



Great Falls Public Schools

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To the Great Falls Community,

You have the unique opportunity to make a direct and lasting impact on education in Great Falls through Montana's **Innovative Educational Program Tax Credit**. This program allows you to redirect a portion of your state income taxes **directly to Great Falls Public Schools**, enhancing innovative programs and opportunities for our students.

Thanks to the generosity of our community, Great Falls has led the state for two consecutive years—securing nearly **\$1 million** in tax credits last year alone. Together, community members like you have already invested over **\$2.1 million** through this new program.

These funds have been used to establish the new **GFPS Innovative Learning Center** opening in 2026, expand summer learning, and provide mental health support for students. This year, contributions will help **restore and begin to sustain field trips/investigations** for more than 800 elementary students and **expand STEM learning** for all K–12 students.

By participating **before the statewide opening on January 21, 2026**, you will receive a **dollar-for-dollar tax credit** on your 2026 Montana income tax return. Timing is critical—credits are awarded **on a first-come, first-served basis**, and have been claimed in under ten minutes in past years. The statewide cap is **\$7.2 million**, with Great Falls eligible for up to **\$2.88 million**.

How to Contribute:

- Complete the short form available here: [GFPS Fillable Tax Credit Donation Form](#)
- Mail or deliver the form with a check payable to *Great Falls Public Schools* (“Innovative Tax Credit” in the memo line) to:

Luke Diekhans, Director of Business Operations
1100 4th St S, Great Falls, MT 59405

Checks should be dated January 21, 2026, will be securely held and will not be deposited until after January 21, 2026. We would encourage contributors to drop off their checks ASAP to ensure all checks are timely processed.

Your participation ensures that local tax dollars stay in Great Falls—supporting students, teachers, and programs that strengthen our schools and our community.

For more information, please visit:

[GFPS Innovative Education Program Tax Credit](#)

Thank you for your continued commitment to our students and schools.

Sincerely,

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GFPS Alum and Contributor

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