

AGENDA

Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
August 17, 2026



Great Falls Public Schools

1100 Fourth Street South, Great Falls, Montana



Welcome to the Great Falls Public Schools Board of Trustees meeting!

Is this your first meeting?

If this is your first time attending a meeting, let us extend our special welcome! These meetings are designed to give everyone the opportunity to participate in seeing how the Great Falls Public Schools Trustees facilitate school business.

What is the purpose of these meetings?

The meetings of the Great Falls Public Schools Board of Trustees are open to the public, are recorded, and may be accessed on our website for up to one year. These meetings are held to officially conduct the business of the school district, as governed by Montana law. Trustees are responsible for key decisions, some of which include hiring employees, reviewing negotiated agreements, approving new curriculum or changes to existing curricula, facility usage requests, and paying of monthly expenses.

How can I address the Trustees?

If you would like to address the Board of Trustees on any matter, please fill out a "Request to Speak" card available from the Clerk of the Board at each meeting. Return this card to the Clerk of the Board or the Board Chairperson. This will allow the Chairperson to recognize you at the appropriate time in the meeting and to guarantee you the opportunity to address the Board. There are federal and state laws that must be followed when addressing the Board to protect the privacy of individuals and to conduct business in an orderly manner. Details can be found on the "Request to Speak" card.

**Again – thank you for participating in this democratic process – we
appreciate your presence!**

– The Great Falls Public Schools Trustees

GREAT FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Great Falls, MT



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Gordon Johnson	Chairperson
Kim Skornogoski	Vice Chairperson
Bill Bronson	Trustee
Craig Duff	Trustee
Paige Henning	Trustee
Marlee Sunchild	Trustee
Amie Thompson	Trustee

SUPERINTENDENT'S CABINET

Heather Hoyer	Superintendent of Schools
Luke Diekhans	Director of Business Operations
Lance Boyd	Executive Director for Student Achievement
Jackie Mainwaring	Executive Director for Student Achievement
Heather Spurzem	Director of Human Resources
Jeff Williams	Director of Information Technology
Katelyn Marsik	Director of the GFPS Foundation



Great Falls Public Schools Board of Trustees Meeting

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August 17, 2026

5:30 p.m.

Aspen Meeting Room – District Office Building
1100 4th Street South, Great Falls, Montana

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I.	CALL TO ORDER – PUBLIC DECLARATION OF RECORDED MEETING	Chairperson Johnson	
II.	ROLL CALL	Luke Diekhans	
III.	PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Chairperson Johnson	
IV.	ADOPT AGENDA	Chairperson Johnson	
V.	APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA	Chairperson Johnson	
<i>The Consent Agenda consists of routine business items related to the operation of the District. Any trustee may remove an item from the Consent Agenda for discussion. Items so removed will be discussed and acted upon separately under ACTION: OTHER</i>			
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VI.	COMMUNICATION		
A.	Great Falls Public Schools Foundation Report	Katelyn Marsik	<u>30</u>
B.	Superintendent Report	Heather Hoyer	
C.	Audience Communication		

VII. ACTION ITEMS

A.	Financial Report and Check Register for June 2026	Luke Diekhans	<u>31</u>
B.	Classified and Hourly Staff Compensation for 2026-2027	Heather Spurzem	<u>36</u>
C.	2026-2027 Health Insurance, Life Insurance, and Voluntary Insurance Contracts	Heather Spurzem	<u>38</u>
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E.	2025-2026 Trustees Financial Summary	Luke Diekhans	<u>42</u>
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G.	Superintendent Evaluation Process and Instrument	Trustee Thompson	<u>47</u>

VIII. ACTION: OTHER

Chairperson
Johnson

IX. REPORTS, DISCUSSION, AND POLICIES

A.	Communication Report	Jackie Mainwaring	<u>56</u>
B.	First Reading of Revised Board Policy 4301	Heather Hoyer	<u>70</u>
C.	Discussion, Committee Reports, and Comments	Chairperson Johnson	

UPCOMING EVENTS

Chairperson
Johnson

Monday, August 24, 2026	8:00 a.m.	Convocation	Great Falls High School Davidson Auditorium
Wednesday, September 2, 2026	3:30 p.m.	Board Policy Committee Meeting	District Offices Building
Tuesday, September 8, 2026	5:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting	District Offices Building
Monday, September 21, 2026	5:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting	District Offices Building

ACTION TO ADJOURN

Chairperson
Johnson

 Great Falls Public Schools Great Falls, MT	Thompson	Sunchild	Skornogowski	Johnson	Henning	Duff	Bronson
Motion							
Second							
Ayes							
Nays							
Abstain							

GREAT FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MEETING DATE: August 17, 2026

CATEGORY: Consent

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: V. A.

CABINET MEMBER: Luke Diekhans

TOPIC

Minutes of the August 3, 2026 Regular Board Meeting

STRATEGIC PLAN

Stewardship and Accountability

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The Board is required to approve the minutes of each Board meeting. The minutes of the August 3, 2026 Regular Board Meeting are presented for approval.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None

RECOMMENDATION

The District Board is requested to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2026 Regular Board Meeting as presented.

For more information about this item, please contact Superintendent Heather Hoyer at (406) 268-6001 or Director of Business Operations Luke Diekhans at (406) 268-6050.

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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HELD AUGUST 3, 2026**

A duly called Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Great Falls Public Schools was held at the District Offices Building, 1100 4th Street South, on the 3rd day of August 2026.

At 5:30 pm, Chairperson Johnson called to order the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees and informed the participants and audience that the meeting was being recorded per Board Policy 1420.

ROLL CALL: Luke Diekhans took roll call.

Trustees Present: Gordon Johnson, Chairperson
Kim Skornogoski, Vice Chairperson
Bill Bronson
Craig Duff
Paige Henning
Amie Thompson

Trustee Excused: Marlee Sunchild

Others Present: Heather Hoyer, Superintendent; Luke Diekhans, Director of Business Operations; Lance Boyd, Executive Director for Student Achievement; Heather Spurzem, Director of Human Resources; Lane McGrath, Data Center Lead Technician; and Katelyn Marsik, Director of the Great Falls Public Schools Foundation.

Also present was Tom Cubbage, Great Falls Education Association President.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Thompson.

ADOPT AGENDA

Motion – Kim Skornogoski, Seconded – Paige Henning, passed unanimously to adopt the agenda as presented.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion – Paige Henning, Seconded – Bill Bronson, passed unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

A. Minutes of the July 13, 2026, Regular Board Meeting – The Board approved the minutes of the July 13, 2026, Regular Board Meeting as presented.

1 **B. Personnel Actions** – The Board approved the Personnel Actions as presented.

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3 **C. Montana Office of Public Instruction (OPI) TR-35 School Bus Driver Certificates**

4 The Board approved the Montana OPI TR-35 School Bus Driver Certificates for the
5 individuals listed in the agenda.

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7 **D. Incoming Student Attendance Agreement for the 2026-2027 School Year** – The
8 Board approved the incoming student attendance agreement for the 2026-2027 school
9 year the student listed in the agenda. Tuition will be paid for by the District of
10 Residence.

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12 **E. Request for Records Disposal – Business Office** – The Board approved the
13 request for disposal of the Business Office and Student records listed in the agenda that
14 are in compliance with the approved State, Local Government Records Committee
15 Retention Schedule.

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18 **COMMUNICATION**

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20 **A. Superintendent Report** – Superintendent Hoyer initiated her report with an
21 invitation to the final presentations of the 2026 Summer Interns at the Weissman Hood
22 Institute on August 7th, encouraging everyone to attend. She provided an overview of
23 the District's three-year Strategic Plan framework and outlined the comprehensive
24 planning process scheduled to begin in September, noting that District administration
25 can develop a strong plan without the significant cost of outside consultation.
26 Appreciation was extended to Great Falls City Commissioner, Shannon Wilson, for
27 sharing her personal experiences and promoting motorcycle awareness safety through
28 a recent Driver's Education presentation that received positive student feedback.
29 Superintendent Hoyer stated several representatives from Great Falls Public Schools
30 (GFPS) attended *Headquarters for a Day* at the Montana Air National Guard.
31 Attendees participated in several briefings and roundtable discussions and then had an
32 opportunity to ride in a helicopter. Buildings and Grounds are continuing summer
33 projects and Superintendent Hoyer reviewed the status of the projects that are
34 underway at Mountain View, Sunnyside, Sacajawea, Riverview, and Lincoln Elementary
35 Schools, as well as North Middle School and Great Falls High School. She recognized
36 the dedicated employees who are working to prepare facilities for the upcoming school
37 year. As part of Data for the Day, Superintendent Hoyer highlighted the Good Apples
38 program, which recognized 116 individuals during the 2025-2026 school year, and
39 honored Mike Martyn for his response to a school bus accident in May. Superintendent
40 Hoyer introduced C.M. Russell High School junior, Lily Raslich. Lily gave a short
41 presentation on her growing interest in science and shared her experiences
42 participating in a two-week Harvard summer program focused on neurobiology, college
43 preparation, and sleep deprivation research. Lily noted that the variety of courses
44 offered by GFPS has supported her educational interests and future goal of pursuing
45 forensic science.

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47 **B. Audience Communication** – None
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2 **ACTION ITEMS**
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4 **A. Second Reading of the New Family and Consumer Science Textbook –**

5 Secondary Curriculum Director Beckie Frisbee reviewed the process of how the new
6 Family and Consumer Science textbook was selected. She stated there have been no
7 requests for review or public comments submitted from staff or the community regarding
8 the purchase of the new textbook since the first reading at the July 13, 2026 board
9 meeting. Ms. Frisbee reviewed the costs associated with the purchase.

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11 Motion – Paige Henning, Seconded – Kim Skornogoski, passed unanimously to
12 approve the new *Goodheart-Wilcox, Child Development: Early Stages Through*
13 *Adolescence, 10th Edition* textbooks, in the amount of \$8,244.28, for the Great Falls
14 Public Schools Family and Consumer Science Department.
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16 **B. Loy Elementary Gym Area Earthquake Repair** – Director of Business Operations,
17 Luke Diekhans reviewed the emergency repair project for the Loy Elementary School
18 gymnasium following the January 29, 2026, earthquake and subsequent aftershocks.
19 District administrators, Buildings and Grounds staff, and building engineers assessed
20 damage throughout the District, with structural concerns identified around the Loy
21 Elementary gymnasium. Cushing Terrell Architects (CTA) evaluated the damage initially
22 and determined that the building did not present an immediate safety threat, allowing
23 continued occupancy. During the past six months, CTA and its engineering team have
24 continued to complete additional soil testing and conducted a more extensive evaluation
25 of the damage. The proposed repair projection of \$176,825, which Mr. Diekhans noted
26 had just been received prior to this board meeting, came back higher than the initial
27 estimate of \$120,000 due to damage being evaluated on all four walls rather than the
28 two walls initially observed. These repairs represent the first and most critical phase of
29 the process to help ensure the building remains safe for continued occupancy. Due to
30 the proximity of the start of the school year, timely completion is necessary. CTA
31 recommended utilizing Guy Tabacco Construction, who recently completed other work
32 at Loy Elementary School and has been involved in the project throughout the
33 evaluation process. Because the damage resulted from an unforeseen emergency, the
34 project is exempt from the standard bid/procurement process under MCA 20-9-204(3).
35 Upon answering questions received from the Board, Mr. Diekhans stated the project
36 would start immediately, and progress updates and any cost adjustments would be
37 reviewed promptly with the Board.
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39 Motion – Bill Bronson, Seconded – Paige Henning, passed unanimously to approve the
40 first phase of Loy Elementary gym area earthquake repairs to be completed by Guy
41 Tabacco Construction in the amount of \$176,825.
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43 In response to a community member's question, Mr. Diekhans explained that the
44 earthquake-related damage is currently expected to be covered at 100%, subject to a
45 \$5,000 deductible. Secondary insurance is available if maximum limits on primary
46 insurance are exceeded.
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1 **C. Second Reading of Board Policies 1401 (Revised) – *Records Available to***
2 ***Public*; 2151 (Revised) – *Interscholastic Activities*; and 5324 (New) – *Civic Duty*.**

3 Superintendent Hoyer reviewed the policies above and stated the only input received
4 was from Great Falls Education Association President, Tom Cubbage, to add Policy
5 5321 to the cross-reference section of Policy 5324. No other comments or
6 recommendations for changes were received since the first reading of the policies at the
7 July 13, 2026 Board Meeting.

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9 Motion – Paige Henning, Seconded – Bill Bronson, passed unanimously to approve
10 Board Policies 1401 (Revised) – *Records Available to Public*; 2151 (Revised) –
11 *Interscholastic Activities*; and 5324 (New) – *Civic Duty*, with the cross-reference of
12 Policy 5321 added.

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15 **ACTION: OTHER**

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17 There were no items extracted from the Consent Agenda to discuss.

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20 **REPORTS, DISCUSSION, AND POLICIES**

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22 **A. Discussion, Committee Reports, and Comments**

23 Trustee Duff stated he attended a delightful presentation from the C.M. Russell High
24 School HOSA club on their trip to Ghana Africa this summer.

25 Trustee Skornogoski reminded meeting attendees of the upcoming *Stuff the Bus* and
26 *Back-to-School Blast* events and stated there are still several volunteer opportunities
27 available.

28 Trustee Henning stated the new fire alarm system installed at Valley View Elementary
29 School is a great improvement. She commended the custodians for their great work in
30 getting the schools ready for the students returning on August 26th.

31 Trustee Bronson commented he has already signed up to volunteer at the *Back-to-*
32 *School Blast* event.

33 Chairperson Johnson reported that he had the opportunity to work with an excellent
34 group of youth symphony musicians at Carroll College last week, the same location
35 where the School Administrators of Montana conference was being held. Six (6) of the
36 performers were from Great Falls Public Schools.

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39 **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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41 Chairperson Johnson referenced the upcoming events on the agenda.

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44 **ACTION TO ADJOURN**

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46 With no further comments or items to be discussed, motion by Chairperson Johnson
47 and seconded by Trustee Skornogoski to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of
48 Trustees at 6:13 p.m.

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Luke Diekhans, Clerk

Gordon Johnson, Chairperson

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	Thompson	Sunchild	Skomogowski	Johnson	Henning	Duff	Bronson
Motion							
Second							
Ayes							
Nays							
Abstain							

GREAT FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MEETING DATE: August 17, 2026

CATEGORY: Consent

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: V. B.

CABINET MEMBER: Heather Spurzem

TOPIC

Personnel Actions

STRATEGIC PLAN

Stewardship and Accountability

BACKGROUND

As per [MCA 20-3-324](#) – *Powers and Duties* – the trustees of each district shall employ or dismiss...personnel considered necessary to carry out the various services of the district.

DISCUSSION

See attached Personnel Action Report to the Board of Trustees.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Noted on report.

RECOMMENDATION

The District Board is requested to employ, dismiss, or accept the resignations of those noted on the Personnel Action Report.

For more information about this item, please contact Superintendent Heather Hoyer at (406) 268-6001 or Director of Human Resources Heather Spurzem at (406) 268-6010.

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New Employee

Position: TEACHER

Name: BLESSING, BETHANY MARIE	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$29.98	Hrs: 7.50	DAC:LINCOLN ELEMENTARY
Position: 2ND GRADE TEACHER (OYO) (06/04/2027)		Amount: \$42,044.00		Effective Date: 08/24/2026
Name: SKULSKY, JORDAN MARIE	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$34.44	Hrs: 7.50	DAC:CHIEF JOSEPH ELEMENTARY
Position: 6TH GRADE TEACHER		Amount: \$48,300.00		Effective Date: 08/24/2026

Position: SUPPLEMENTAL

Name: GETTEN, CHAD A	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$27.00	Hrs: 0.53	DAC:GREAT FALLS HIGH SCHOOL
Position: INTRAMURAL DIRECTOR		Amount: \$2,661.00		Effective Date: 08/24/2026
Name: HORTON, GREG M	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$19.50	Hrs: 1.95	DAC:GREAT FALLS HIGH SCHOOL
Position: FOOTBALL ASST 9TH COACH		Amount: \$2,661.00		Effective Date: 08/14/2026
Name: BAUMANN, KAMREE MAE	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$27.00	Hrs: 0.94	DAC:GREAT FALLS HIGH SCHOOL
Position: CROSS COUNTRY ASST COACH		Amount: \$1,371.00		Effective Date: 08/14/2026
Name: KILIAN, DAVID M	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$27.00	Hrs: 2.93	DAC:GREAT FALLS HIGH SCHOOL
Position: CROSS COUNTRY HEAD COACH		Amount: \$4,272.00		Effective Date: 08/14/2026
Name: OLSON, LANCE A JR.	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$27.00	Hrs: 4.05	DAC:GREAT FALLS HIGH SCHOOL
Position: GOLF HEAD COACH		Amount: \$4,372.00		Effective Date: 08/13/2026
Name: SUNCHILD, MORGAN ELIZABETH	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$19.50	Hrs: 2.71	DAC:GREAT FALLS HIGH SCHOOL
Position: GOLF COACH		Amount: \$1,901.00		Effective Date: 08/13/2026
Name: STINGLEY, ROBERT J	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$24.79	Hrs: 8.00	DAC:GREAT FALLS HIGH SCHOOL
Position: SWIM POOL MANAGER		Amount: \$43,035.44		Effective Date: 08/10/2026
Name: KEMPH, JANETTE LYNN	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$20.35	Hrs: 0.00	DAC:C M RUSSELL HIGH SCHOOL
Position: TEMP FINANCE SECRETARY		Amount: \$0.00		Effective Date: 08/17/2026
Name: GRIFFITH, ABRAHAM JAMES	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$27.00	Hrs: 3.61	DAC:GREAT FALLS HIGH SCHOOL
Position: GIRLS FLAG FOOTBALL HEAD COACH		Amount: \$3,802.00		Effective Date: 08/18/2026
Name: CROSBY, BRIAN R	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$27.00	Hrs: 3.61	DAC:C M RUSSELL HIGH SCHOOL
Position: GIRLS FLAG FOOTBALL HEAD COACH		Amount: \$3,802.00		Effective Date: 08/18/2026
Name: FERRADAS, TAYLOR	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$19.50	Hrs: 2.63	DAC:GREAT FALLS HIGH SCHOOL
Position: GIRLS FLAG FOOTBALL ASST COACH		Amount: \$1,901.00		Effective Date: 08/18/2026
Name: CUNNINGHAM, ALEXANDER	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$19.50	Hrs: 2.63	DAC:C M RUSSELL HIGH SCHOOL
Position: GIRLS FLAG FOOTBALL ASST COACH		Amount: \$1,901.00		Effective Date: 08/18/2026
Name: KIMMET, JOLYN MARIE	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$27.00	Hrs: 3.21	DAC:C M RUSSELL HIGH SCHOOL
Position: CROSS COUNTRY HEAD COACH		Amount: \$4,685.00		Effective Date: 08/14/2026
Name: BRADY, BRANCH BRYAN	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$19.50	Hrs: 3.43	DAC:C M RUSSELL HIGH SCHOOL
Position: CROSS COUNTRY ASST COACH		Amount: \$3,345.00		Effective Date: 08/14/2026
Name: ANDERSON, RYAN	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$27.00	Hrs: 0.53	DAC:C M RUSSELL HIGH SCHOOL
Position: INTRAMURAL DIRECTOR		Amount: \$2,661.00		Effective Date: 08/14/2026
Name: YOUNGERS, JESSICA LYNN	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$20.00	Hrs: 1.31	DAC:DISTRICT OFFICES
Position: FOOD SERVICE PREMIUM PAY (06/30/2027)		Amount: \$6,675.00		Effective Date: 07/01/2026
Name: CARMICHAEL, WILLIAM G	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$19.50	Hrs: 2.71	DAC:C M RUSSELL HIGH SCHOOL
Position: GOLF COACH		Amount: \$1,901.00		Effective Date: 08/14/2026
Name: APPLE, TYELOR DAMIAN	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$19.50	Hrs: 3.97	DAC:C M RUSSELL HIGH SCHOOL
Position: SOCCER GIRLS HEAD COACH		Amount: \$4,259.00		Effective Date: 08/14/2026
Name: WOODS, DANIELLE NICOLE	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$19.50	Hrs: 4.91	DAC:C M RUSSELL HIGH SCHOOL
Position: VOLLEYBALL HEAD COACH		Amount: \$6,220.00		Effective Date: 08/14/2026
Name: GRUBB, NICOLE LYNN	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$19.50	Hrs: 2.00	DAC:C M RUSSELL HIGH SCHOOL
Position: VOLLEYBALL ASST COACH		Amount: \$2,534.00		Effective Date: 08/14/2026
Name: PRESTON, MICHELLE	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$27.00	Hrs: 2.35	DAC:C M RUSSELL HIGH SCHOOL
Position: VOLLEYBALL ASST COACH		Amount: \$4,372.00		Effective Date: 08/14/2026
Name: OLSEN, ALLIE RAE	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$27.00	Hrs: 2.04	DAC:C M RUSSELL HIGH SCHOOL
Position: VOLLEYBALL ASST COACH		Amount: \$3,802.00		Effective Date: 08/14/2026
Name: ALLEN, MARY ELSIE	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$19.50	Hrs: 3.30	DAC:C M RUSSELL HIGH SCHOOL
Position: VOLLEYBALL ASST COACH		Amount: \$4,182.00		Effective Date: 08/14/2026
Name: REED, SKYLAR A	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$27.00	Hrs: 2.04	DAC:C M RUSSELL HIGH SCHOOL
Position: VOLLEYBALL ASST COACH		Amount: \$3,802.00		Effective Date: 08/14/2026
Name: MADSEN, RYLIE LAUREN	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$19.50	Hrs: 5.69	DAC:C M RUSSELL HIGH SCHOOL
Position: GOLF HEAD COACH		Amount: \$3,992.00		Effective Date: 08/14/2026

**Personnel Action Report to the Board of Trustees
Great Falls Public Schools**

Name: WHEELER, VANESSA ALEXIS Position: SOCCER GIRLS ASST COACH	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$19.50 Amount: \$1,771.00	Hrs: 1.65	DAC:GREAT FALLS HIGH SCHOOL Effective Date: 08/14/2026
Name: ANDERSON, TESLYNN ALISSA Position: SOCCER GIRLS ASST COACH	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$19.50 Amount: \$1,771.00	Hrs: 1.65	DAC:GREAT FALLS HIGH SCHOOL Effective Date: 08/14/2026
Name: MCADAM, JUDAH PEREZ Position: SOCCER GIRLS HEAD COACH	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$19.50 Amount: \$3,758.00	Hrs: 3.50	DAC:GREAT FALLS HIGH SCHOOL Effective Date: 08/14/2026
Name: SCHOENEN, ANDREW W Position: SOCCER BOYS ASST COACH	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$19.50 Amount: \$500.00	Hrs: 0.47	DAC:GREAT FALLS HIGH SCHOOL Effective Date: 08/14/2026
Name: GREALISH, TRAVIS JOHN Position: SOCCER BOYS HEAD COACH	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$19.50 Amount: \$4,472.00	Hrs: 4.17	DAC:GREAT FALLS HIGH SCHOOL Effective Date: 08/14/2026
Name: APPLE, ALEXANDER JAMES Position: SOCCER GIRLS ASST COACH	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$19.50 Amount: \$3,041.00	Hrs: 2.84	DAC:C M RUSSELL HIGH SCHOOL Effective Date: 08/14/2026
Name: PITTMAN, BAILEY REED Position: SOCCER BOYS HEAD COACH	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$27.00 Amount: \$4,259.00	Hrs: 2.67	DAC:C M RUSSELL HIGH SCHOOL Effective Date: 08/14/2026
Name: KILIAN, NICOLE MARIE Position: VOLLEYBALL HEAD COACH	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$19.50 Amount: \$6,120.00	Hrs: 4.83	DAC:GREAT FALLS HIGH SCHOOL Effective Date: 08/14/2026
Name: ROWE, JUDI Position: HEAD TRAINER	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$27.00 Amount: \$21,327.00	Hrs: 4.07	DAC:GREAT FALLS HIGH SCHOOL Effective Date: 08/14/2026
Name: SKASICK, KATELYNN MARIE Position: VOLLEYBALL ASST COACH	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$19.50 Amount: \$3,802.00	Hrs: 3.00	DAC:GREAT FALLS HIGH SCHOOL Effective Date: 08/14/2026
Name: LINDSTRAND, MEASHA MAUREEN Position: VOLLEYBALL ASST COACH	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$19.50 Amount: \$3,802.00	Hrs: 3.00	DAC:GREAT FALLS HIGH SCHOOL Effective Date: 08/14/2026
Name: SUNWALL, KATHERINE ANN Position: VOLLEYBALL ASST COACH	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$19.50 Amount: \$100.00	Hrs: 0.08	DAC:GREAT FALLS HIGH SCHOOL Effective Date: 08/14/2026
Name: LEGG, JEFFREY KEITH Position: FOOTBALL ASST 9TH COACH	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$27.00 Amount: \$2,661.00	Hrs: 1.33	DAC:GREAT FALLS HIGH SCHOOL Effective Date: 08/14/2026
Name: TCHIDA, CODA P Position: FOOTBALL HEAD COACH	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$27.00 Amount: \$7,865.00	Hrs: 3.94	DAC:GREAT FALLS HIGH SCHOOL Effective Date: 08/14/2026
Name: SEXE, PAYTON DOUGLAS Position: FOOTBALL ASST COACH	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$27.00 Amount: \$4,818.00	Hrs: 2.41	DAC:GREAT FALLS HIGH SCHOOL Effective Date: 08/14/2026
Name: KRAHE, TYSON ANTHONY Position: FOOTBALL ASST 9TH COACH	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$27.00 Amount: \$2,534.00	Hrs: 1.27	DAC:GREAT FALLS HIGH SCHOOL Effective Date: 08/14/2026
Name: SIMCOE, JASON STEPHEN Position: FOOTBALL ASST 9TH COACH	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$27.00 Amount: \$2,534.00	Hrs: 1.27	DAC:GREAT FALLS HIGH SCHOOL Effective Date: 08/14/2026
Name: THOMSON, SARAH LYNN Position: VOLLEYBALL ASST COACH	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$19.50 Amount: \$3,802.00	Hrs: 3.00	DAC:GREAT FALLS HIGH SCHOOL Effective Date: 08/14/2026
Name: BOSTIC, RANDALL A Position: VOLLEYBALL ASST COACH	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$19.50 Amount: \$3,802.00	Hrs: 3.00	DAC:GREAT FALLS HIGH SCHOOL Effective Date: 08/14/2026
Name: STOVERUD, ERIC NATHAN Position: FOOTBALL ASST COACH	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$27.00 Amount: \$5,540.00	Hrs: 2.77	DAC:GREAT FALLS HIGH SCHOOL Effective Date: 08/14/2026
Name: PEPION, SHAD DALE Position: FOOTBALL ASST COACH	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$19.50 Amount: \$5,300.00	Hrs: 3.88	DAC:GREAT FALLS HIGH SCHOOL Effective Date: 08/14/2026
Name: RINGLER, ZACKERY Position: FOOTBALL ASST COACH	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$27.00 Amount: \$5,540.00	Hrs: 2.77	DAC:GREAT FALLS HIGH SCHOOL Effective Date: 08/14/2026
Name: PATTERSON, TIMOTHY JAMES Position: FOOTBALL ASST COACH	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$27.00 Amount: \$5,059.00	Hrs: 2.53	DAC:GREAT FALLS HIGH SCHOOL Effective Date: 08/14/2026
Name: BLOOMFIELD, CURTIS DAVID Position: FOOTBALL ASST COACH	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$27.00 Amount: \$5,059.00	Hrs: 2.53	DAC:GREAT FALLS HIGH SCHOOL Effective Date: 08/14/2026
Name: DIRK, ERIC T Position: FOOTBALL ASST 9TH COACH	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$19.50 Amount: \$2,534.00	Hrs: 1.86	DAC:GREAT FALLS HIGH SCHOOL Effective Date: 08/14/2026
Name: DART, GREGORY THOMAS Position: FOOTBALL ASST COACH	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$27.00 Amount: \$5,059.00	Hrs: 2.53	DAC:C M RUSSELL HIGH SCHOOL Effective Date: 08/14/2026
Name: DABLER, SETH THOMAS Position: FOOTBALL ASST 9TH COACH	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$19.50 Amount: \$2,534.00	Hrs: 1.86	DAC:GREAT FALLS HIGH SCHOOL Effective Date: 08/14/2026
Name: DONESTER, DON MICHAEL JR Position: FOOTBALL ASST 9TH COACH	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$19.50 Amount: \$2,661.00	Hrs: 1.95	DAC:C M RUSSELL HIGH SCHOOL Effective Date: 08/14/2026

Name: SCHULTE, CONNOR PATRICK Position: FOOTBALL ASST COACH	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$27.00 Amount: \$4,818.00	Hrs: 2.41	DAC:C M RUSSELL HIGH SCHOOL Effective Date: 08/14/2026
Name: GREENWELL, BRIAN Position: FOOTBALL ASST COACH	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$27.00 Amount: \$5,781.00	Hrs: 2.89	DAC:C M RUSSELL HIGH SCHOOL Effective Date: 08/14/2026
Name: HAGEN, ARIC Position: FOOTBALL ASST COACH	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$27.00 Amount: \$5,781.00	Hrs: 2.89	DAC:C M RUSSELL HIGH SCHOOL Effective Date: 08/14/2026
Name: CUCHINE, BRYCE PATRICK Position: FOOTBALL ASST COACH	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$27.00 Amount: \$5,059.00	Hrs: 2.53	DAC:C M RUSSELL HIGH SCHOOL Effective Date: 08/14/2026
Name: WILSON, ANTHONY JOHN Position: FOOTBALL HEAD COACH	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$27.00 Amount: \$7,508.00	Hrs: 3.76	DAC:C M RUSSELL HIGH SCHOOL Effective Date: 08/14/2026
Name: FRISBEE, REBECCA Position: PROGRAM ASST PREMIUM PAY VIRTUAL ACAD (0	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$20.00 Amount: \$2,500.00	Hrs: 0.49	DAC:DISTRICT OFFICES Effective Date: 07/01/2026
Name: CUTLER, RACHEL LEIGH Position: ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR (06/30/2027)	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$20.00 Amount: \$4,250.00	Hrs: 0.84	DAC:DISTRICT OFFICES Effective Date: 07/01/2026
Name: O'CONNELL, JENNIFER MARIE Position: LIBRARY COOR (06/05/2027)	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$20.00 Amount: \$2,168.00	Hrs: 0.58	DAC:LINCOLN ELEMENTARY Effective Date: 08/24/2026
Name: HICKS, JODI KELLY Position: PROGRAM ASST PREMIUM PAY DRIVERS ED (06	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$20.00 Amount: \$5,000.00	Hrs: 0.98	DAC:DISTRICT OFFICES Effective Date: 07/01/2026
Name: SCHULTZ, NATHAN W Position: FOOTBALL ASST 9TH COACH	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$19.50 Amount: \$2,661.00	Hrs: 1.95	DAC:C M RUSSELL HIGH SCHOOL Effective Date: 08/14/2026
Name: SENGER, DERIK Position: DR ED TEACHER/CLASS (07/29/2026)	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$31.25 Amount: \$3,734.38	Hrs: 4.78	DAC:C M RUSSELL HIGH SCHOOL Effective Date: 07/29/2026
Name: GRIFFITH, VERONICA Position: UNITED WAY COORDINATOR (01/30/2027)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$19.50 Amount: \$1,200.23	Hrs: 0.49	DAC:DISTRICT OFFICES Effective Date: 08/03/2026
Name: ANDERSON, RYAN Position: FOOTBALL ASST COACH	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$27.00 Amount: \$4,818.00	Hrs: 2.41	DAC:C M RUSSELL HIGH SCHOOL Effective Date: 08/14/2026
Name: FORSTER, RICHARD ANTHONY Position: FOOTBALL ASST COACH	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$19.50 Amount: \$5,781.00	Hrs: 4.24	DAC:C M RUSSELL HIGH SCHOOL Effective Date: 08/14/2026
Name: LIETZ, DAVID Position: FOOTBALL ASST 9TH COACH	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$27.00 Amount: \$2,661.00	Hrs: 1.33	DAC:C M RUSSELL HIGH SCHOOL Effective Date: 08/14/2026
Name: NAGENGAST, ANDREW RICHARD Position: FOOTBALL ASST 9TH COACH	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$27.00 Amount: \$2,787.00	Hrs: 1.39	DAC:C M RUSSELL HIGH SCHOOL Effective Date: 08/14/2026
Name: STEWART, FLOYD J Position: FOOTBALL ASST 9TH COACH	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$27.00 Amount: \$2,661.00	Hrs: 1.33	DAC:C M RUSSELL HIGH SCHOOL Effective Date: 08/14/2026
Name: CAMACHO, DUSTYN DAVID SANTOS Position: FOOTBALL ASST 9TH COACH	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$19.50 Amount: \$2,534.00	Hrs: 1.86	DAC:C M RUSSELL HIGH SCHOOL Effective Date: 08/14/2026
Name: HAFFNER, DUSTIN CODY Position: FOOTBALL ASST COACH	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$19.50 Amount: \$5,059.00	Hrs: 3.71	DAC:GREAT FALLS HIGH SCHOOL Effective Date: 08/14/2026
Position: ADMINISTRATIVE				
Name: HEGGEM, HEATH Position: COMM CONN EVENTS COORDINATOR	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$42.61 Amount: \$66,136.36	Hrs: 8.00	DAC:SUPERINTENDENT Effective Date: 08/18/2026
Position: ENGINEERS				
Name: PHILLIPS, JACOB BRIAN Position: CUSTODIAN	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$21.51 Amount: \$38,373.84	Hrs: 8.00	DAC:BUILDINGS & GROUNDS Effective Date: 08/12/2026
Position: LIBRARY/TEACHER AIDES				
Name: HILBIG, NICOLE LEIGH Position: TEACHER ASSISTANT	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$12.84 Amount: \$15,440.10	Hrs: 6.50	DAC:MORNINGSIDE ELEMENTARY Effective Date: 08/26/2026
Position: NURSE				
Name: RICHARD, ARIELLE PATRICIA Position: HEALTH SCIENCES INSTRUCTOR	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$37.35 Amount: \$52,390.00	Hrs: 7.50	DAC:MSU COT Effective Date: 08/24/2026
Name: MEEK, CHEREE LYNN Position: SCHOOL REGISTERED NURSE	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$43.20 Amount: \$55,944.00	Hrs: 7.00	DAC:WEST ELEMENTARY Effective Date: 08/26/2026
Resignation				
Position: SUPPLEMENTAL				
Name: NEWMAN, JENNIFER J Position: RESOURCE 1/WIAT ASSESS (EXTRA DUTY) (10/05	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$63.08 Amount: \$123.69	Hrs: 1.96	DAC:DISTRICT WIDE Effective Date: 10/05/2026
Position: CLERICAL				

Name: SEBASTIAN, TAYLOR	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$17.23	Hrs: 8.00	DAC:GREAT FALLS HIGH SCHOOL
Position: OFFICE ASST (09/11/2026)		Amount: \$2,756.80		Effective Date: 09/11/2026
Name: HULSE, MONIQUE THERESA	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$17.23	Hrs: 8.00	DAC:BUSINESS OFFICE
Position: SECRETARY (08/14/2026)		Amount: \$5,513.60		Effective Date: 08/14/2026
Position: ENGINEERS				
Name: HAWES, DALTON COLE	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$21.59	Hrs: 8.00	DAC:C M RUSSELL HIGH SCHOOL
Position: CUSTODIAN (08/07/2026)		Amount: \$6,045.20		Effective Date: 08/07/2026
Position: NURSE				
Name: URBANOWICZ, EMILY JEAN	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$0.00	Hrs: 0.00	DAC:WEST ELEMENTARY
Position: SCHOOL REGISTERED NURSE (08/26/2026)		Amount: \$0.00		Effective Date: 08/26/2026
Retirement				
Position: TEACHER				
Name: PETERSON, MICHELLE L	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$63.08	Hrs: 7.50	DAC:MORNINGSIDE ELEMENTARY
Position: HEALTH ENHANCEMENT TEACHER (08/24/2026)		Amount: \$473.08		Effective Date: 08/24/2026

 Great Falls Public Schools Great Falls, MT	Thompson	Sunchild	Skomogowski	Johnson	Henning	Duff	Bronson
Motion							
Second							
Ayes							
Nays							
Abstain							

GREAT FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MEETING DATE: August 17, 2026

CATEGORY: Consent

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: V. C.

CABINET MEMBER: Heather Spurzem

TOPIC

Good Apple Award

STRATEGIC PLAN

Healthy, Safe, and Secure Schools

BACKGROUND

An individual letter of appreciation and our “Good Apple” pin will be forwarded to the individual whose achievements are summarized in this notice. This award is an expression of appreciation and affection, and we ask those who have received it to wear the “Good Apple” with pride! If the person is a district employee, a copy of our letter will be placed in their personnel file. What follows is a nomination for a “Good Apple” award.

DISCUSSION

Dan Barnett, Community Member, Lincoln Elementary School, was recommended for a Good Apple Award by Dave and Cathy Schoenthal, Crossing Guards, Lincoln Elementary School, because of the following:

Cathy and I would like to nominate Dan Barnett for a district “good apple” award. Dan has been heavily involved with Lincoln Elementary, not only as a good neighbor, but for the overall appearance and safety of the school. He, as well as the other neighbors of Lincoln, put up with our hectic and busy traffic around the school and parking issues. Also, Dan was the first to notify us about the roof blowing off the school, minimizing any further damage or injury. He also found a handgun on the school property that could have been tragic had a child found it. Along with that, he is our support to the flag that we proudly fly over our school. Lincoln is fortunate to have such a great neighbor, and he deserves recognition for his support of Lincoln Elementary School.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

RECOMMENDATION

The District Board is requested to accept the recommendation of the above individual for the Great Falls Public Schools Good Apple Award.

For more information about this item, please contact Superintendent Heather Hoyer at (406) 268-6001 or Director of Human Resources Heather Spurzem at (406) 268-6011.

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Motion							
Second							
Ayes							
Nays							
Abstain							

GREAT FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MEETING DATE: August 17, 2026

CATEGORY: Consent

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: V. D.

CABINET MEMBER: Luke Diekhans

TOPIC

Montana Office of Public Instruction (OPI) TR-35 School Bus Driver Certificates

STRATEGIC PLAN

Stewardship and Accountability

BACKGROUND

School bus drivers are required to comply with qualifications set forth in Section [20-10-103, MCA](#), and [10.7.111 ARM](#), and file a certificate of compliance with the County Superintendent of Schools.

DISCUSSION

The following individuals meet the qualifications of school bus drivers: Steve Powers and Larry Boggs

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None

RECOMMENDATION

The District Board is requested to approve the Montana Office of Public Instruction TR-35 school bus driver certificates for the individuals listed above.

For more information about this item, please contact Superintendent Heather Hoyer at (406) 268-6001 or Director of Business Operations Luke Diekhans at (406) 268-6050.

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 Great Falls Public Schools Great Falls, MT	Thompson	Sunchild	Skomogosi	Johnson	Hennig	Duff	Bronson
Motion							
Second							
Ayes							
Nays							
Abstain							

GREAT FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MEETING DATE: August 17, 2026

CATEGORY: Consent

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: V. E.

CABINET MEMBER: Luke Diekhans

TOPIC

Incoming Student Attendance Agreements for the 2026-2027 School Year

STRATEGIC PLAN

Stewardship and Accountability

BACKGROUND

Under the provisions of [MCA 20-5-320](#) – *Attendance with Discretionary Approval* and [MCA 20-5-321](#) – *Attendance with Mandatory Approval – Tuition and Transportation*, and [Board Policy 3141](#) – *Nonresident Student Enrollment*, students from outside of the Great Falls District are requesting to attend school in Great Falls for the 2026-2027 school year.

DISCUSSION

The following students are requesting to attend school in Great Falls for the 2026-2027 school year:

STUDENT IDENTIFIER	DISTRICT OF RESIDENCE	GRADE
8731000	BELT	8 TH
8730510	BELT	9 TH
730121545	CASCADE	7 TH
730121543	CASCADE	9 TH
8730510	CASCADE	12 TH
84124451	CENTERVILLE	10 TH
73134359	DUTTON/BRADY K-12	K
73134137	DUTTON/BRADY K-12	3 RD
8961846	KNEES ELEMENTARY	5 TH
8961650	KNEES ELEMENTARY	8 TH
8620510	ULM	8 TH
86123845	VAUGHN	3 RD

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Tuition fees to be paid for by the District of Residence.

RECOMMENDATION

The District Board is requested to approve the Incoming Student Attendance Agreements for the students listed above, with tuition to be paid for by the District of Residence.

For more information about this item, please contact Superintendent Heather Hoyer at (406) 268-6001 or Director of Business Operations Luke Diekhans at (406) 268-6050.

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 Great Falls Public Schools Great Falls, MT	Thompson	Sunchild	Skornogowski	Johnson	Henning	Duff	Bronson
Motion							
Second							
Ayes							
Nays							
Abstain							

GREAT FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MEETING DATE: August 17, 2026

CATEGORY: Consent

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: V. F.

CABINET MEMBER: Luke Diekhans

TOPIC

Student Activity Accounts for June 2026

STRATEGIC PLAN

Stewardship and Accountability

BACKGROUND

The authority to establish an extracurricular fund is found in [MCA 20-9-504](#) *Extracurricular Fund for Pupil Functions*. The Board of Trustees is responsible for the establishment and management of student extracurricular funds. The purpose of student extracurricular funds shall be to account for revenues and disbursements of those funds raised by students through recognized student body organizations and activities. Students shall be involved in the decision-making process related to the use of the funds.

DISCUSSION

In this section, you will find the student activity accounts for the District. The Student Activity Fund Report will be submitted to the Board on a monthly basis for review and approval.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no immediate fiscal implications.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The District Board is requested to accept the Student Activity Monthly Report for June 2026.

For more information about this item, please contact Superintendent Heather Hoyer at (406) 268-6001 or Director of Business Operations Luke Diekhans at (406) 268-6050.

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GREAT FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
STUDENT ACTIVITY MONTHLY REPORT
 June 2026

<u>Account</u>	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Ending</u>
CHIEF JOSEPH SCHOOL				
ACTIVITY MISC	\$395.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$395.25
Total for CHIEF JOSEPH SCHOOL	\$395.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$395.25
GIANT SPRINGS SCHOOL				
ACTIVITY MISC	\$4,327.60	\$0.00	(\$531.90)	\$3,795.70
Total for GIANT SPRINGS SCHOOL	\$4,327.60	\$0.00	(\$531.90)	\$3,795.70
LINCOLN SCHOOL				
ACTIVITY MISC	\$375.05	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$375.05
Total for LINCOLN SCHOOL	\$375.05	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$375.05
LONGFELLOW SCHOOL				
ACTIVITY MISC	\$1,141.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,141.20
Total for LONGFELLOW SCHOOL	\$1,141.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,141.20
LOY SCHOOL				
ACTIVITY MISC	\$2,256.58	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,256.58
Total for LOY SCHOOL	\$2,256.58	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,256.58
MEADOW LARK SCHOOL				
ACTIVITY MISC	\$3,295.97	\$797.10	(\$474.78)	\$3,618.29
Total for MEADOW LARK SCHOOL	\$3,295.97	\$797.10	(\$474.78)	\$3,618.29
MORNINGSIDE SCHOOL				
ACTIVITY MISC	\$2,138.74	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,138.74
Total for MORNINGSIDE SCHOOL	\$2,138.74	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,138.74
SUNNYSIDE SCHOOL				
ACTIVITY MISC	\$499.81	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$499.81
Total for SUNNYSIDE SCHOOL	\$499.81	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$499.81
VALLEY VIEW SCHOOL				
ACTIVITY MISC	\$312.86	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$312.86
Total for VALLEY VIEW SCHOOL	\$312.86	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$312.86
WHITTIER SCHOOL				
ACTIVITY MISC	\$634.47	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$634.47
Total for WHITTIER SCHOOL	\$634.47	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$634.47
ELEMENTARY TOTAL	\$15,377.53	\$797.10	(\$1,006.68)	\$15,167.95

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<u>Account</u>	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Ending</u>
EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL				
8TH GRADE CLASS	\$207.96	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$207.96
ART DEPARTMENT	\$347.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$347.25
ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS	\$579.79	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$579.79
DYNAMOS	\$5.94	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5.94
EMMA STRONG	\$3,556.59	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,556.59
FISHING CLUB	\$16.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$16.60
IMPACT	\$355.56	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$355.56
INSTRUMENTAL ACTIVITIES	\$1,120.46	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,120.46
KIDS FIRST	\$113.02	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$113.02
MT ADVANCED OPPORTUNITIES ACT	\$50,387.97	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50,387.97
RAM SPIRIT	\$40.82	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40.82
ROBOTICS	\$136.91	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$136.91
STUDENT COUNCIL/GOVERNMENT	\$60.14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$60.14
STUDENT STORE	\$862.21	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$862.21
SUPERSONICS	\$159.05	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$159.05
VIP MATH-SCIENCE	\$881.49	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$881.49
XTREME TEAM	\$1,564.51	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$1,614.51
YOUTH ALIVE	\$5.31	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5.31
Total for EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL	\$60,401.58	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$60,451.58
NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL				
ARCHERY CLUB	\$7,032.49	\$0.00	(\$2,021.80)	\$5,010.69
EMMA STRONG	\$2,939.41	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,939.41
EXTREME TEAM	\$0.35	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.35
FISHING CLUB	\$72.52	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$72.52
GRIZ SPIRIT	\$278.49	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$338.49
HOSA	\$0.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.10
MT ADVANCED OPPORTUNITIES ACT	\$47,989.93	\$0.00	(\$2,821.97)	\$45,167.96
NATIONAL JR HONOR SOCIETY	\$351.97	\$358.80	\$0.00	\$710.77
PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB	\$12.70	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12.70
SCIENCE OLYMPIAD	\$424.79	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$424.79
SENSATIONAL SEVEN'S	\$140.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$140.60
SHOP	\$310.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$310.20
STUDENT COUNCIL/GOVERNMENT	\$6,782.31	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,782.31
STUDENT POP	\$243.24	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$243.24
TAG TEAM	\$1,799.12	\$50.00	(\$204.00)	\$1,645.12
THE BUSINESS	\$2,078.86	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,078.86
TNT TEAM	\$500.19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.19
URSIDAE TEAM	(\$7.24)	\$8.00	\$0.00	\$0.76
VIKINGS/GLADI8ORS TEAM	\$163.05	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$163.05
YEARBOOK	\$2,184.74	\$2,190.00	(\$90.94)	\$4,283.80
YOUTH ALIVE	(\$41.75)	\$0.00	\$41.79	\$0.04
Total for NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL	\$73,256.07	\$2,666.80	(\$5,096.92)	\$70,825.95
MIDDLE SCHOOLS TOTAL	\$133,657.65	\$2,716.80	(\$5,096.92)	\$131,277.53

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June 2026

<u>Account</u>	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Ending</u>
GREAT FALLS HIGH SCHOOL				
FOOTBALL	\$11,481.73	\$0.00	(\$11,481.73)	\$0.00
BOYS BASKETBALL	(\$14,438.94)	\$0.00	\$14,438.94	\$0.00
GIRLS BASKETBALL	(\$825.50)	\$0.00	\$825.50	\$0.00
WRESTLING	(\$8,791.27)	\$150.00	\$8,641.27	\$0.00
TRACK B&G	(\$907.24)	\$0.00	\$907.24	\$0.00
SOCCER B&G	(\$4,178.96)	\$0.00	\$4,178.96	\$0.00
X COUNTRY B&G	(\$2,544.21)	\$0.00	\$2,544.21	\$0.00
GOLF B&G	(\$6,502.40)	\$0.00	\$6,502.40	\$0.00
TENNIS B&G	(\$948.00)	\$0.00	\$948.00	\$0.00
SOFTBALL	(\$1,695.88)	\$0.00	\$1,695.88	\$0.00
SWIMMING B&G	(\$233.00)	\$0.00	\$233.00	\$0.00
VOLLEYBALL	(\$9,027.71)	\$0.00	\$9,027.71	\$0.00
1:1 TECHNOLOGY FINES	\$1,527.54	\$414.94	(\$1,942.48)	\$0.00
AP HISTORY BOOKS	\$2,020.68	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,020.68
B AND G TRACK FUND	\$28,608.37	\$75.00	(\$930.53)	\$27,752.84
BAND ACTIVITY	\$41,246.00	\$26.00	\$0.00	\$41,272.00
BASEBALL	\$3,482.36	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,482.36
BISON BARISTAS	\$1,894.18	\$0.00	(\$300.26)	\$1,593.92
BISON BUSINESS	\$6,468.58	\$1,338.00	(\$28.92)	\$7,777.66
BISON DANCE TEAM	\$8,247.74	\$30.00	(\$256.67)	\$8,021.07
BISON LIFE SKILLS	\$281.81	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$281.81
BISON WEAR	\$2,313.63	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,313.63
BOYS & GIRLS P.E. POP FUND	\$570.18	\$8.00	\$0.00	\$578.18
BOYS BASKETBALL	\$17,876.18	\$1,280.00	(\$2,547.07)	\$16,609.11
BOYS SOCCER	\$9,960.17	\$0.00	(\$146.16)	\$9,814.01
BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS OF AMER	\$18,276.57	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$18,276.57
CHEERLEADERS	\$12,117.35	\$0.00	(\$920.95)	\$11,196.40
CHOIR/DELPHIAN	\$33,005.61	\$0.00	(\$556.78)	\$32,448.83
CLASS OF 2026	\$913.65	\$577.00	\$0.00	\$1,490.65
CLASS OF 2027	\$2,879.97	\$175.00	\$0.00	\$3,054.97
CLASS OF 2028	\$2,010.88	\$186.00	(\$671.18)	\$1,525.70
CLASS OF 2029	\$381.64	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$381.64
CROCHET CLUB	\$297.88	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$297.88
CROSS COUNTRY	\$1,981.97	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,981.97
DECA CLUB	\$14,298.95	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,298.95
ELECTRICAL IT CLASSES	\$13,421.06	\$0.00	(\$124.06)	\$13,297.00
EMMA STRONG	\$3,637.22	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,637.22
ENGLISH NOVELS	\$2,342.86	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$2,362.86
FCCLA	\$1,946.99	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,946.99
FLAG FOOTBALL	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00
FOOTBALL FUND	\$26,745.01	\$573.00	(\$3,277.16)	\$24,040.85
FOREIGN LANGUAGE CLUB	\$46.06	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$46.06
FRENCH CLUB	\$44.15	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$44.15
GEOLOGY CLUB	\$1,640.18	\$0.00	(\$173.29)	\$1,466.89
GERMAN CLUB	\$0.03	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.03
GFHS CLOTHING CLOSET	\$1,163.39	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,163.39
GFHS ROBOTICS CLUB	\$1,900.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,900.75
GIRLS BASKETBALL	\$10,932.14	\$1,201.25	(\$849.85)	\$11,283.54
GIRLS SOCCER	\$20,195.66	\$0.00	(\$1,320.39)	\$18,875.27
GOLF TEAM	\$9,532.06	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,532.06
GREAT FALLS MUSICALS	\$6,136.01	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,136.01
GREEN CLUB	\$139.67	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$139.67
HOSA	\$8,941.51	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,941.51
ICE RAGE	\$4,882.59	\$1,776.25	\$0.00	\$6,658.84
INCLUSION AND DIVERSITY CLUB	\$1,791.18	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,791.18
INIWA NEWSPAPER	\$16.01	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$16.01
JROTC	\$15,348.15	\$1,218.93	(\$637.09)	\$15,929.99
KEY CLUB	\$629.56	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$629.56
LIFE SKILLS STUDENTS 110	\$16.85	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$16.85
MathXL Dual Fees	\$4,979.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,979.75
MOTOR SPORTS CLUB	\$9,094.36	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,094.36

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<u>Account</u>	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Ending</u>
MT ADVANCED OPPORTUNITIES ACT	\$29,737.27	\$0.00	(\$190.00)	\$29,547.27
MUSIC FRUIT	\$0.02	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.02
NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY	\$680.89	\$281.00	(\$481.77)	\$480.12
ORCHESTRA	\$7,900.97	\$0.00	(\$1,235.44)	\$6,665.53
PHOTOGRAPHY ART	\$519.87	\$0.00	(\$268.34)	\$251.53
POP FUND	\$1,248.44	\$0.00	(\$743.20)	\$505.24
POWDER PUFF FOOTBALL	\$380.97	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$380.97
ROCKETRY CLUB	\$1,231.29	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,231.29
ROUNDUP ANNUAL	\$44,605.25	\$921.00	(\$31,259.00)	\$14,267.25
SELECT	\$246.71	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$246.71
SOFTBALL	\$22,084.83	\$0.00	(\$899.72)	\$21,185.11
SPANISH CLUB	\$1,386.49	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,386.49
SPIRIT SHIRTS	\$3,567.46	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,567.46
STUDENT COUNCIL/GOVERNMENT	\$16,222.26	\$0.00	(\$67.95)	\$16,154.31
STUDENT LANDSCAPE PROJECT FUND	\$9,447.05	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,447.05
SWIM TEAM	\$8,233.55	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,233.55
TENNIS	\$1,135.96	\$175.36	\$0.00	\$1,311.32
VIDEO PRODUCTIONS	\$1,898.52	\$1,214.00	(\$464.37)	\$2,648.15
VOLLEYBALL	\$37,617.48	\$0.00	(\$93.26)	\$37,524.22
WRESTLING	\$3,875.85	\$0.00	(\$724.91)	\$3,150.94
YELLOWSTONE FIELD TRIP	\$1,997.94	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,997.94
Total for GREAT FALLS HIGH SCHOOL	\$526,592.78	\$11,640.73	(\$12,649.42)	\$525,584.09
ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION				
COFFEE SHOP	\$35,453.28	\$0.00	(\$226.36)	\$35,226.92
LYNX GRAFIX	\$27,325.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$27,325.25
PARIS GIBSON AUTOMOTIVE CLUB	\$1,458.22	\$1,152.89	(\$200.89)	\$2,410.22
PARIS GIBSON DESIGNS	\$10,741.11	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,741.11
PARIS SCIENCE CLUB	\$2,906.87	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,906.87
STUDENT COUNCIL/GOVERNMENT	\$8,855.31	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,855.31
YEAR BOOK	\$18,738.61	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$18,738.61
Total for ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION	\$105,478.65	\$1,152.89	(\$427.25)	\$106,204.29
CM RUSSELL HIGH SCHOOL				
FOOTBALL	\$6,866.12	\$0.00	(\$6,866.12)	\$0.00
BOYS BASKETBALL	(\$16,192.85)	\$0.00	\$16,192.85	\$0.00
GIRLS BASKETBALL	\$358.54	\$0.00	(\$358.54)	\$0.00
WRESTLING	(\$22,227.89)	\$0.00	\$22,227.89	\$0.00
TRACK B&G	(\$2,412.00)	\$0.00	\$2,412.00	\$0.00
SOCCER B&G	(\$4,612.08)	\$0.00	\$4,612.08	\$0.00
X COUNTRY B&G	(\$3,031.09)	\$0.00	\$3,031.09	\$0.00
GOLF B&G	(\$4,946.16)	\$0.00	\$4,946.16	\$0.00
TENNIS B&G	(\$2,016.00)	\$0.00	\$2,016.00	\$0.00
SOFTBALL	(\$4,598.00)	\$100.00	\$4,498.00	\$0.00
VOLLEYBALL	(\$4,247.85)	\$0.00	\$4,247.85	\$0.00
ACADEMIC BOWL	\$96.90	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$96.90
ANNUAL	\$61,913.69	\$5,611.38	(\$7,160.33)	\$60,364.74
AP CHEMISTRY	\$1,299.86	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,299.86
ART CLUB	\$4,747.05	\$0.00	(\$769.51)	\$3,977.54
BAND	\$71,556.62	(\$157.99)	(\$2,292.31)	\$69,106.32
BASEBALL	(\$757.72)	(\$1,397.98)	(\$380.00)	(\$2,535.70)
BIOLOGY 3-4	\$1,918.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,918.75
BOYS SOCCER	\$13,337.56	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,337.56
BOYS TRACK	\$17,699.12	\$886.50	(\$618.02)	\$17,967.60
BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS OF AMER	\$12,593.56	\$0.00	(\$1,077.60)	\$11,515.96
CHEERLEADERS	\$11,126.98	\$0.00	(\$1,114.22)	\$10,012.76
CLASS OF 2026	\$13,909.47	\$0.00	(\$1,147.27)	\$12,762.20
CLASS OF 2027	\$2,697.55	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,697.55
CLASS OF 2028	\$688.01	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$688.01
CLASS OF 2029	\$1,989.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,989.60
CMR COFFEE CART	\$24,912.51	\$9,854.36	(\$2,240.28)	\$32,526.59
CMR DRAFTING	\$1,373.47	\$0.00	(\$198.00)	\$1,175.47
CMR ELECTRONICS	\$19,350.98	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$19,350.98
CROSS COUNTRY	\$9,351.34	\$2,097.00	(\$1,256.78)	\$10,191.56

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<u>Account</u>	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Ending</u>
DECA CLUB	\$9,607.86	\$0.00	(\$256.27)	\$9,351.59
DRAMATICS CLUB	\$28,368.37	\$845.00	(\$190.98)	\$29,022.39
ENGLISH NOVELS	\$1,489.35	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,489.35
FAMILY CONSUMER SCIENCE	\$30,964.63	\$1,670.80	(\$1,450.69)	\$31,184.74
FLAG FOOTBALL	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00
FOOTBALL PROGRAMS	\$9,431.81	\$32,783.91	(\$16,855.00)	\$25,360.72
FRENCH CLUB	\$1,197.31	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,197.31
GIRLS BASKETBALL	\$23,385.82	\$16,813.00	(\$1,531.52)	\$38,667.30
GIRLS SOCCER	\$15,811.39	\$2,000.00	(\$4,520.00)	\$13,291.39
GOLF TEAM	\$17,021.16	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$17,021.16
HOSA	\$2,522.05	\$1,339.88	(\$1,528.00)	\$2,333.93
KEY CLUB	\$8,435.44	\$8,406.78	(\$3,000.00)	\$13,842.22
MT ADVANCED OPPORTUNITIES ACT	(\$742.60)	\$1,007.59	(\$264.99)	\$0.00
NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY	\$332.65	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$332.65
NATIVE AMERICAN CLUB	\$114.85	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$114.85
NEWSPAPER	\$2,937.09	\$0.00	(\$141.87)	\$2,795.22
ORCHESTRA	\$25,116.35	\$18.00	(\$1,570.83)	\$23,563.52
PHYSICS FIELD TRIP	\$1,356.93	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,356.93
ROBOTICS	\$922.82	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$922.82
RUSTLER PRIDE	\$14,943.25	\$623.40	(\$1,179.64)	\$14,387.01
RUSTLERS INC	\$2,606.03	(\$91.00)	\$0.00	\$2,515.03
SCHOOL STORE	\$42,796.71	\$0.00	(\$505.12)	\$42,291.59
SCIENCE RESEARCH CLUB	\$303.76	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$303.76
SOFTBALL	\$16,112.21	\$0.00	(\$3,671.80)	\$12,440.41
SPANISH CLUB	\$946.85	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$946.85
SPEECH & DEBATE	\$5,926.02	\$4,391.18	(\$2,599.61)	\$7,717.59
STUDENT COUNCIL/GOVERNMENT	\$593.45	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$593.45
SWIMMING CLUB	\$4,724.77	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,724.77
T.A.P.E. CLUB	\$7,488.29	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,488.29
TENNIS	\$15,817.34	\$0.00	(\$2,950.79)	\$12,866.55
VICA	\$107.92	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$107.92
VIDEO PRODUCTIONS	\$456.78	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$456.78
VOCAL MUSIC	\$39,788.42	\$1,530.01	(\$22.11)	\$41,296.32
VOCATIONAL RESOURCE	\$2,901.71	\$669.00	\$0.00	\$3,570.71
VOLLEYBALL	\$34,398.80	\$4,600.00	\$0.00	\$38,998.80
WRANGLERS	\$1,856.12	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,856.12
WRESTLING	\$15,330.32	\$200.00	(\$42.00)	\$15,488.32
Total for CM RUSSELL HIGH SCHOOL	\$613,118.07	\$93,800.82	(\$3,576.28)	\$703,342.61
HIGH SCHOOLS TOTAL	\$1,245,189.50	\$106,594.44	(\$16,652.95)	\$1,335,130.99

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 June 2026

<u>Account</u>	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Ending</u>
INDIAN EDUCATION				
INDIAN EDUCATION DRUM GROUP	\$470.13	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$470.13
POW WOW'S	(\$7,709.39)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$7,709.39)
Total for INDIAN EDUCATION	(\$7,239.26)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$7,239.26)
INDEPENDENT PROGRAMS TOTAL	(\$7,239.26)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$7,239.26)
 DISTRICT TOTAL	 \$1,386,985.42	 \$110,108.34	 (\$22,756.55)	 \$1,474,337.21

 Great Falls Public Schools Great Falls, MT	Thompson	Sunchild	Skomogosi	Johnson	Hennig	Duff	Bronson
Motion							
Second							
Ayes							
Nays							
Abstain							

GREAT FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MEETING DATE: August 17, 2026

CATEGORY: Consent

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: V. G.

CABINET MEMBER: Luke Diekhans

TOPIC

Donation of four (4) Hospital Beds from Benefis Hospital

STRATEGIC PLAN

Stewardship and Accountability and Student Achievement

BACKGROUND

[Board Policy 7260](#) – *Donations, Endowments, Gifts, and Investments*, provides for accepting gifts that are deemed suitable and appropriate. Donors are required to obtain independent appraisal value of their gift for IRS purposes.

DISCUSSION

Benefis Hospital has donated four (4) hospital beds for use in Great Falls Public Schools Health Sciences education classes.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None

RECOMMENDATION

The District Board is requested to accept the donation of four (4) hospital beds from Benefis Hospital, with thanks.

For more information about this item, please contact Director of Business Operations Luke Diekhans at (406) 268-6050.

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 Great Falls Public Schools Great Falls, MT	Thompson	Sunchild	Skornogowski	Johnson	Henning	Duff	Bronson
Motion							
Second							
Ayes							
Nays							
Abstain							

GREAT FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MEETING DATE: August 17, 2026

CATEGORY: Communication

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: VI. A.

CABINET MEMBER: Katelyn Marsik

TOPIC

Annual Great Falls Public Schools Foundation Report

STRATEGIC PLAN

Student Achievement and Stewardship and Accountability

BACKGROUND

School Board Trustees established the Great Falls Public Schools (GFPS) Foundation in 2010. Trustees appointed an independent board to govern and move the Foundation forward in 2011. The GFPS Foundation's mission is to enhance high-quality teaching and life-long learning for students in Great Falls Public Schools by funding innovative educational programs, building enhancements, and scholarships. The Foundation Board and staff continues to be successful in raising funds to support this mission. Donors generously support four major areas: Educator Grants, Scholarships, Building Enhancements, and Student and Teacher Recognition. Additionally, donor funding supports students' basic needs and food pantries.

Discussion

The Foundation Executive Director and Foundation Board Chair will report how the organization has enhanced education from transitional kindergarten through undergraduate studies for Great Falls Public Schools students and teachers this past school year.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

RECOMMENDATION

This report is for information only. No action is requested at this time.

For more information about this item, please contact Director of the Great Falls Public Schools Foundation Katelyn Marsik at (406) 268-6021.

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 Great Falls Public Schools Great Falls, MT	Thompson	Sunchild	Skornogowski	Johnson	Henning	Duff	Bronson
Motion							
Second							
Ayes							
Nays							
Abstain							

GREAT FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MEETING DATE: August 17, 2026

CATEGORY: Action

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: VII. A.

CABINET MEMBER: Luke Diekhans

TOPIC

Financial Report and Check Register for June 2026

STRATEGIC PLAN

Stewardship and Accountability

BACKGROUND

The check register and bank reconciliation are available in the Business Office. Trustees Bronson, Skornogowski and Henning act as the Board's liaisons and review the financial data.

DISCUSSION

This monthly update on the fiscal business of the District is designed to provide Trustees and the public with up-to-date and timely information on revenue and expenditures, fiscal operations, and the overall financial position of the Great Falls Public Schools.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

See attached reports.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The District Board is requested to accept the monthly financial report and approve the register of payments for June 2026.

For more information about this item, please contact Superintendent Heather Hoyer at (406) 268-6001 or Director of Business Operations Luke Diekhans at (406) 268-6050.

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Great Falls Public Schools
Fund Budget Report
June 2026

Account	Budget	MTD	YTD	Balance	% Budget Remaining
101 ELEMENTARY GENERAL					
REVENUE					
1XXX Local	(\$14,035,051.93)	(\$1,241,026.97)	(\$13,823,817.87)	(\$211,234.06)	1.51
3XXX State	(\$43,765,621.15)	(\$5,883,073.79)	(\$43,765,621.15)	\$0.00	0.00
5XXX Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$2,219.86)	\$2,219.86	0.00
6XXX Adjustments	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00
7XXX CARES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00
9XXX Transfers	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00
Subtotal:	(\$57,800,673.08)	(\$7,124,100.76)	(\$57,591,658.88)	(\$209,014.20)	0.36
EXPENDITURE					
1XX Salaries	\$43,357,413.34	\$8,913,941.20	\$43,551,441.10	(\$194,027.76)	-0.45
2XX Benefits	\$5,521,262.00	\$984,078.42	\$4,916,098.79	\$605,163.21	10.96
3XX Contracted	\$903,005.21	\$632,036.70	\$1,139,411.43	(\$236,406.22)	-26.18
4XX Utilities/Repair	\$2,398,250.00	\$269,648.31	\$2,295,148.76	\$103,101.24	4.30
5XX Other Services	\$1,330,087.11	\$941,144.04	\$1,193,170.63	\$136,916.48	10.29
61X Supplies	\$1,603,325.60	\$632,597.36	\$1,422,722.78	\$180,602.82	11.26
62X Energy Supplies	\$56,500.00	\$11,345.04	\$54,413.37	\$2,086.63	3.69
64X Books	\$394,234.20	\$180,842.04	\$336,276.49	\$57,957.71	14.70
66X Minor Equipment	\$224,422.60	\$24,214.05	\$67,709.81	\$156,712.79	69.83
68X Software	\$541,720.31	\$115,503.59	\$679,866.40	(\$138,146.09)	-25.50
7XX Capital Outlay	\$225,619.29	\$76,105.80	\$76,105.80	\$149,513.49	66.27
8XX Misc	\$574,272.00	\$337,156.96	\$577,122.02	(\$2,850.02)	-0.50
9XX Transfers	\$670,561.42	\$1,291,932.63	\$1,291,932.63	(\$621,371.21)	-92.66
Others					
Subtotal:	\$57,800,673.08	\$14,410,546.14	\$57,601,420.01	\$199,253.07	0.34
201 HIGH SCHOOL GENERAL					
REVENUE					
1XXX Local	(\$6,686,259.81)	(\$598,918.11)	(\$6,641,505.71)	(\$44,754.10)	0.67
3XXX State	(\$21,072,849.85)	(\$2,821,795.61)	(\$21,072,849.85)	\$0.00	0.00
5XXX Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$1,093.37)	\$1,093.37	0.00
6XXX Adjustments	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00
7XXX CARES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00
9XXX Transfers	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00
Subtotal:	(\$27,759,109.66)	(\$3,420,713.72)	(\$27,715,448.93)	(\$43,660.73)	0.16
EXPENDITURE					
1XX Salaries	\$19,711,558.27	\$3,956,712.91	\$19,190,726.53	\$520,831.74	2.64
2XX Benefits	\$2,582,439.00	\$471,648.96	\$2,477,626.72	\$104,812.28	4.06
3XX Contracted	\$699,122.18	\$348,474.82	\$757,394.12	(\$58,271.94)	-8.34
4XX Utilities/Repair	\$1,512,100.00	\$210,088.11	\$1,331,843.77	\$180,256.23	11.92
5XX Other Services	\$1,328,125.58	\$560,995.38	\$1,116,512.62	\$211,612.96	15.93
61X Supplies	\$912,203.00	\$143,873.23	\$801,082.06	\$111,120.94	12.18
62X Energy Supplies	\$31,600.00	\$5,597.27	\$29,450.16	\$2,149.84	6.80
64X Books	\$181,347.00	\$145,787.29	\$180,068.23	\$1,278.77	0.71
66X Minor Equipment	\$101,874.00	\$26,382.49	\$60,408.09	\$41,465.91	40.70
68X Software	\$295,998.04	\$54,045.93	\$325,488.53	(\$29,490.49)	-9.96
7XX Capital Outlay	\$180,470.59	\$168,098.81	\$691,676.11	(\$511,205.52)	-283.26
8XX Misc	\$183,272.00	\$429,901.39	\$508,104.83	(\$324,832.83)	-177.24
9XX Transfers	\$0.00	\$238,130.78	\$238,130.78	(\$238,130.78)	0.00
Subtotal:	\$27,720,109.66	\$6,759,737.37	\$27,708,512.55	\$11,597.11	0.04
110 ELEMENTARY TRANSPORTATION					
REVENUE					
Subtotal:	(\$3,999,987.00)	(\$621,692.01)	(\$2,636,554.49)	(\$1,363,432.51)	34.09
EXPENDITURE					
Subtotal:	\$3,999,987.00	\$397,613.18	\$2,718,186.05	\$1,281,800.95	32.05

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June 2026

<u>Account</u>		<u>Budget</u>	<u>MTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>% Budget Remaining</u>
210	HIGH SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION					
REVENUE						
	Subtotal:	(\$1,991,939.00)	(\$270,081.25)	(\$1,505,063.91)	(\$486,875.09)	24.44
EXPENDITURE						
	Subtotal:	\$1,991,939.00	\$214,628.38	\$1,427,107.06	\$564,831.94	28.36
112	ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE					
REVENUE						
	Subtotal:	(\$5,391,275.00)	(\$478,909.28)	(\$5,525,383.22)	\$134,108.22	-2.49
EXPENDITURE						
	Subtotal:	\$5,391,275.00	\$314,731.71	\$5,280,929.83	\$110,345.17	2.05
114	ELEMENTARY RETIREMENT					
REVENUE						
	Subtotal:	(\$8,673,165.49)	(\$182,043.41)	(\$8,646,814.72)	(\$26,350.77)	0.30
EXPENDITURE						
	Subtotal:	\$8,673,165.49	\$1,840,287.20	\$8,593,245.78	\$79,919.71	0.92
214	HIGH SCHOOL RETIREMENT					
REVENUE						
	Subtotal:	(\$6,882,947.50)	(\$155,500.18)	(\$6,878,306.37)	(\$4,641.13)	0.07
EXPENDITURE						
Others						
	Subtotal:	\$6,882,947.50	\$1,293,458.38	\$4,055,838.13	\$2,827,109.37	41.07
117	ELEMENTARY ADULT EDUCATION					
REVENUE						
	Subtotal:	(\$565,880.00)	(\$21,870.70)	(\$192,713.25)	(\$373,166.75)	65.94
EXPENDITURE						
	Subtotal:	\$565,880.00	\$52,296.36	\$386,886.20	\$178,993.80	31.63
217	HIGH SCHOOL ADULT EDUCATION					
REVENUE						
	Subtotal:	(\$594,845.00)	(\$11,659.46)	(\$95,814.05)	(\$499,030.95)	83.89
EXPENDITURE						
	Subtotal:	\$594,845.00	\$38,233.31	\$270,455.69	\$324,389.31	54.53
128	ELEMENTARY TECHNOLOGY					
REVENUE						
	Subtotal:	(\$398,010.33)	(\$267,937.39)	(\$493,031.45)	\$95,021.12	-23.87
EXPENDITURE						
	Subtotal:	\$398,010.33	\$231,299.67	\$219,195.61	\$178,814.72	44.93
228	HIGH SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY					
REVENUE						
	Subtotal:	(\$96,876.45)	(\$6,589.10)	(\$117,758.54)	\$20,882.09	-21.56
EXPENDITURE						
	Subtotal:	\$96,876.45	(\$1,920.41)	\$96,148.37	\$728.08	0.75
129	ELEMENTARY FLEX					
REVENUE						
	Subtotal:	(\$911,910.67)	(\$1,656.72)	(\$130,576.62)	(\$781,334.05)	85.68
EXPENDITURE						
	Subtotal:	\$911,910.67	\$2,706.65	\$68,667.25	\$843,243.42	92.47

Great Falls Public Schools
Fund Budget Report
June 2026

<u>Account</u>		<u>Budget</u>	<u>MTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>% Budget Remaining</u>
229	HIGH SCHOOL FLEX					
REVENUE						
	Subtotal:	(\$519,904.82)	(\$114.43)	(\$261,128.58)	(\$258,776.24)	49.77
EXPENDITURE						
	Subtotal:	\$519,904.82	\$24,924.45	\$250,177.87	\$269,726.95	51.88
160	ELEMENTARY BUILDING					
REVENUE						
	Subtotal:	(\$752,129.27)	(\$15,316.85)	(\$111,507.38)	(\$640,621.89)	85.17
EXPENDITURE						
	Subtotal:	\$752,129.27	\$4,217.24	\$110,979.04	\$641,150.23	85.24
260	HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING					
REVENUE						
	Subtotal:	(\$123,334.59)	(\$790.51)	(\$4,105.92)	(\$119,228.67)	96.67
EXPENDITURE						
	Subtotal:	\$123,334.59	(\$17,250.00)	\$0.00	\$123,334.59	100.00
161	ELEMENTARY BUILDING RESERVE					
REVENUE						
	Subtotal:	(\$4,016,872.92)	(\$113,689.08)	(\$973,056.06)	(\$3,043,816.86)	75.78
EXPENDITURE						
	Subtotal:	\$4,016,872.92	\$630,501.61	\$791,762.75	\$3,225,110.17	80.29
261	HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING RESERVE					
REVENUE						
	Subtotal:	(\$1,826,180.06)	(\$14,080.79)	(\$406,124.38)	(\$1,420,055.68)	77.76
EXPENDITURE						
	Subtotal:	\$1,826,180.06	\$0.00	\$11,901.55	\$1,814,278.51	99.35

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Great Falls Public Schools
Check Register
June 2026
Action Item

Accounts Payable

Starting Check No: 144881
Ending Check No: 145614

Total: \$ 6,134,593.70

Payroll

Starting Check No: 86293
Ending Check No: 86477

Total: \$ 1,105,538.21

Direct Deposit

Total: \$ 9,586,262.11

Payroll ACH Payments

Total: \$ 9,462,658.90

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Motion							
Second							
Ayes							
Nays							
Abstain							

GREAT FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MEETING DATE: August 17, 2026

CATEGORY: Action

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: VII. B.

CABINET MEMBER: Heather Spurzem

TOPIC

Classified and Hourly Staff Compensation for 2026-2027: Paraprofessionals, Teachers' Aides, Hourly Classified Staff, and Hourly Medical Related Personnel (MRP)

STRATEGIC PLAN

Stewardship and Accountability

BACKGROUND

Non-union employee compensation (including paraprofessionals, teachers' aides, hourly classified staff, and hourly MRP's) is to be established by the Board under [Board Policy 5140](#) – *Classified Employment and Assignment*. Montana Code Annotated requires that the Board of Trustees approve the District Budget that includes employee compensation. The budget unit for these four groups is comprised of approximately 305 employees, as the number of employees in these groups varies throughout the year.

DISCUSSION

The employees in these four compensation units serve a variety of functions in the District. In all cases, they support the goals and objectives of the District and provide support to students, employees and programs. The 2026-2027 budget reflects base salaries for the employees of these groups with an increase of 3%.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The increase on the base salary schedules for these four budget groups in the 2026-2027 school year will result in an approximate salary budget of \$6080444.00. The cost of the base increase is estimated to be approximately \$177,911.

Group	Total 26-27	Increase
Hourly Classified	\$ 937,539.00	\$ 28,118.00
Aides	\$ 1,235,668.00	\$ 35,990.00
Para Educators	\$ 2,870,203.00	\$ 83,598.00
Hourly MRP's	\$ 1,037,034.00	\$ 30,205.00
Total 26-27 Support Personnel	\$ 6,080,444.00	\$ 177,911.00

RECOMMENDATION

The District Board is requested to approve the Classified and Hourly Staff Compensation for the 2026-2027 school year as presented.

For more information about this item, please contact Superintendent Heather Hoyer at (406) 268-6001 or Human Resources Director Heather Spurzem at 406 268-6010.

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Motion							
Second							
Ayes							
Nays							
Abstain							

GREAT FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MEETING DATE: August 17, 2026

CATEGORY: Action

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: VII. C.

CABINET MEMBER: Heather Spurzem

TOPIC

2026-27 Health Insurance, Life Insurance, and Voluntary Insurance Contracts

STRATEGIC PLAN

Stewardship and Accountability

BACKGROUND

[Board Policy 5331](#) *Personnel—Insurance Benefits for Employees* provides for health insurance for eligible employees with a plan year that runs October 1 through September 30.

The Board annually takes input from the Great Falls Public Schools (GFPS) Health Insurance Committee regarding the annual renewal of health insurance coverage. The Board annually takes action to set employer and employee costs of health insurance.

DISCUSSION

The District Health Insurance Committee meets several times during the year to analyze usage, benefit changes and cost increases in order to retain a quality insurance program. The Committee has continued to work with a consultant, Mike Bonville with Alliant, in setting insurance premiums for the 2026-27 plan year. The District Insurance Committee, with input from Mike Bonville and the actuarial analysis from Alliant, has studied the renewal rate recommendations, costs, and utilization in recommending the below premiums for the 2026-27 plan year. Projected renewal rates were based on accepted underwriting practices.

Many factors play a part in projecting the future cost of health insurance. The last few years, the District has weathered a security breach within the insurance industry causing claims to be delayed and we also switched our Third-Party Administrator (TPA) to process our claims.

Currently, the total health plan premium contributions are derived from three areas:

- Employer premium contributions
- Employee premium contributions
- The Rate Stabilization Reserve (RSR) Fund

The overall increase to the employer, employee, and the RSR premium contributions will be 15%.

Base Plan	Total	GFPS Pay	Employee Pay	RSR	Rate Change	GFPS Change	Employee Change	RSR Change
Employee	\$1,273.07	\$554.01	\$672.55	\$46.49	\$166.05	\$72.26	\$87.72	\$6.06
Employee + Spouse	\$2,609.60	\$1,222.70	\$1,340.41	\$46.49	\$340.38	\$159.48	\$174.84	\$6.06
Employee + Family	\$3,533.23	\$2,094.20	\$1,392.54	\$46.49	\$460.86	\$273.16	\$181.64	\$6.06
Employee + Child(ren)	\$2,311.67	\$965.97	\$1,299.21	\$46.49	\$301.52	\$126.00	\$169.46	\$6.06
Catastrophic Plan	Total	GFPS Pay	Employee Pay	RSR	Rate Change	GFPS Change	Employee Change	RSR Change
Employee	\$1,136.13	\$796.88	\$292.76	\$46.49	\$148.19	\$103.94	\$38.19	\$6.06
Employee + Spouse	\$2,335.43	\$1,617.21	\$671.73	\$46.49	\$304.62	\$210.94	\$87.62	\$6.06
Employee + Family	\$3,138.38	\$2,352.62	\$739.27	\$46.49	\$409.35	\$306.86	\$96.43	\$6.06
Employee + Child(ren)	\$2,088.02	\$1,476.53	\$565.00	\$46.49	\$272.35	\$192.59	\$73.70	\$6.06
Totals (based on 25-26 enrollees)	\$13,236,095	\$8,557,516	\$4,380,508	\$297,908	\$1,620,528.00	\$1,026,274.00	\$551,967.00	\$38,832.00

The Base Plan listed above has a \$1,000 deductible, \$40 office co-pay and no out-of-pocket costs for services through Alluvion Health and services deemed preventative care. The Catastrophic Plan listed above has a \$3,000 deductible, 40% out of pocket for in-network office visits after the deductible has been met and no out-of-pocket costs for services through Alluvion Health and services deemed preventative care.

The District currently provides employer paid life insurance through the Standard. The Standard will provide our employer-paid life insurance for the following employee groups:

- Administrators - Four times annual salary to a maximum of \$300,000 (includes Accidental Death and Dismemberment (AD&D) and Long-Term Disability (LTD))
 - o Administrators pay a portion of the cost of this additional life insurance.
- Teachers - \$50,000 (includes AD&D and LTD)
- Administrative Support - \$50,000
- Clerical, Electricians, Painters, Operating Engineers, Plumbers, Warehouse and Carpenters - \$20,000

The District also offers employee-paid voluntary insurance coverages through The Standard. The voluntary benefits offered to employees are:

- Dental
- Vision
- Critical Illness
- Accident Insurance
- Voluntary Life Insurance

These voluntary benefits are offered to employees at no cost to the employer.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

It is anticipated that the total cost for active employees on the district's health insurance for 2026-2027 will be approximately \$13,236,095. The employer portion of the health plan is approximated at: \$8,557,516 premium expense + \$297,908 RSR expense for a total of \$8,855,424 for 2026-2027 plan year.

RECOMMENDATION

The District Board is requested to approve the recommendation of the Insurance Committee of an overall increase to the employer and employee premium contributions of 15% respectively, along with the increase of the premium buy-down of \$46.49 from the Rate Stabilization Reserve Fund and the current District's Flexible Spending program and voluntary insurances.

For more information about this item, please contact Superintendent Heather Hoyer at (406) 268-6001, or Human Resources Director Heather Spurzem at 406 268-6010.

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Motion							
Second							
Ayes							
Nays							
Abstain							

GREAT FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MEETING DATE: August 17, 2026

CATEGORY: Action

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: VII. D.

CABINET MEMBER: Luke Diekhans

TOPIC

Transfer of Budgeted Funds – Elementary and High School General Fund Budget to the Interlocal Agreement Fund

STRATEGIC PLAN

Stewardship and Accountability

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

In 2012, the District established an Interlocal Agreement Fund under the provisions of [20-3-363 MCA](#) *Multidistrict Agreements – Fund Transfers*. This is an inter-district account between the high school and elementary district in which funds from both districts have been deposited and spent on either or both districts.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There will be no increase or decrease in overall spending in the District. This transfer allows the District the ability to adjust funding between the elementary and high school districts and better balance district-wide funding in future years.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The District Board is requested to approve the transfer of \$1,284,720.14 from the Elementary General Fund, of which \$227,476.99 is for future elementary curriculum purchases and staff development, and \$136,629.07 from the High School District General Fund into the Interlocal Agreement Fund (182).

For more information about this item, please contact Superintendent Heather Hoyer at (406) 268-6001 or Director of Business Operations Luke Diekhans at (406) 268-6050.

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Motion							
Second							
Ayes							
Nays							
Abstain							

GREAT FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MEETING DATE: August 17, 2026

CATEGORY: Action

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: VII. E.

CABINET MEMBER: Luke Diekhans

TOPIC

2025-26 Trustees Financial Summary (TFS)

STRATEGIC PLAN

Stewardship and Accountability

BACKGROUND

The Trustees Financial Summary (TFS) is the official document that closes the books on the 2025-26 fiscal year. It is required by law to be approved by the school board. It is then submitted to the Office of Public Instruction and forwarded to Cascade County for approval. TFS provides the baseline information on fund balances and the fund balance re-appropriated amounts. These amounts are used to help calculate the budgets for the 2026-27 fiscal year.

DISCUSSION

This comprehensive financial report is integrated with the Office of Public Instruction Montana Automated Educational Finance and Information Reporting System (MAEFAIRS). This report is audited annually as a part of our financial review. This report will be located on the school district website:

<https://gfps.k12.mt.us/departments/business-services-and-operations/business-office-and-finance/district-budget-information>

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

This report provides the accurate final close-out numbers to determine appropriate budget balances that determine the number of mills necessary for the 2026-27 fiscal year.

RECOMMENDATION

The District Board is requested to approve the Trustees Financial Summary that closes out the 2025-26 fiscal year.

For more information about this item, please contact Superintendent Heather Hoyer at (406) 268-6001 or Director of Business Operations Luke Diekhans at (406) 268-6050.

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Motion							
Second							
Ayes							
Nays							
Abstain							

GREAT FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MEETING DATE: August 17, 2026

CATEGORY: Action

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: VII. F.

CABINET MEMBER: Luke Diekhans

TOPIC

Budgets for all Budgeted Funds for 2026-2027 Fiscal Year

STRATEGIC PLAN

Stewardship and Accountability

BACKGROUND

Per [MCA 20-9-131](#) *Final budget meeting*, the board must adopt budgets for the “budgeted funds” of the District by August 25th. Those funds defined by state law as “budgeted funds” include: General, Transportation, Retirement, Tuition, Adult Education, Technology, Flexibility, Debt Service, and Building Reserve. A Board Budget Work Session was held on August 13, 2026 to review each of the budgeted funds.

DISCUSSION

The General Fund Budgets for the elementary and high school districts are impacted by student enrollment changes, legislative actions, and local mill levy elections, if passed by the voters. In 2025-26 the District identified the major impact on the General Fund Budgets was the Student and Teacher Advancement for Results and Success Act (STARS Act) (House Bill 252), which requires Districts to meet a higher salary threshold for beginning teachers. By complying with the requirements of the new law, the District received an additional \$3,091,230. The inflationary adjustment, after the impact of student enrollment changes, added an additional \$1,373,273 to the General Fund Budgets.

Both Districts continue to comply with the requirements of the STARS Act, however moving into the 2026-27 school year, the District will only receive the 3% inflationary increase on the STARS Act funds in addition to the inflationary increase in the other parts of the budget. In addition, the enrollment in both high schools and elementary schools continues to decline. As a result of the declining enrollment and the inflationary increase to the General Fund Budget, the elementary will gain \$365,140.76, while the high school will gain \$210,510.67.

There were substantial increases in the taxable valuation for both districts. The Elementary Taxable Valuation for the 2026-2027 fiscal year is \$175,605,517. In 2025-2026 the Taxable Valuation was \$158,937,090, which means it increased by \$16,668,427. The High School Taxable Valuation for the year 2026-2027 is \$178,398,872. The previous year it was \$161,764,234, which represents an increase of \$16,634,638.

The Tuition Fund enables the District to recover excess costs associated with educating in-district special education students. The District identified excess costs associated with educating special needs students by using the Office of Public Instruction calculator. Recent legislative changes now require school districts to pay tuition for resident students placed in group home programs, as well as for students attending schools outside their home district. These required tuition payments are included in this budgeted fund. The Tuition Fund is supported through a permissive levy

The proposed budgets for the 20 budgeted funds for School District 1 & A for 2026-2027 are presented in detail in attachment.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The combined Elementary and High School Budgeted Funds including the Debt Service Fund for 2026-2027 total \$131,214,912. This is an overall increase of \$2,979,539 from the amount in 2025-2026. The Elementary District General Fund Budget increased by \$365,140.76. The High School General Fund Budget Fund increased by \$210,510.67. For all budgeted funds, total mills for the 2026-2027 school year are 165.38 compared to 214.11 in 2025-2026. This represents a 48.73 mill decrease from the previous year when the mills increased by 16.98 mills. The amounts listed in this paragraph are rounded to the nearest dollar.

RECOMMENDATION

The District Board is requested to adopt the 2026-2027 budgets for the Elementary School District: General Fund, \$58,165,813.84; Transportation Fund, \$4,119,987.00; Bus Depreciation, \$62,981.28; Tuition Fund, \$3,714,108.00; Retirement Fund, \$9,228,091.60; Adult Education, \$579,948.00; Technology, \$671,418.67; Flexibility, \$979,000.12; Debt Service, \$3,466,143.76; and Building Reserve, \$4,213,921.23.

High School District: General Fund, \$27,969,620.34; Transportation Fund, \$2,067,897.00; Bus Depreciation, \$32,002.45; Tuition Fund, \$1,152,673.00; Retirement Fund, \$7,158,264.80; Adult Education, \$630,816.00; Technology, \$118,305.19; Flexibility, \$525,380.43; Debt Service, \$4,144,556.26; and Building Reserve, \$2,213,983.70.

For more information about this item, please contact Superintendent Heather Hoyer at (406) 268-6001 or Director of Business Operations Luke Diekhans at (406) 268-6050.

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Budget Report

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Summary

Fund [A]	Adopted Budget [B]	Total Reserves (961-966) [C]	Reserve Limit [D]	% of Adopted Budget Reserved (C/B) x 100 [E]	Unreserved Fund Balance Reappropriated (970) [F]	Other Revenue [G]	District Property Tax Requirements (B - F - G = H) If < 0, enter 0 [H]	District Mill Levies H / (TV x .001) [I]
01 General	58,165,813.84	5,983,772.05	10%	10.29%	0.00	48,177,837.30	9,987,976.54	56.88
10 Transportation	4,119,987.00	823,997.40	20%	20.00%	1,176,549.49	1,031,312.52	1,912,124.99	10.89
11 Bus Depreciation Reserve	62,981.28	0.00	N/A	0.00%	50,272.68	0.00	12,708.60	0.07
13 Tuition	3,714,108.00		N/A		18,041.68	0.00	3,696,066.32	21.05
14 Retirement	9,228,091.60	1,568,775.40	20%	17.00%	7,058.77	9,221,032.83		
17 Adult Education	579,948.00	0.00	35%	0.00%	182,411.20	0.00	397,536.80	2.26
19 Non-Operating	0.00	0.00	N/A	0.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
28 Technology	671,418.67	0.00	N/A	0.00%	480,810.99	40,607.68	150,000.00	0.85
29 Flexibility	979,000.12	0.00	N/A	0.00%	883,502.37	95,497.75	0.00	0.00
61 Building Reserve	4,213,921.23	0.00	N/A	0.00%	3,325,681.23	625,441.92	262,798.08	1.50
Total of All Funds	81,735,269.74	8,376,544.85			6,124,328.41	59,191,730.00	16,419,211.33	93.50

50 Debt Service								
Tax Jurisdiction								
S17-0098	3,466,143.76	0.00	20-9-438	0.00%	1,239,074.16	0.00	2,227,069.60	12.68



Budget Report

FY 2027

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Summary

Fund [A]	Adopted Budget [B]	Total Reserves (961-966) [C]	Reserve Limit [D]	% of Adopted Budget Reserved (C/B) x 100 [E]	Unreserved Fund Balance Reappropriated (970) [F]	Other Revenue [G]	District Property Tax Requirements (B - F - G = H) If < 0, enter 0 [H]	District Mill Levies H / (TV x .001) [I]
01 General	27,969,620.34	2,877,297.93	10%	10.29%	0.00	23,546,571.24	4,423,049.10	24.79
10 Transportation	2,067,897.00	413,579.40	20%	20.00%	529,497.51	371,606.63	1,166,792.86	6.54
11 Bus Depreciation Reserve	32,002.45	0.00	N/A	0.00%	21,558.43	0.00	10,444.02	0.06
13 Tuition	1,152,673.00		N/A		501,710.53	0.00	650,962.47	3.65
14 Retirement	7,158,264.80	1,431,652.96	20%	20.00%	2,164,761.18	4,993,503.62		
17 Adult Education	630,816.00	0.00	35%	0.00%	332,969.03	0.00	297,846.97	1.67
19 Non-Operating	0.00	0.00	N/A	0.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
28 Technology	118,305.19	0.00	N/A	0.00%	23,458.48	19,846.71	75,000.00	0.42
29 Flexibility	525,380.43	0.00	N/A	0.00%	271,435.21	253,945.22	0.00	0.00
61 Building Reserve	2,213,983.70	0.00	N/A	0.00%	1,820,128.70	253,872.25	139,982.75	0.78
Total of All Funds	41,868,942.91	4,722,530.29			5,665,519.07	29,439,345.67	6,764,078.17	37.91

50 Debt Service								
Tax Jurisdiction								
S17-0099	4,144,556.26	0.00	20-9-438	0.00%	752,392.61	0.00	3,392,163.65	19.01

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Motion							
Second							
Ayes							
Nays							
Abstain							

GREAT FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MEETING DATE: August 17, 2026

CATEGORY: Action

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: VII. G.

BOARD MEMBER: Trustee Thompson

TOPIC

Superintendent Evaluation Process and Instrument

BACKGROUND

As per [Board Policy 6110 Administration-Superintendent](#), the Board will evaluate, at least annually, the performance of the Superintendent, using standards and objectives developed by the Superintendent and Board which are consistent with the District's mission and goal statements. A specific time shall be designated for a formal evaluation session. The evaluation should include a discussion of professional strengths, as well as performance areas needing improvement.

DISCUSSION

The proposed evaluation process and instrument are attached. The evaluation process is specifically designed to reflect goals and identify areas of strength and growth. A community survey will also be utilized to solicit feedback.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None

RECOMMENDATION

The District Board is requested to adopt the Superintendent Evaluation Process and instrument as presented.

For more information about this item, please contact Superintendent Hoyer at (406) 268-6001 or Trustee Amie Thompson at (406) 750-0901.

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Superintendent Evaluation Process/Timeline

The ongoing role of trustees is to articulate and communicate expectations for the superintendent. It is better to check on the understanding of expectations and priorities on a regular basis, than to wait for a year and discover that the superintendent/trustees/district were not in agreement. Using formative feedback over the course of the year will provide an up-to-date reading of performance of the superintendent and the trustees.

The Superintendent Evaluation Process and Instrument also allows for a Superintendent self-assessment that will align the Superintendent goals with the District's 3-year Strategic Plan.

In addition, the process is consistent with the Montana Educator Performance Appraisal System (Montana-EPAS), the model used for the evaluation of our teachers and school district leaders.

Here is an outline of the timeline:

August: Superintendent Evaluation Process and Instrument is approved by Board

August: Superintendent goal-setting for new school year

September: Formative Assessment Meeting 1 (Meets with Board Chair and Committee Chair)

November: Second Superintendent Self-Assessment

December: Formative Assessment Meeting 2 (Meets with Board Chair and Committee Chair)

January: Trustees complete the Evaluation Rubric (in Google Documents). The Board completes its evaluation of the Superintendent's performance. Each goal is linked to an initiative, with the Superintendent's individual goal and self-assessment available to help each Trustee weigh progress. The community is also asked for input on Superintendent's progress.

February: The first phase of the final step of the evaluation process provides individual board members with the opportunity to discuss their scores and comments with the Superintendent and to discuss the public's comments with the superintendent. The board chair will determine if the Superintendent's right to privacy in this discussion-and-query phase supersedes the public's right to know, so this portion of the evaluation process may be conducted in closed session.

The Board will take formal action on the Superintendent's performance in the open public board meetings.

March: A compiled summary of the evaluation will be made available to the public.

26-27 Superintendent Evaluation

* Indicates required question

Email *

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First Name *

Name of evaluator

Your answer

Last Name *

Name of evaluator

Your answer

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STANDARD 1. Vision, Mission, and Belief Statements

Effective educational leaders develop, advocate, and enact a shared vision, mission, and the core values of high-quality education and academic success and well-being of each student.

Vision: All kids engaged in learning today...for life tomorrow

Mission: We successfully educate students to navigate their futures.

Belief Statements:

1. All students deserve teachers and staff who thrive on student success.
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5. Highly skilled and committed personnel are our greatest asset.
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7. Dedication to affirming diversity enriches educational experiences for all.
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10. District resources and staff are public assets requiring responsible stewardship and community involvement.
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Your answer

Comments for Standard 1 *

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STANDARD 2. Student Achievement

Belief Statement: *The District believes that comprehensive systems of support ensure that students achieve the highest levels of academic growth.*

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STANDARD 4. Stewardship and Accountability

Belief Statement: *The District believes that our resources and staff are public assets requiring responsible stewardship, accountability, and community involvement.*

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Standard 4: Please rate, with a numeric score of 1-4, how the Superintendent is meeting this standard based upon suggested metrics. *

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Comments for Standard 4 *

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A copy of your responses will be emailed to charlene_ammons@gfps.k12.mt.us.

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GREAT FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MEETING DATE: August 17, 2026

CATEGORY: Report

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: IX. A.

CABINET MEMBER: Jackie Mainwaring

TOPIC

Great Falls Public Schools District Communication Plan

STRATEGIC PLAN

Stewardship and Accountability

BACKGROUND

As part of the District Strategic Plan, a district-wide communication plan was drafted and refined during the 2025-2026 school year. District Leadership gathered school-based input over the course of the past school year. This document outlines communication policies, priorities, strategies, GFPS contacts, and expectations for communication.

Discussion

It is important to foster a transparent, consistent, and effective flow of information among all stakeholders, including students, families, staff, community members, and the broader public. This communication plan aims to build and maintain trust, promote understanding of district goals and initiatives, celebrate achievements, and ensure timely and accurate dissemination of critical information. By facilitating open dialogue and meaningful engagement, we seek to strengthen relationships, support student success, and uphold the district's commitment to educational excellence and community partnership.

This plan is a living document, intended for periodic update and change. During the 26-27 school year, each school will draft and implement their own communication plan.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None

RECOMMENDATION

This report is for informational purposes only. No action is needed.

For more information about this item, please contact Superintendent Heather Hoyer at (406) 268-6001 or Executive Directors of Student Achievement Jackie Mainwaring or Lance Boyd at (406) 268-6006.

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Great Falls Public Schools Organizational Structure

School Board of Trustees

Gordon Johnson	Chair
Kim Skornogoski	Vice Chair
Amie Thompson	Trustee
Bill Bronson	Trustee
Paige Henning	Trustee
Craig Duff	Trustee
Marlee Sunchild	Trustee

Central Administration

Heather Hoyer	Superintendent
Lance Boyd	Executive Director
Jackie Mainwaring	Executive Director
Luke Diekhans	Director of Business Operations
Heather Spurzem	Human Resources Director
Jeff Williams	Director of Information Technology
Katelyn Marsik	Executive Director Great Falls Public Schools Foundation

Building Administration

Jamie McGraw	CM Russell High School Principal
Geoffry Habel	Great Falls High School Principal
Yenta Jaques	Paris Gibson Education Center Principal
Reannon Medrano	East Middle School Principal
Brian Miller	North Middle School Principal
Andrea Thares	Chief Joseph Elementary Principal
Barbara Doughty	Early Learning Family Center Coordinator
Karla Miller	Giant Springs Elementary Principal
Katy Kennedy	Lewis and Clark Elementary Principal
Steve Yates	Lincoln Elementary Principal
Brittany Erdman	Longfellow Elementary Principal
Shanda Brown	Loy Elementary Principal
Lyndsey Stulc	Meadowlark Elementary Principal
Jennifer Martyn	CORE School at Morningside Elementary Principal
Kim Marzolf	Mountain View Elementary Principal
Nicole Heintzelman	Riverview Elementary Principal
Ty Moore	Sacajawea Elementary Principal
Durbin Thomsen	Sunnyside Elementary Principal
Dannelle Dyke	Valley View Elementary Principal
Lacee Lewis	West Elementary Principal
Franklin Gilbert	Whittier Elementary Principal

Introduction

Effective communication is the cornerstone of a thriving educational community. At Great Falls Public Schools, we recognize that clear, timely, and consistent communication is essential. It fosters a collaborative environment where students, parents, staff, and community members feel informed, engaged, and valued. This Communication Plan serves as a comprehensive framework to guide our efforts in sharing vital information, celebrating achievements, addressing concerns, and building strong, trusting relationships with all stakeholders. It outlines our commitment to transparency, accessibility, and responsiveness, ensuring that every voice in our district is heard and that our collective vision for student success is clearly articulated and understood.



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Board Policy

Great Falls Public Schools has adopted board policy related to communication. See the applicable policies below:

[4120 Public Relations](#)

[4125 District Social Media Presence](#)

[4310 Public Complaints](#)

[4340 Public Access to District Records](#)

[1401 Records Available to Public](#)

[1401R Records Available to the Public](#)

[1402 School Board Use of Electronic Mail](#)

[1420P Notice Regarding Public Comment](#)

[1441 Audience Participation](#)

[5450 Employee Electronic Mail and On-Line Services Usage and District Equipment](#)

[5450F Staff Computer Acceptable Use and Internet Safety Agreement](#)

[5460 Electronic Resources and Social Networking](#)



Communication Priorities

Our communication priorities are centered on ensuring clarity, consistency, and accessibility. We prioritize proactive communication regarding academic programs, student safety, district policies, and important events to keep our community well-informed. During times of crisis or urgent matters, our priority shifts to rapid and accurate dissemination of information that can be shared to ensure the safety and well-being of our students and staff. We are committed to fostering a two-way dialogue and actively soliciting feedback from our stakeholders.

District communication must be predictable. Stakeholders must know where to access information. Our stakeholders have a variety of preferences in communication platforms. We will not be able to utilize every communication platform. However, we will be selective and consistent with our use of platforms. We will also work to advertise our communication tools in order to ensure our stakeholders know where to find information.

We will employ a diverse range of communication methods. These include, but are not limited to, the District website, Facebook and Instagram, email, text, newsletters, parent portals, direct mail, and traditional media outreach. We will also utilize public meetings, community forums, and school-based events to facilitate in-person engagement and discussion. Communication methods will be strategic, tailored to the specific audience and the nature of the message, and ensure that information reaches its intended recipients.

The chart on page 9 illustrates District methods of communication. The type of information or the situation will determine the method and the recipient. Emergency alerts will be sent to the guardians of students as listed in Power School, our student information system platform.



Communication Strategies

Effective communication is paramount for a public school district to foster a strong, supportive, and informed community.

Reasons for Communicating

1. Student Safety

We share information about safety, transportation, and ways we care for students at school.

2. Learning and Growth

We communicate what students are learning, how we teach, important academic dates, and ways to support each child's success.

3. School News and Updates

We provide important information about budgets, policies, and other decisions that affect families.

4. Working Together

We invite staff, families, and community members to get involved through volunteering or partnerships.

5. Celebrating Our School

We highlight student and staff accomplishments, special events, and school traditions.

6. Join Our Team

We share opportunities to work or volunteer in our schools and share the ways our district is a great place to learn and grow.

How We Communicate with Families

Because strong communication builds trust and helps families feel connected, we use many ways to share information and celebrate our school community. Our goal is to make sure families receive clear, timely updates in the way that works best for them. Below are the main ways we communicate with parents, guardians, and community members.

Methods of Communication

1. Direct Personal Communication

- In-person meetings
- Phone calls
- Text messages

2. Digital Communication Tools

- Email
- ParentSquare
- School or district website

3. Printed Communication

- Flyers
- Letters
- Postcards

4. Public Displays & Announcements

- Reader boards

- Notes to neighbors

5. Media & Community Outreach

- News media (TV, radio, newspaper)
- Community non-profit boards
- Community partners

6. Social Media Connections

- Facebook, Instagram, or other school social platforms
- Community and Student Life, School news and information, District identity and values

7. Emergency Alerts

- Notifications through ParentSquare, text, or phone for urgent messages



GFPS Communication Method Chart

Communication Need	Direct Personal	Digital	Printed	Public	Media	Social Media	Emergency Alerts
Student Safety	x	x			limited	x	x
Learning and Growth	x	x	x				
School News		x	x	x	x	x	
Working Together	x			x	x	x	
Celebrations	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Join our Team		x		x	x	x	



Contact Us

For effective resolution of questions or concerns, our community is encouraged to first contact the individual or department most directly involved with the matter. For instance, questions about a specific class should begin with the teacher, while enrollment inquiries should be directed to school office staff. If a satisfactory resolution is not achieved at this initial level, or if the concern extends beyond that scope, the individual is encouraged to then engage with the next appropriate school or district administrator. This approach ensures that concerns are addressed efficiently by those most knowledgeable and equipped to assist. The following chart can assist in navigating points of contact. When emotions are high, it may also be helpful to wait 24 hours before making contact with the school. School and District phone numbers can be found on page 12.



GFPS Point of Contact Chart

Topic	1st Contact	2nd Contact	3rd Contact	4th Contact	5th Contact
Behavior/ Discipline	Teacher	Principal	Executive Director	Superintendent	School Board
Buildings and Grounds	Principal	Director of Buildings and Grounds	Director of Business Operations	Superintendent	School Board
Classroom/ Instruction	Teacher	Principal	Executive Director	Superintendent	School Board
Curriculum	Teacher	Principal	Curriculum Coordinator <i>or</i> Executive Director	Superintendent	School Board
Extra Curricular & Co-Curricular	Coach, Teacher, or Advisor	Principal	Athletic Director, Fine Arts Director <i>or</i> Executive Director	Superintendent	School Board
Food Service	School Office	Principal	Director of Food Services <i>or</i> Director of Business Operations	Superintendent	School Board
Scheduling	Counselor	Principal	Executive Director	Superintendent	School Board
School -other	Principal	Executive Director	Superintendent	School Board	
School Safety*	Principal	Executive Director	Superintendent	School Board	
Student Wellness**	Counselor	Principal	Executive Director	Superintendent	School Board
Special Education	Teacher/Case Manager	Principal	Special Education Director	Superintendent	School Board
Technology	Teacher	Principal	Director of Information Tech <i>or</i> Executive Director	Superintendent	School Board
Transportation	Principal	Transportation or Big Sky Bus Lines	Executive Director	Superintendent	School Board
*	Please call 911 in the case of an emergency.				
**	988 Suicide Hotline can be called at any time.				



GFPS Contact Phone Numbers

Contact	Phone Number	Contact	Phone Number	Contact	Phone Number
ELF Center	406-268-6400	Chief Joseph Elementary	406-268-6675	Giant Springs Elementary	406-268-7045
Lewis & Clark Elementary	406-268-6705	Lincoln Elementary	406-268-6800	Longfellow Elementary	406-268-6845
Loy Elementary	406-268-6885	MeadowLark Elementary	406-268-7300	CORE School Morningside	406-268-6960
Mountain View Elementary	406-268-7305	Riverview Elementary	406-268-7015	Sacajawea Elementary	406-268-7080
Sunnyside Elementary	406-268-7115	Valley View Elementary	406-268-7145	West Elementary	406-268-7180
Whittier Elementary	406-268-7230	East Middle School	406-268-6500	North Middle School	406-268-6525
CM Russell High School	406-268-6100	Great Falls High School	406-268-6250	Paris Gibson Education Center	406-268-6600
GFPS District Office Building	406-268-6000	Executive Directors	406-268-6006 or 406-268-6008	Superintendent	406-268-6001

Communication Expectations:

Each communication situation is unique and will be handled accordingly. We will do our best to respond in a timely manner and follow-up similarly. During working hours, our community will generally find our initial response time to follow a 24-48 hour time frame. Some scenarios require further investigation or follow-up.

Resources

Portland Public Schools. (2023). *Communication Plan*. Retrieved from <https://www.portlandk12.org/about/communication-plan>

Gemini. (2025, July 16). *Gemini conversational AI* (No version number). Personal communication.

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GREAT FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MEETING DATE: August 17, 2026

CATEGORY: Report

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: IX. B.

CABINET MEMBER: Heather Hoyer

TOPIC

First Reading of Board Policy **4301 (Revised)** – *Visitors in the Schools.*

STRATEGIC PLAN

Stewardship and Accountability

BACKGROUND

A committee consisting of Superintendent Heather Hoyer, Director of Business Operations Luke Diekhans, Director of Human Resources Heather Spurzem, Executive Directors of Student Achievement Jackie Mainwaring and Lance Boyd, Business Office Lead Aly Konecny, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent Sherri Clark, Administrative Assistant Jerri Rollins and Trustees Bill Bronson, Craig Duff, and Paige Henning have been meeting to discuss and make changes where necessary on the policies mentioned above.

DISCUSSION

Policy 4301 Language changes as recommended by MTSBA and the Committee.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None

RECOMMENDATION

This report is for information only. No action is required at this time. The request will be brought before the Board for action at a future Board meeting.

For more information about this item, please contact Superintendent Heather Hoyer at (406) 268-6001.

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COMMUNITY RELATIONS

4301

Visitors to the Schools

As District facilities are public property, parent and other citizens will be welcomed. In order to protect the safety of students and staff, all visitors shall report to the ~~Principal's~~ Main Office upon entering any District building and comply with any other applicable school safety and security policy, procedure or protocol. School visitors shall not interfere with school operations or delivery of education services to students. *Conferences with teachers should be held outside school hours or during the teacher's conference or non-instructional time.*

Cross References:

Policy 1520	Board-Staff Communications
Policy 4313	Disruption of School Operations
Policy 4320	Contact with Students
Policy 4332	Conduct on School Property
Policy 4550	Registered Sex Offenders

Legal References:

§20-1-206, MCA	<i>Disturbance of School – Penalty</i>
§20-3-324, MCA	<i>Powers and Duties</i>
Article X, Section 8, Montana Constitution	<i>School District Trustees</i>

Policy History:

Adopted on:	July 1, 2000
Revised on:	August 22, 2016
Revised on:	July 15, 2019
Revised on:	