parent Teacher Conferences
Our fall conferences are scheduled for November 11th and 13th. Our spring conferences will occur on March 10th and 12th. Any opportunity to have our parents in our building to continue to connect the home and school relationship is welcome and our Parent Teacher Conferences are an excellent example of this.

Upcoming Events
- November 11th and 13th - Parent Teacher Conferences
- November 26th - 28th - Thanksgiving Break
- December 19th - Early Release

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

Month	Gen. Innap./Defiance	Playground	Fighting/Physical Contact	Bus	Weapons	Vandalism	Threat	Bullying	Harassment	Profanity	Total
September											0
October	15	1	5								21
November	2	1	1								4
December											0
January											0
February											0
March											0
April											0
May											0
June											0
Total	17	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25

Month	Warning	Time Out	Conference	Parent Call	Bus Sus.	Alt. Recess	OSS	ISS	CSCT	Total
September										0
October			21	21		14	3	3	1	63
November			4	4		4				12
December										0
January										0
February										0
March										0
April										0
May										0
June										0
Total	0	0	25	25	0	18	3	3	1	75

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	1	1	7	2	1					2	14
December											0
January											0
February											0
March											0
April											0
May											0
June											0
Total	8	5	14	2	1	0	0	0	0	4	34

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			14	14	2		3	2		35
December						7				7
January										0
February										0
March										0
April										0
May										0
June										0
Total	0	3	34	34	2	20	3	6	0	102

Prickly Pear Elementary

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SUCCESS FOR ALL

November 10, 2025 Radley Elementary Board Report Gus Somerfeld

- Radley has placed an extra emphasis on implementing CharacterStrong lessons to intentionally teach and develop essential social, emotional, and behavioral skills in students, leading to positive behavior traits and improved school climate. Each month we focus on a new behavior trait. Our first two months of the year have focused on Respect and Responsibility. At the end of each month we highlight one student from each class that has consistently demonstrated those behaviors throughout the month. We have plenty of great kiddos demonstrating strong character all throughout Radley!

- The results for the Montana State Accountability Test (MAST) are officially in and we are pleased to report that every grade level successfully performed above the overall Montana average scale score, demonstrating the effectiveness of our core instructional practices and the hard work of our students and staff. While this is a clear sign of state-level proficiency, we must acknowledge that we did not meet our specific, ambitious school-level goals for growth and proficiency set at the beginning of the year. Our next steps will focus on a rigorous analysis of this data to identify key learning gaps and strategic areas for immediate improvement, ensuring we adjust our instructional strategies to not only maintain our standing above the state average but also reach and exceed our localized targets in the upcoming testing cycle. Below you will find performances and comparison scores to the rest of the state.

Radley Students	Novice	Partically Proficient	Proficient	Average Scale Score
3rd Math	17%	32%	51%	318
			State Average	307
3rd Reading	29%	28%	43%	310
			State Average	308
4th Math	24%	29%	47%	315
			State Average	308
4th Reading	21%	30%	48%	315
			State Average	312
5th Math	29%	26%	45%	314
			State Average	306
5th Reading	18%	32%	50%	318
			State Average	315

- We are thrilled to report on the significant success of our positive behavior initiatives, which are directly supported by the implementation of CharacterStrong. We've seen a tremendous, measurable increase in the number of students who have risen to the occasion to demonstrate outstanding behavior and character. Data across the last quarter shows a large surge in positive reinforcement, specifically in the issuing of CharacterStrong Tickets, PAWSitive Tickets, and Positive Office Referrals. This surge highlights the effectiveness of proactively teaching character traits like respect and responsibility, and our staff's intentional focus on celebrating these behaviors. These tickets and referrals are concrete evidence that our students are consistently embodying the positive traits we teach, creating a more supportive, engaged, and positive school climate for everyone.

- Discipline Report

October Resolution Data				
Total Resolutions	**Total Students**	**3rd Grade**	**4th Grade**	**5th Grade**
65	41	26	30	9
Before Class	**After Class**	**During Passing**	**During Lunch/Recess**	**During Class**
3	2	1	20	24
Classroom	**Cafeteria**	**Hallway/Stairs/Gym**	**Restroom**	**Playground**
25	2	3	2	22

Year to Date Resolutions				
Total Resolutions	**Total Students**	**3rd Grade**	**4th Grade**	**5th Grade**
130	73	47	56	12
Before Class	**After Class**	**During Passing**	**During Lunch/Recess**	**During Class**
6	3	2	33	50
Classroom	**Cafeteria**	**Hallway/Stairs/Gym**	**Restroom**	**Playground**
50	4	4	4	38

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	8	20	15	2	1	7			7		5		65
November													0
December													0
January													0
February													0
March													0
April													0
May/June													0
total	23	33	22	3	1	12	0	2	12	0	11	1	120

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	2	4		1	3	1	15	2		23	9	5	65
November													0
December													0
January													0
February													0
March													0
April													0
May/June													0
total	5	9	1	2	4	2	31	6	0	32	12	16	120

* 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 Nov. Board Report

We continue to be moving right along this school year as we are winding down the first trimester.

Early out in November

We had the opportunity to participate in a *Writing Rope* training with our entire staff. During this training, teachers collaborated to develop cross-curricular writing practices, ensuring that students engage in writing throughout their day — from technical and informational writing to creative and narrative pieces — across all subject areas.

Sports:

- Boys Basketball Season has just begun. With the large number of participants we decided to not host tryouts to cut students. Instead we have three teams based on their skill levels.

Academics

As noted above, the first trimester is coming to an end. The last day of trimester 1 will be November 13th.

Behavior: It has been another eventful month of student behaviors. Although fighting and open defiance have been on the rise, there are some things to celebrate. One of those things is that chronic tardies and phone violations, which have been a constant struggle this year, are on the decline. As a staff our focus is to keep those struggles on a declining pattern and utilize the Huddle, schoolwide expectation reminders/consistency, positive behavior incentives, and accountability to do so.

Month	24-24 Behaviors	25-26 Behaviors
Sept.	46	89
Oct.	89	95

Behavior Breakdown

	Gen. Inapp. Beh	Open Defiance	Fighting	Bullying	Bus Discipline	Chronic Refocus	Weapons
August							
September	11	4	2	2	2	22	1
October	20	7	8	3	2	14	2

	Vandalism	Threat/Intimi	Theft	Harassment	Assult	Disruption	Drugs/Tobacco/A	Cell Phone
August				1		1		
September		2		8		19	3	14
October	1	3	1	5	2	19	4	6

East Valley Middle School

Success for All Students

Consequence Breakdown

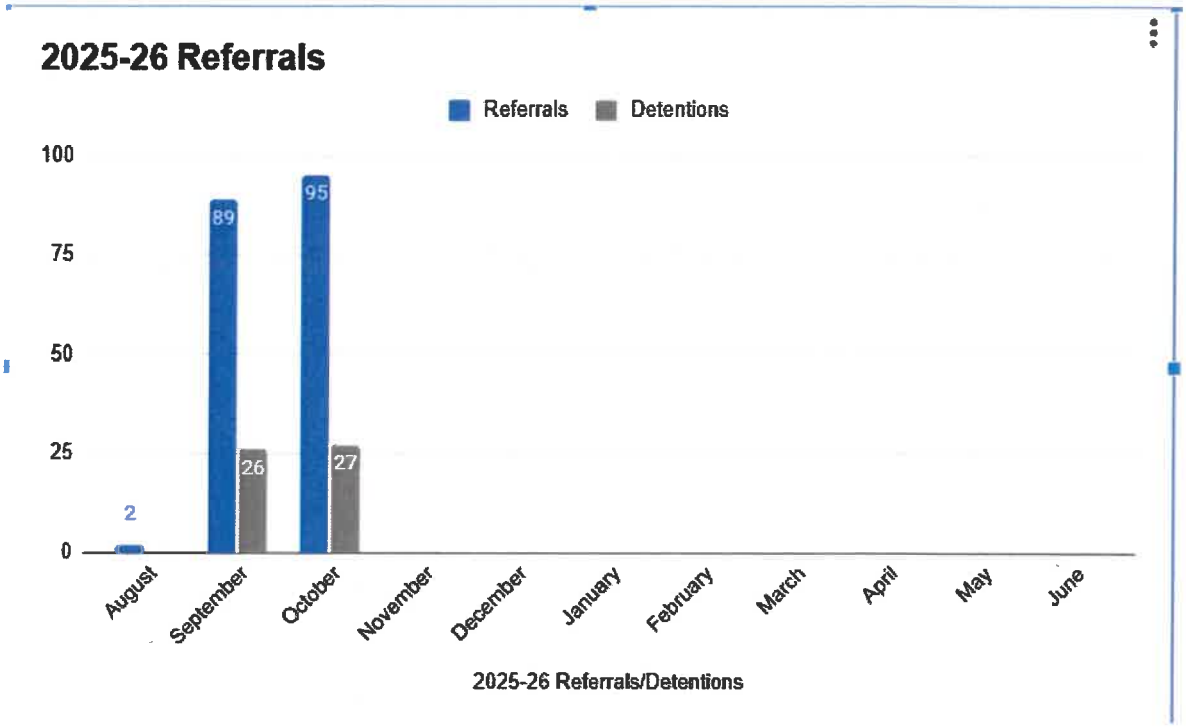
	Warning	Intervention	Work Detail	Other	Parent Meeting	Bus Susp	Lunch Det.
August				1			
September	20	1		9	2		19
October	9	4		12			21

	Detention	**ISS	Parent Call	***OSS	Plan of Improver Expulsion
August			1		
September	26		6	17	
October	27		3	33	

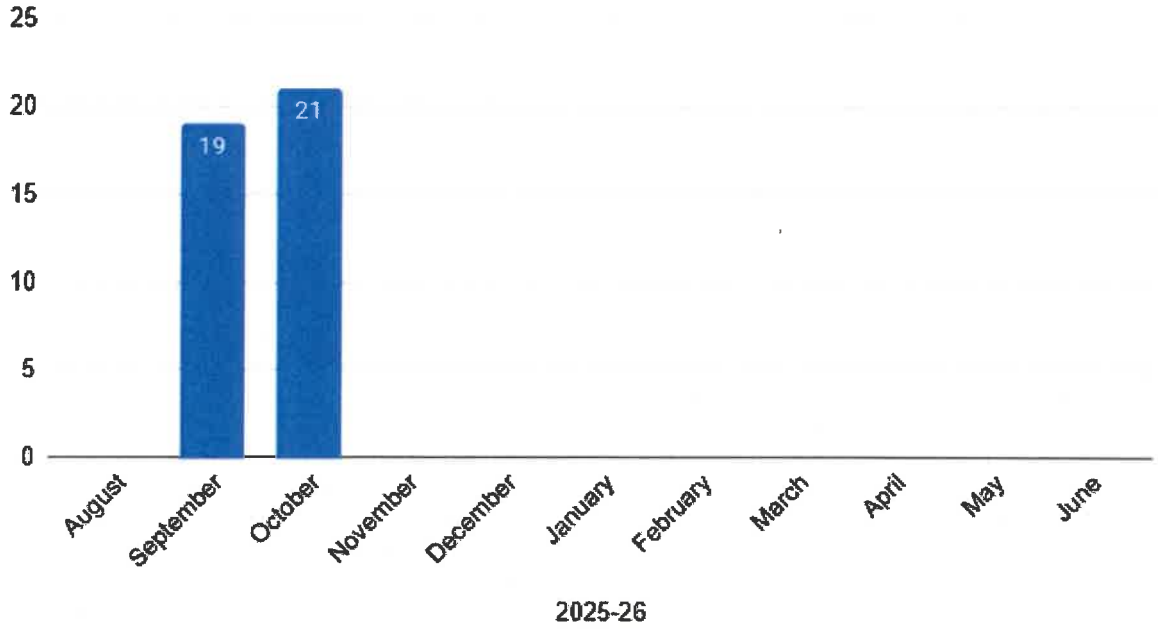
By Grade	Aug.	Sept.	Oct	
6th Grade			13	15
7th Grade			14	30
8th Grade		2	75	66

Location	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	
Classroom		1	68	62
Hallway		1	8	17
Playground			5	5
Cafeteria				
Bathroom			2	4
Other Outside			3	6
Bus			2	2

EAST VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL



2025-26 Lunch Detention



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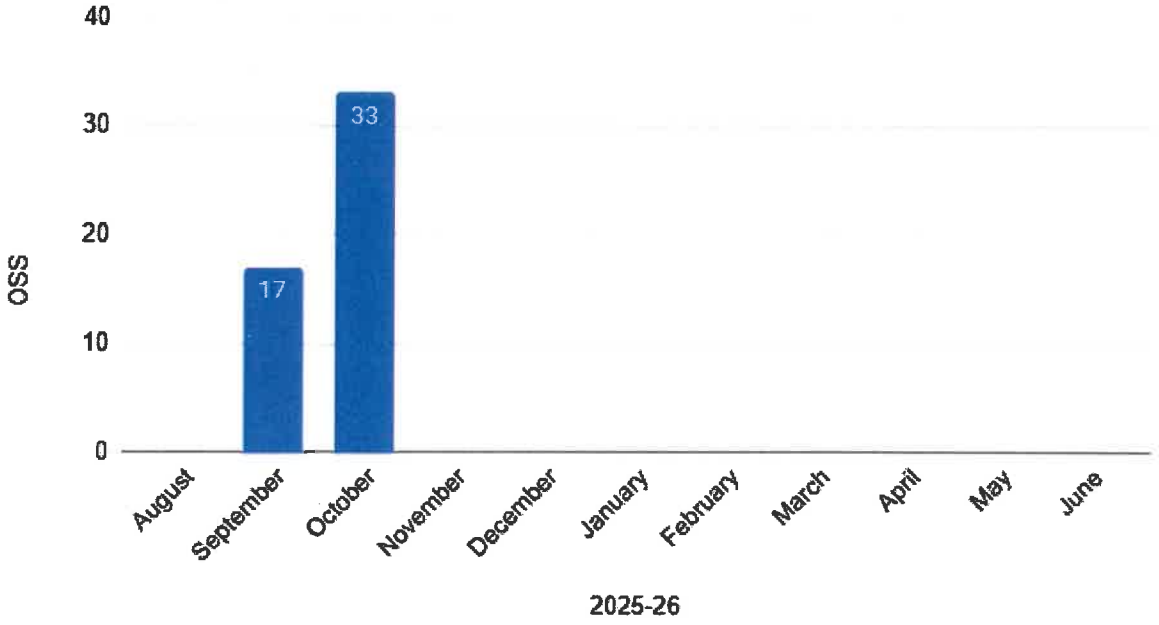
2025-26 OSS





	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/A	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

EAST VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

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/ Students

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.

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EHHS Principal Report

November 2025

Graduation Day

After meeting with representatives from the Helena School District it has been decided by the Graduation Committee, that the 2025-26 Graduation would ideally be at East Helena High School, with Board approval. We initially explored Carroll College, and then the Fairgrounds and the Civic Center Auditorium. Carroll College had problems with traffic and parking congestion and space, the Fairgrounds have another large group booked in an adjacent facility and the Civic Center was unavailable on the date we had set. Parking at the Civic Center would also be problematic. We will attempt to structure the Graduation Ceremony as before, with outside planned, with only a certain amount of tickets per student if the Ceremony is indoors. We will also live stream the Ceremony to the Commons area stage if we are inside. Outside will not require tickets. If outside we will be using more chairs on the Track. We have a Graduation speaker who has not yet committed and a possible back up speaker. The Committee will also request a 7:30pm start, as opposed to 6:30pm previously.

HiSET Options Students

Currently we have 9 HiSET (High School Equivalency Test) Options students. In order to Graduate and walk with their class they must pass 5 Tests (only 3 attempts per test), have good attendance and pass the classes they take in their Senior year. These students are Credit Deficient for reasons ranging from failing too many classes to having disruptions to passing classes due to personal or external problems. The GED (the 5 tests) is for anyone not at HS and they would get a High School Diploma but would not walk with their class. HiSET Students receive instruction and Curriculum help from our HiSET Teacher, Mr. Reid, whilst GED Students would have to go to the Helena College Adult Education Center for preparation help. Once they have passed all 5 Tests Students are rescheduled into a fulltime class load until the end of the year. If their attendance goes over the allowed, or effort in classwork is poor, they will be informed that they have failed the HiSET Options course and will not Graduate. They would then have to leave school and do all those 5 tests again for a GED HS Diploma. Currently our 9 students have sat 14 tests with 12 passes so far.

Employment Related Trips

Ms. Hayter has been busy taking students on work and study site visits like Helena Colleges Airport trades Campus, Branded Sign Solutions, Digger Days Work Experience, and Golden Eagle Construction.

Ms. Wigen recently took her FFA Students recently to competitions at Fergus HS (Lewistown) and Billings.

Vigilante Story Squad

A program started by Ms. Bender where HS Students read to and play besides Elementary Students. You may have seen their story on the TV.

Art

Brianna Cascell (11) won an Award at the University of Montana for her art, and last month Phillip LaMere (10) also won Upper Seven Law's Art Competition.

Teacher of the Month

Trinity Nelson (Culinary) won Radio Station KMTX Teacher of the Month Award for October 2025!

Key Club

The Key Club raised $400 Trick or Treating for UNICEF two days before Halloween Night!

Shout Outs

To our coaches of our growing Fall Sports programs, with great success on the field coming this year from Football (QF at least, maybe more), Volleyball (Eastern Divisionals at least, maybe more), and the growing success of Soccer, Cross Country, Golf and Cheer.

To our current teacher club activities of Robotics, BPA (Business Professionals of America), DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America), FFA (Future Farmers of America), Science Olympiad, Pretty Cool Claws Club, Key Club, the HS Marching Band.

To the Booster Club, for their generous donation of time and money to HS Activities, including the recent 2nd Annual Casino night which raised thousands of dollars for our students.

To our Fall Seniors, who have either just finished or have finished their last Fall Seasons as Vigilantes.

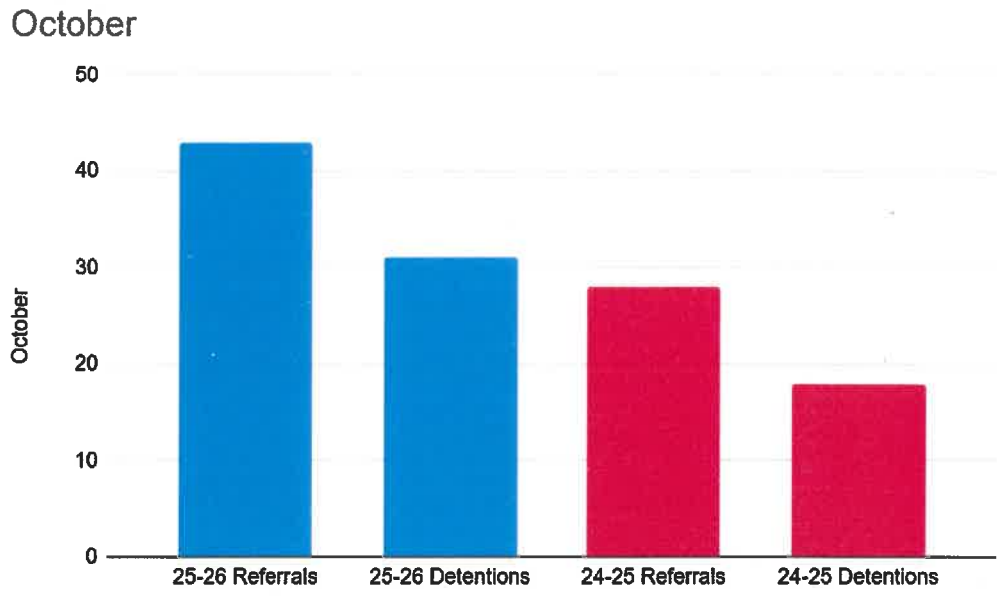
School Board Report- November 2025
East Helena High School

EHHS School Discipline Report:

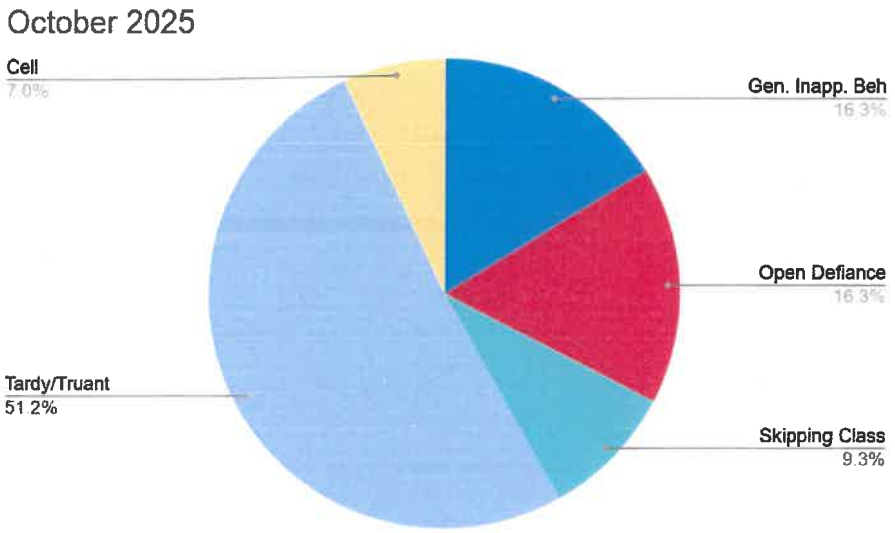
The EHHS discipline report for this month includes referrals, detentions, and suspensions. There were 43 referrals for the month of October which resulted in 31 detentions. The vast majority of the discipline referrals were tied to attendance. Most were the result of three tardies in a class with the student being assigned a lunch detention. This month we also had 5 separate days of In-School Suspensions and 3 separate days of Out of School Suspensions.

For comparison purposes, a year ago there were 28 office referrals and 18 detentions. Last year's referrals and detentions were tied mostly to behaviors and cell phones while this year is tied to tardies and attendance. There is also a small percentage of students that are the majority of our office referrals and detentions. There are so many students who are attending school, following expectations and working hard every single day!

PBIS Tiers	Students	Percentage
Tier 1	648	96.1%
Tier 2	23	3.4%
Tier 3	3	0.4%



Office Referrals by Category



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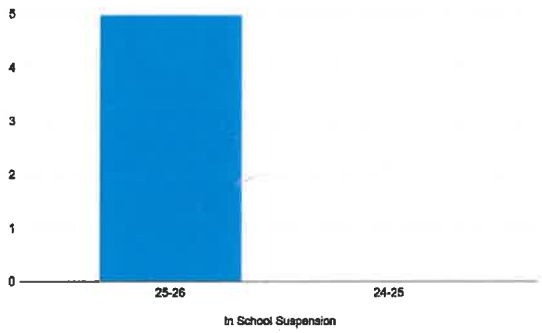

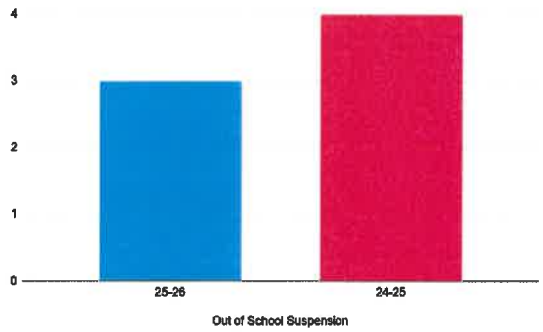

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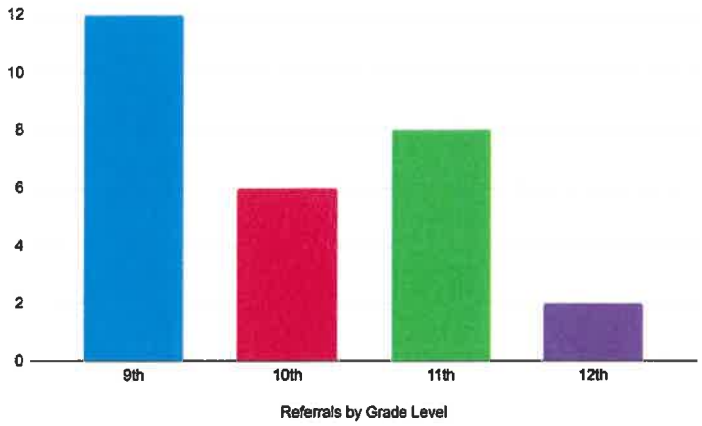
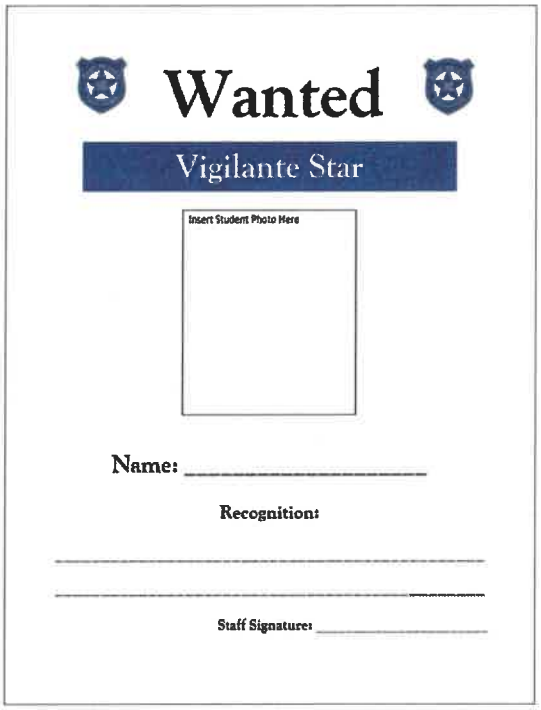


Vigilante Star:

This program is continuing to grow within the school. We already have 57 little Vigilante Stars that have been awarded to our students. We also have 4 large Vigilante Stars that have been awarded to students. Way to go to our Vigilantes who are great examples of our school expectations.





MTSS Work at EHHS:

One of the groups we have working collaboratively at the high school is the MTSS committee. This committee looks at the behavior referrals and trends in the building and then works to create either a lesson, incentive, or plan to address the issues in the building. This group of hardworking teachers helps to adjust the advisor lessons as well as areas that need some support within the school based on student data.

The focus of this group at the most recent meeting is how to address the majority of the office referrals centered around attendance. The group met to brainstorm ideas to help support our students and staff in this area. We are working on rolling out all plans to help address the number of absences and tardies for our students. This group also wants to be sure to focus the efforts of any plan on rewarding the 96%+ of students who are following expectations and working hard every single day and class period. The next few months will have events and rewards for students who are meeting our expectations.

Mrs. Klock
EHHS Vice Principal

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"Success For All"

To: East Helena School Board

From: Shaun Murgel

Subject: 11/10/2025

Activities: What a great fall we have had and are still having. We are starting year seven of being a high school and this fall we have had our programs showing a lot of improvement and success. Cross Country finished up their season in Missoula at the state championships and we had a lot PR's set by all of our kids throughout the season. Our football team continues to stay alive in the playoffs after beating Dawson County in our first ever home play off game. They now take to the road to see if they can keep it up against Columbia Falls in the quarter finals. The volleyball program continues to shine. They finished in third place in the South Eastern A and automatically qualified for a spot in the Divisional Tournament that we will have hosted by the time we have our board meeting.

We are now also gearing up for winter sports. We will be holding the Winter Parent Meeting on 11/11/2025 in the high school gym at 6:00 PM. We are expecting to see more great improvements out of all of our winter teams as well.

Transportation: The most exciting news in transportation is that we are going to have 2 new buses to East Helena to help us with Activities. I want to thank the board for all they do in the support of all of our students. These buses won't just do Athletics but all of our activities.

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: In updating all of our facility use, we are getting a lot of use out of our buildings. We have more groups that would like to use it than we have space. It is really a good problem to have.

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

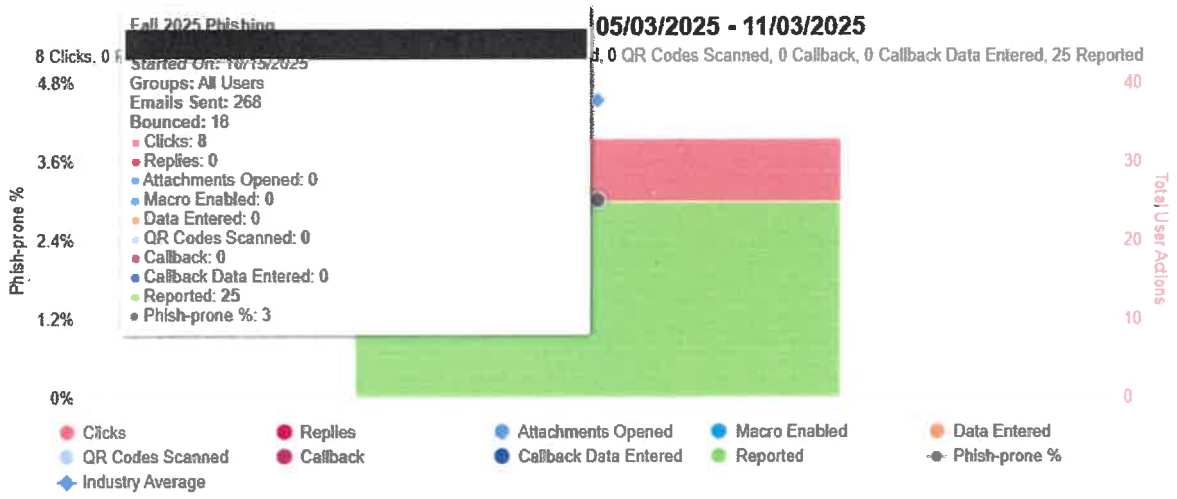
Shaun Murgel

EHPS Technology Report

Nov. 10th, 2025

To the EHPS Chairman and Board of Trustees,

October is cybersecurity awareness month! We started the annual cybersecurity awareness training through KnowBe4 for all staff and kicked off our fall phishing campaign. Currently we are doing very well as an organization at 3% of users clicking phishing links (Industry average is 4.5%). That campaign wraps up this week and will further guide us on future training to continue to lower that percentage. Below is a breakdown of the campaign so far.



October also included fall reporting. For my first time being involved with this, I believe everything went smoothly. The school Secretaries, Jill, Principals, and program staff were invaluable in assisting with this to ensure data was accurate across the district.

Thank you for your time,

Eric Power
Technology Coordinator

Obsolete Equipment

Public Notice:

The Board of Trustees for School District No. 9, East Helena, Montana, adopted a resolution at their October 13, 2025, meeting to dispose of unsuitable and/or obsolete personal property of the district. The district intends to sell the following property by bid or dispose of the equipment. Property may be viewed at East Helena School District. Bids will be awarded at the Board's regularly scheduled meeting of November 10th at 5:30 p.m. in the East Valley Middle School library. Bids must be sealed and delivered to the Central Office at 250 Academic St., East Helena, MT by 3:00 p.m. on or before Friday November 7th. Interested citizens may obtain a list of the unsuitable and/or obsolete property at the Central Office during business hours.

Surplus Items

1998 Autumnwood Chevy Van
1993 John Deere Sweeper F25 – Model #20578C027
October 23, November 1, 2025 ###### **MNAXLP**

Proposal: University of Idaho - Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival Participation

Elevating Student Excellence in Jazz Education

This proposal seeks approval for the Vigilante Jazz Band's travel to the prestigious **Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival** at the University of Idaho. This is not merely a performance trip, but an intensive, multi-day educational opportunity that aligns with our district's goals for excellence in academics and arts. The festival is a recipient of the **National Medal of Arts**, underscoring its national significance as an educational platform.

Direct Educational Benefits for Students

The festival is fundamentally an educational experience dedicated to advancing the art form of jazz.

- **Intensive Skill Development:** Students participate in **workshops and clinics** led by professional jazz masters and world-renowned guest artists. This provides one-on-one, in-depth instruction and technical feedback that significantly elevates their musicianship beyond standard classroom settings.
- **Exposure to Excellence:** Students attend evening concerts featuring **world-class jazz musicians** (past headliners include Ella Fitzgerald, Dizzy Gillespie, and Sarah Vaughan). This exposure inspires their musical vision and demonstrates the highest level of artistic mastery.
- **Performance and Adjudication:** The students have the vital opportunity to **perform** in a large-scale festival environment and receive formal, constructive adjudication from university-level educators and professional musicians, offering critical performance experience.
- **Cultural Immersion:** The trip allows students to immerse themselves in the history and culture of jazz, rooted in the legacy and vision of legendary vibraphonist Lionel Hampton.

Long-Term Academic and Personal Growth

Participation in a nationally recognized event like the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival provides benefits that extend beyond musical technique.

- **Motivation and Inspiration:** Performing on a university campus and sharing the experience with thousands of peer musicians from across the country creates powerful, lasting motivation and reinforces the value of their dedication.
- **College Readiness & Networking:** The event takes place at a major university, exposing students to the campus environment and providing informal opportunities to interact with university music faculty and students.
- **Character Development:** An out-of-state trip of this nature fosters crucial life skills, including **discipline, teamwork, responsibility, time management,** and independence, all necessary for success in higher education and future careers.
- **Program Recognition:** The involvement of our students in a National Medal of Arts-winning festival elevates the profile of our school's music program, serving as a powerful recruiting tool for future generations of students.

In Summary: A Worthwhile Educational Investment

The Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival is a premier educational platform that offers a rare convergence of performance, instruction, and cultural exposure. Approval for this trip is an investment in our students' artistic futures and personal development.

Metric	Detail	Rationale for Travel
Festival Dates	**April 22–25, 2026**	Allows for maximum exposure over an intensive educational period.
Scope & Scale	One of the **largest educational jazz festivals in the world**, the largest outreach event at U of I.	Justifies the out-of-state travel for a truly world-class experience.
Student Participation	**Over 3,800 students** from nearly **200 schools** participate annually.	Provides exposure to a broad, diverse, and competitive peer group.
Geographic Reach	Schools attend from states including **Washington, Oregon, Montana, Utah, Ohio,** and **Canada.**	Confirms the festival's regional/international draw and competitive level.
Prestige	Recipient of the **National Medal of Arts** (2007) — the nation's most prestigious arts award.	Acknowledges the caliber and educational merit of the event.

Thank you for considering this travel opportunity for the Vigilante Jazz Band. The take-home and long-term educational value from this festival **cannot be overstated**. When students have the opportunity to participate in events with more participating schools, they are motivated by top-tier competition and inspired by professional mentorship. I respectfully request the Board's approval to invest in this pivotal educational experience for our students.

Best,

Cole Bass
EHHS Band Director

East Helena Public Schools

School District No. 9

P.O. Box 1280 * East Helena, MT. 59635

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"

August 8, 2022

City of Helena
Community Development Department
Attn: Chris Brink, Director
316 N. Park Avenue
Helena, MT 59623

Dear Chris:

This letter is intended to provide notice that the East Helena School District Board of Trustees hereby intends to enter into negotiations with Mountain View Meadows for the purposes of granting utility and access easements. The trustees designate Superintendent Dan Rispens as their representative in the negotiating process.

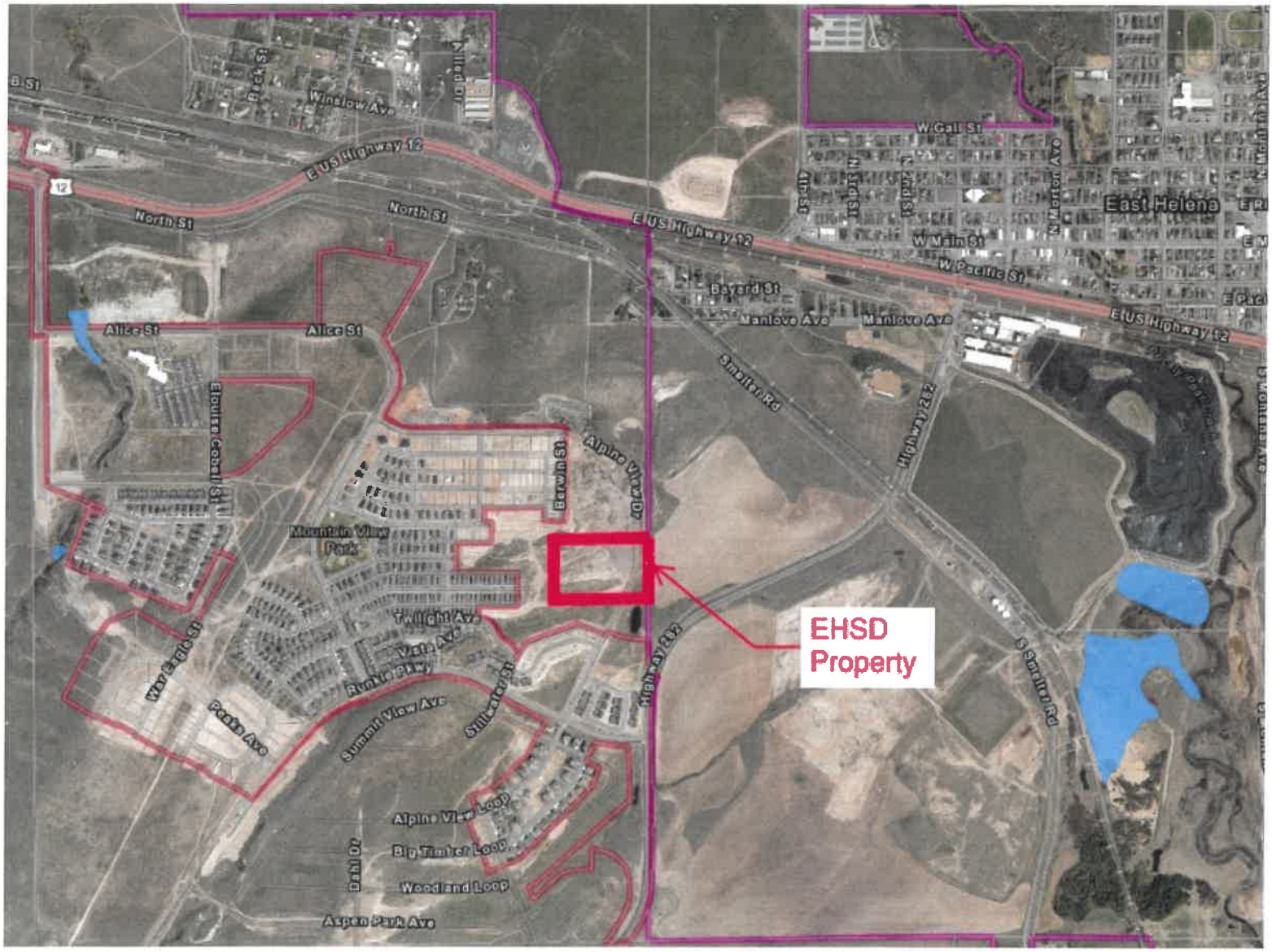
The intent of the negotiations is to develop a mutually agreeable position for granting of easements through Tract D-1 as shown on a Certificate of Survey recorded under Document Number 3115842.

Upon agreement, easement documentation will be prepared for and presented to the Board of Trustees for execution and granting of the easements.

Sincerely,

Scott A. Walter

Scott Walter, Chair
EHPS Board of Trustees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Berwin St
Mountain View Park
Twilight Ave
Vista Ave
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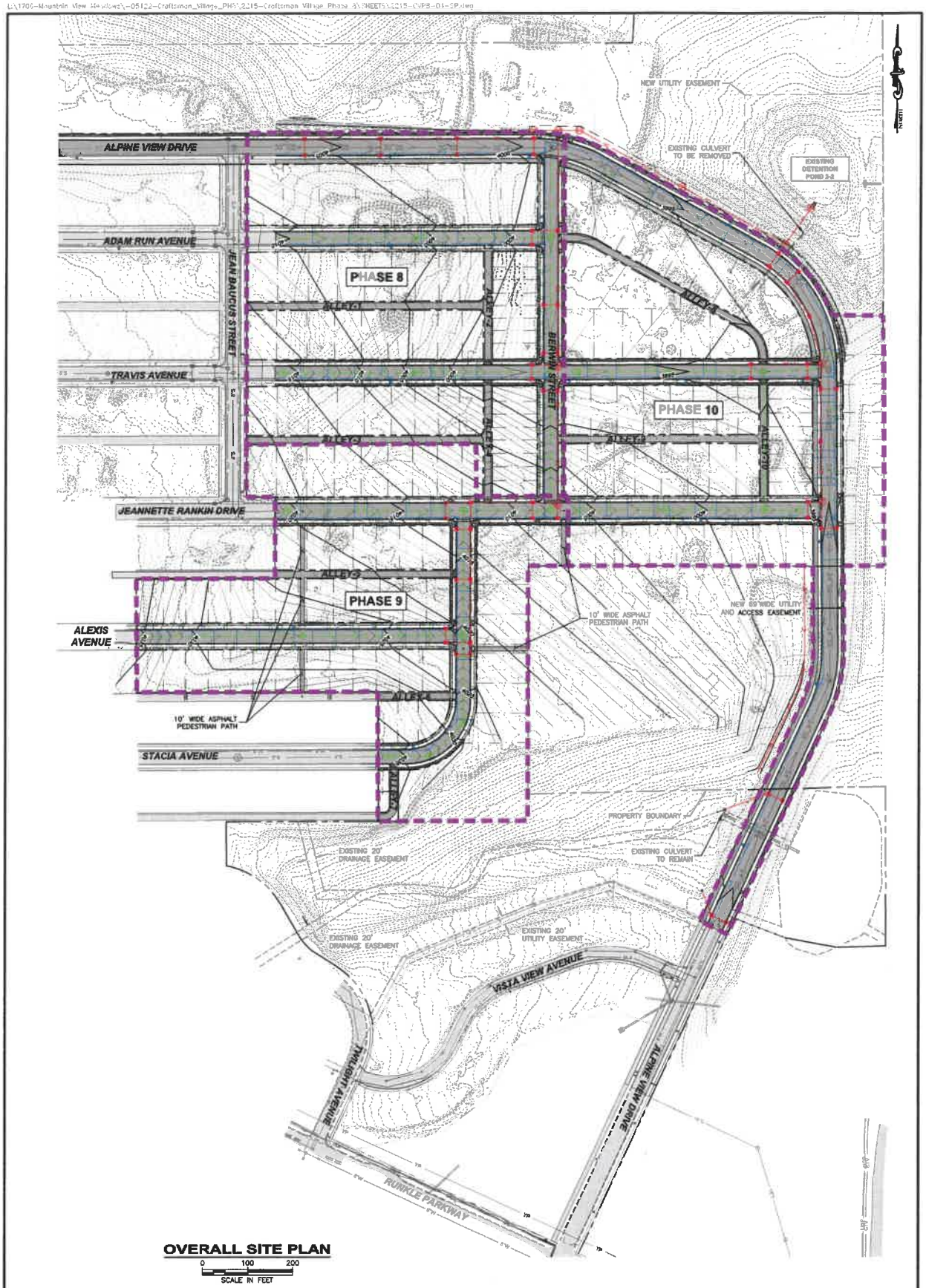

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CRAFTSMAN VILLAGE OF THE CROSSROADS AT MOUNTAIN VIEW MEADOWS HELENA, MT

OVERALL SITE PLAN

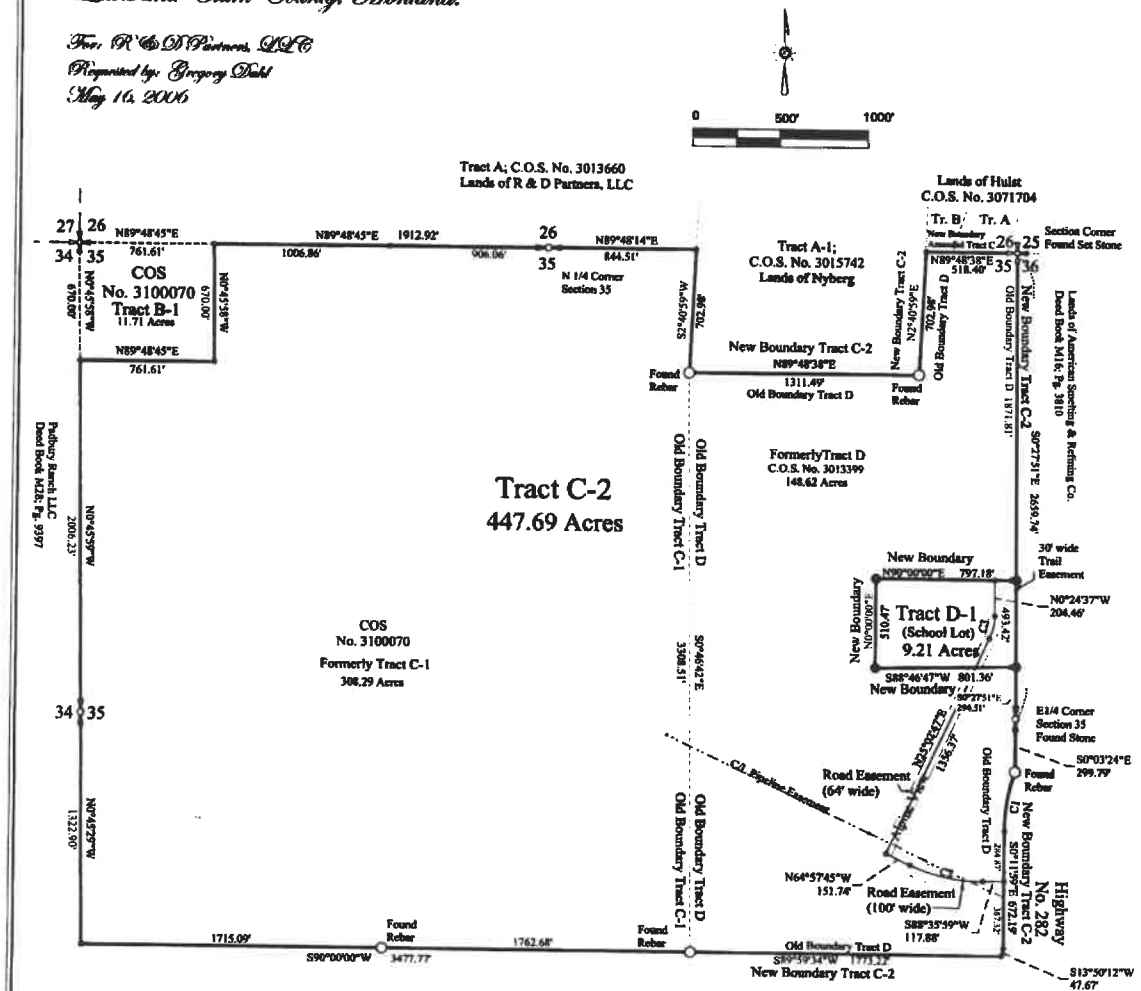
ENGINEERING EST. STAHLY 1976 & ASSOCIATES, INC.

MONTANA GREG D. WIRTH 16032 PE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER

PROJECT: 2115-CVP8	NO.	REVISION DESCRIPTION	BY	DATE
DESIGNED: GDW	1	CITY COMMENTS	GDW	10.31.23
DRAWN: JTF	2	CITY COMMENTS	GDW	12.12.23
CHECKED: JDM	3	CITY & DEQ COMMENTS	GDW	1.10.24
APPROVED: GDW				
DATE: JUNE 30, 2023				

Situated in part of Section 35, Township 10 North, Range 3 West, P.M.M., Lewis and Clark County, Montana.

For: R & D Partners, LLC
Requested by: Gregory Dahl
May 16, 2006



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C1	S9°37'50"W	343.167'	1005.000'	344.857'	19°39'38"	174.140'
C2	N78°10'53"W	425.328'	930.000'	429.125'	26°26'16"	218.452'
C3	N12°19'05"E	132.196'	300.000'	133.289'	25°27'23"	67.763'

LEGEND

- SECTION CORNER
- Quarter Corner
- Found 1/2" Rebar
- Set 1/2" Rebar w/ YPC #5430
- Point of Record

Certificate of Survey No._____

Tract D-1:
Being a part of Tract D of Certificate of Survey No. 3013399 situated in part of the NE 1/4 of Section 35, Township 10 North, Range 3 West, P.M.M., Lewis and Clark County, Montana; and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the East 1/4 corner of said Section 35; thence N00°27'51"W for 294.51 feet to the Southeast corner of herein described tract and true point of beginning; thence S88° 46' 47"W for 801.36 feet; thence N00°E for 510.47 feet; thence N90°E for 797.18 feet to the East boundary of said Section; thence along said section line S00° 27' 51"E for 493.42 feet to the point of beginning containing 9.21 acres more or less and being served by and subject to right-of-ways and easements as shown, existing, or of record, including being served by and subject to a 64.0 foot wide Road Easement as shown on the attached plat.

Tract C-2
Being Tract C-1 of Certificate of Survey No. 3100070 and part of Tract D of Certificate of Survey No. 3013399 situated in portions of the NE 1/4, SE1/4, SW 1/4, and NW 1/4 of Section 35, Township 10 North, Range 3 West, P.M.M., Lewis and Clark County, Montana; and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the North 1/4 corner of said Section 35 for the point of beginning; thence N89°48'14"E for 844.51 feet; thence leaving said section line 82°40'59"W for 702.98 feet; thence N89°48'38"E for 1311.49 feet; thence N2°40'59"E for 702.98 feet; thence N89°48'38"E for 518.40 feet to the Northeast corner of said section; thence along the East boundary of said section S00°27'51"E for 1871.81 feet; thence leaving said section line S90°W for 797.18 feet; thence S00°E for 510.47 feet; thence N88°46'47"E for 801.36 feet to the aforementioned East boundary of said section; thence along said section line S00°27'51"E for 294.51 feet to the East 1/4 corner; thence S0°03'24"E for 299.79 feet to the westerly boundary of Highway 282; thence along said highway right-of-way the following three (3) courses: along a curve to the Left having a radius of 1005.00 feet from which the radius point bears S70°32'21"E, an arc length of 344.86 feet, said curve having a chord bearing of S9°37'50"W for 343.17 feet; thence S0° 11'59"E for 672.19 feet; thence S13°50'12"W for 47.67 feet; thence leaving said highway S89°59'34"W for 1773.22 feet; thence S90°W for 3477.77 feet to the West boundary of said Section; thence N00°45'29"W for 1322.90 feet to the West 1/4 corner of said Section 35; thence N00°45'59"W for 2006.23 feet; thence leaving said section line N89°48'45"E for 761.61 feet; thence N00°45'58"W for 670.00 feet to the North boundary of said Section; thence N89°48'45"E for 1912.92 feet to the point of beginning; containing 447.69 Acres more or less and being served by and subject to right-of-way and easements as shown, existing, or of record including a 64.0 foot wide Road Easement as shown on the attached plat.

Road Easement Description:
Being a road easement situated in the East 1/2 of Section 35 Township 10 North, Range 3 West, P.M.M., Lewis and Clark County, Montana; whose centerline is more particularly described as follows: Commence at the East 1/4 corner of said Section 35; thence S0° 03'24"E for 299.79 feet to the westerly boundary of Highway 282; thence along said highway right-of-way along a curve to the Left having a radius of 1005.00 feet from which the radius point bears S70°32'21"E, an arc length of 344.86 feet, said curve having a chord bearing of S9°37'50"W for 343.17 feet; thence S0°11'59"E for 284.87 feet to the centerline of herein described road easement centerline and true point of beginning; thence along the centerline of a 100.0 foot wide road easement the following three (3) courses: thence S88° 35'59"W for 117.88 feet; thence along a 930.00 feet radius curve to the Right (chord bears N78°10'53"W 425.33 feet) 429.12 feet; thence N64°57'45"W for 151.74 feet; thence along the centerline of a 64.00 feet wide road easement (Alpine View) the following three (3) courses: N25°02'47"E for 1356.37 feet; thence along a 300.00 feet radius curve to the Left (chord bears N12°19'05"E 132.20 feet) 133.29 feet; thence N00°24'37"W for 204.46 feet to the Northerly boundary of Tract D-1.

Landowners' Certification:
We hereby certify that the purpose of this survey is to relocate a common boundary line between adjoining properties outside a platted subdivision and that no additional parcels are hereby created. Therefore, this division of land is exempt from review as a subdivision pursuant to section 76-3-207(1)(a), MCA.

Montana Sanitation in Subdivisions Act Land Divisions Excluded from Review: Amended Tract C-2:
According to MCA 76-4-102 (16), a parcel 20 acres or greater, excusive of public roadways, is not considered a subdivision and is exempt from the Department of Environmental Quality review.

Montana Sanitation in Subdivisions Act Land Divisions Excluded from Review: Amended Tract D-1: Exclusion 17.36.605(2)(a)
I hereby certify, the attached tract is not subject to review according to Montana Department of Environmental Quality Regulation; Chapter 6 (2)(a) which states; Parcels are exempt from review: "Where sanitation facilities will not be used, on which no structure requiring water or sewage disposal will be erected. Any change in land use subjects the division to the provisions of Title 76, Chapter 4, Part 1, MCA, and this chapter." Therefore, this division of land is not subject to review.

Landowner(s): Gregory L. Dahl

On this 6th day of Oct, 2006 before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public for the State of Montana, personally appeared Gregory L. Dahl, known to me to be the Managing Member (title) of R and D Partners, L.L.C., the corporation that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for and on behalf of said corporation.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Notarial Seal the day and year first above written.

Notary Public for the State of Montana
Residing at Helena, Montana
My Commission Expires 12-23-2007

PAY TO THE ORDER OF
US BANK
93-28 HELENA, MT 93-28
FOR DEPOSIT ONLY
COUNTY TREASURER
LEWIS & CLARK CO.
ACCT. 155041300286

Certificate of Surveyor:

I hereby certify the attached plat is a true representation of a survey performed under my supervision and completed on May 16, 2006 and described the same as shown on the accompanying plat in accordance with the provisions of the Montana Subdivision and Platting Act.
Dated this 29 day of September, 2006.

Surveyor:
Donald M. Schauber L.S.
P.O. Box 177
Townsend, Mt. 59644

Certificate of Treasurer:
GEO #1822-35-2-01-01-0000 & 1822-35-1-01-01-0000
I, Rosalie Dillard, Treasurer of Lewis and Clark County, Montana, do hereby certify that the accompanying plat has been duly examined and that all real property taxes and special assessments assessed and levied on the land to be subdivided have been paid.
Dated this 6th day of October, 2006.
Treasurer of Lewis and Clark County

Certificate of Examination:
Reviewed for errors and omissions this the 6 day of Oct., 2006, pursuant to Section 76-3-611(2)(a), MCA.
Montana Registration No. 9962 LS

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Sec. 35 T.10N.,R.3W., Lewis & Clark Co.			
FOR: R and D Partners, LLC			
Type: Boundary Relocation			
Schauber Surveying 266-4602			
SCALE 500 Ft/In	DATE 9-29-2006	FILE NAME 2060COS-REVISED.TRV	
DRAWN BY bm	REVISION	SHEET 1/1	JOB 2060

Basis of Bearing - Certificate of Survey No. 3013399

City Attorney's Office
316 North Park Avenue
Room 203
Helena, MT 59623
(406) 457-8595

ACCESS AND UTILITY EASEMENT

THIS EASEMENT is granted this _____ day of _____, 2025, by **EAST HELENA PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9**, PO Box 1280, East Helena, Montana 59635, (hereinafter, "Owner"), to the **CITY OF HELENA, MONTANA,** a municipal corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Montana, 316 North Park Avenue, Helena, Montana 59623 (hereinafter, "City").

1. Owner hereby grants to the City a sixty-nine foot (69') wide perpetual, exclusive access and public utility easement ("Easement") for use by the public over, under, and across the following described property ('Property"):
   Tract D-1, in Lewis and Clark County, Montana, as shown on Certificate of Survey No 3115842.
2. The boundary of the Easements is described and depicted on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.
3. The easement is granted for the purpose of public access and allowing the City to operate, maintain, replace, repair, reconstruct, and remove water, wastewater, storm drainage and transportation infrastructure together with any necessary appurtenances, over, under, and across the above-described property as shown on Exhibit "A" attached hereto.
4. Neither Owner nor Owner's tenants may materially interfere with or obstruct the Easements. The Easements must be kept free of obstructions. The City is hereby authorized to cause any obstructions to the easement to be removed at Owner's expense and without notice.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Owner executed this easement the day and year first above written.

EAST HELENA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9

By _____

NAME _____

TITLE _____

STATE OF MONTANA)
) **ss.**
COUNTY OF LEWIS & CLARK)

On this _____ day of _____, 2025, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public for the State of Montana, personally appeared _____, known to me or proved to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Notarial Seal the day and year first above written.

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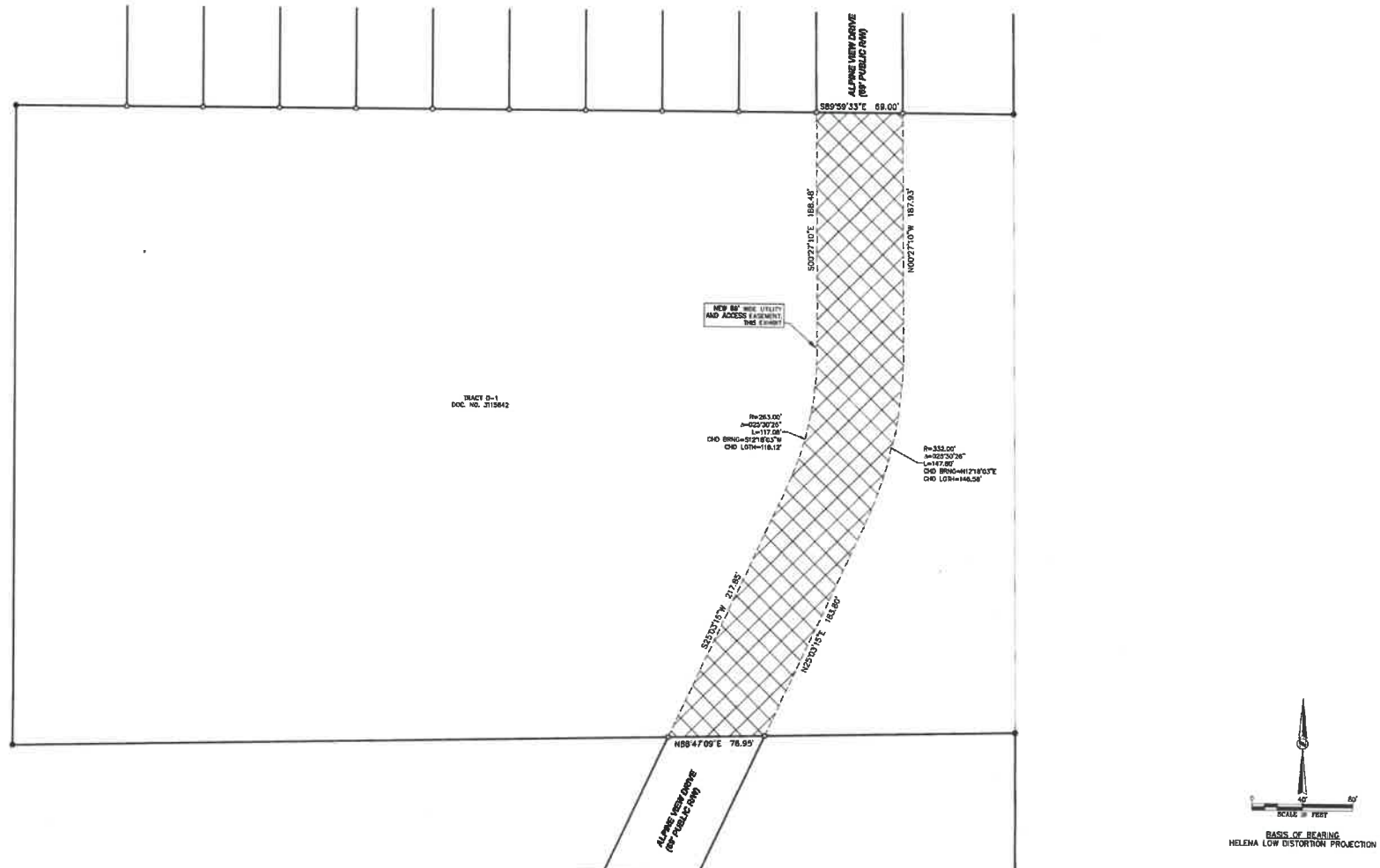
(SEAL)

Notary Public for State of Montana
Residing at Helena, MT
My Commission expires _____ .

EXHIBIT A



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CRAFTSMAN VILLAGE PH10 SUBDIVISION

COUNTY: LEWIS & CLARK

PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, MONTANA

1/4	SEC	T	R	1/4	SEC	T	R
	36	10N	03W		35	10N	03W

FIELD: RJS
DRAWN: JIT
CHECKED: GDW
DATE: 10/13/2025

SHEET
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RESOLUTION 243

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 10th of November, 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

OTR Coach Buses	Bus Year	Bus Make	Capacity	Odometer	VIN #
	1989	MCI	47	949,213	1TUFCH8A6KRoo7076

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

EHHS Stadium Naming

1 message

Juliet Hahn <jhahn@ehps.k12.mt.us> Mon, Oct 13, 2025 at 6:10 PM
To: schoolboard@ehps.k12.mt.us

Hello EH School Board Members,

I wanted to reach out regarding conversations I've had with other community members and Booster Club Members regarding building stronger EHHS' school culture. In particular, it's come up that our Football Stadium is missing a name and as such, it is frequently confused with Vigilante Stadium in Helena. Officially naming our Stadium will not only reduce that confusion, but also bring greater pride and ownership to the "EH brand". Therefore, I'm requesting the Board take steps to formally name EHHS' Football Stadium.

Thanks for considering this request!

Juliet Hahn

Policy 8460: Naming of School Facilities

Status: ADOPTED

Original Adopted Date: 10/13/2020 | **Last Reviewed Date:** 10/13/2020

Naming School District Facilities

Recognizing that the name for a school building, facility, or ground or field reflects on its public image, the Board's primary consideration will be to select a name that enhances the credibility and stature of the school or facility. In selecting a name, the Board will give higher preference to names that have a special significance to the area or to the people who have made a significant contribution to education or to the school or the school system.

The naming of a school or facility shall take place in the following manner:

A. The Superintendent shall select a committee of, whose purpose it shall be to submit to the Board a list of not less than three, nor more than five, names for the new school or facility. The list shall briefly state, along with each name, why the committee nominated each name. The committee may solicit nominations from students and the community.

B. The committee shall, whenever possible, follow these guidelines:

   a. Each name shall be known to, and significant to, the people of the district.

   b. The names submitted shall not conflict with the names of other schools or facilities in the district or surrounding districts.

   c. The use of names of living persons shall be avoided unless the circumstances warrant an exception.

C. Major facilities (non-buildings), such as athletic complexes, are eligible to be named according to the following guidelines:

   a. The name should be easily identifiable with the facility;

   b. The name should not conflict with similar names of other facilities within the district or surrounding school districts; and

   c. In selecting a name of a person, the Board will give higher preference to persons who have made a significant contribution to education within the district.

D. The Board shall make the final selection of the new school or facility from the list. All names submitted may be rejected, if, in the opinion of the Board, the use of the name would not reflect the ideals and philosophy of the school district.

E. In recognition of the efforts of those involved in the project, a plaque containing the following information shall be attached to a new building or facility:

   a. School or facility name;

   b. Board-approved construction date;

   c. Completion or dedication date;

   d. Name of Board members as of the board-approved construction date in the following order:

      i. Chairman

      ii. Vice-Chairman

iii. Members (alphabetically)

e. Superintendent as of board-approved construction date; and

f. Architect and contractor names.

F. Once a building or facility has been named, that name will remain with the building or facility unless changed by the Board.

Montana Code Annotated	Description
20-6-602	Trustees' power of property

Cross References	Description
1000	Legal Status, Operation and Organization

Preliminary FY 27 General Fund Budget estimates for EHPS 11.10.25

Projected Budgetary Increases	
Pay Increases -(Includes anticipated steps/lanes, negotiated and anticipated increases)	$345,000.00
Inflationary increases: supplies, textbooks, fuel costs, utilities	$25,000.00
Health insurance estimated increase	$100,000.00
Federal Funding Uncertainty....	
Total anticipated	$470,000.00

Current GF Budget	$15,394,520.00	
ANB increase	$143,000.00	19 students
Legislative increase	$384,863.00	using a factor of 2.5% -- we would need to pass a levy to feel the full 3% increase.
Projected FY '27 with increased ANB and a 3% legislative increase	$15,922,383.00	**$527,863** Increase from current GF Budget

Potential Items/Positions to consider if budgets allow

~~Textbook purchase increases for Pre K - 12 and 2000 students~~	~~Have previously relied on ESSER funds for these~~
~~Ag Teacher EHHS/EVMS~~	~~Cut to .5 FTE in 24-25~~
~~Foods/Nutrition teacher - EVMS~~	~~Cut in 24-25~~
~~2nd Business Teacher - EHHS~~	~~Cut in 24-25~~
~~up to 5 paraprofessional positions or additonal special education teacher~~	~~Cut in 24-25~~
Instructional Coach	Cut in 24-25
.5 librarian	Variance to Standards Request
~~.5 - 1.0 FTE Charter Admin~~	~~Charter Application~~
Central Office Position	Staffing and benefits growth and demand
Jumpstart	Paid from General Fund
Instructional Tutors	Cut in 24-25
Food Service Workers	Additional staffing needed
Maintenance position	Part of past Mill levy request that did not pass
Bus Drivers	