

DECLARATION OF INTENT AND OATH OF CANDIDACY FOR WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

To the School District Clerk of School District No. 44, Gallatin County, State of Montana:

Filing for the office of School District Trustee: For a three-year (3-year) term at the Annual Regular School District Election to be held on the 5th day of May, 2026.

Candidate Name (Print): _____

Mailing address: _____

City and State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Residence address: _____

City and State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Contact Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

I hereby affirm that I possess, or will possess, within the constitutional and statutory deadlines, the qualifications prescribed by the Constitution and law of the United States and the State of Montana.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 20____

(Signature of Candidate)

Candidate must sign and acknowledge this Declaration of Intent before a Notary Public, if mailed, or before the Election Administrator or Deputy, if delivered in person.

State of Montana, County of _____

Signed and sworn to before me this ____ day of _____, 20____, by _____
Printed Name of Candidate

Signature of Notary or Public Official

Printed name of Notary or Public Official

Notary Public for the State of Montana (include stamp/seal)

Residing at: _____

My Commission Expires: _____, 20____

Please return this form by 5pm on March 2, 2026 to:

Carrie Fisher, Belgrade School District Clerk

312 N. Weaver, Belgrade, MT 59714

406.924.2031-phone

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This Declaration of Intent for a write-in trustee position must be submitted to the school district clerk by 5:00 pm the day before ballot certification, or no later than 5:00 pm the day before the election if, after the deadline prescribed in **20-3-305, MCA**, a candidate for the office: a) dies; b) withdraws from the election; or c) is charged with a felony offense. **13-10-211(2), MCA**

Pursuant to **13-37-206, MCA**, all candidates (including write-in candidates) for trustee positions in first-class districts located in counties with populations of 15,000 or more OR in county high school districts having student enrollments of 2,000 or more must report their campaign finance activities to the Montana Commissioner of Political Practices. Current forms are available at: [Link to the MT Political Practices webpage](#).

Pursuant to **13-10-302 and 13-15-206, MCA**, a write-in vote may only be counted if the oval or other designated voting area on the ballot is marked and the write-in vote identifies a declared candidate by any of the designations filed in the write-in candidate's declaration of intent which must contain:

- i) First and last name;
- ii) Initials, if any, used instead of a first name, or first and middle name, and last name;
- iii) Nickname, if any, used instead of a first name, and last name; **and**
- iv) A derivative or diminutive name, if any, used instead of a first name, and last name.

Therefore, as part of my declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate, I am listing the following variations of my name pursuant to **13-10-211(1), MCA, including my last name and at least an initial**, which is required by law for each variation:

