

Gallatin Gateway School District #35
Election Information
May 5, 2015



Voter Registration

Voter registration cards may be downloaded at:
<http://sos.mt.gov/elections/officials/forms/documents/Voter-Registration-Application.pdf>

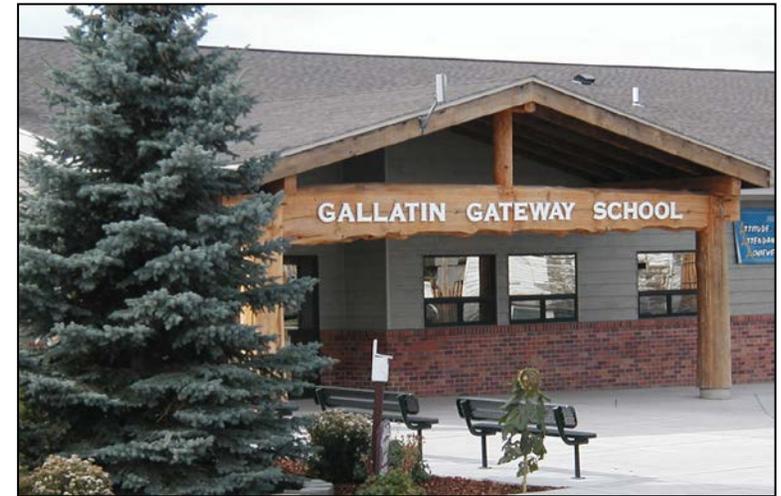
To vote in the Gallatin Gateway School District, one must be:

1. 18 years of age on or before election day
2. Be a registered voter no less than 30 calendar days before election
3. Be a U.S. citizen
4. Reside in the Gallatin Gateway School District

The deadline to register to vote in the school election is **Monday, April 6, 2015**. Citizens may register to vote by completing a voter registration card and returning it to: Election Administrator, 311 West Main, Room 210, Bozeman, MT 59715.

For More Information

Visit our website: www.gallatingatewayschool.com
Or contact a School Board Trustee
<http://gallatingatewayschool.com/board/>
Or contact Superintendent Dr. Kim DeBruycker at
debruycker@gallatingatewayschool.com or 406-763-4415 ext. 13



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Voter Information

Gallatin Gateway School District #35 will hold its annual school election by mail ballot. Voters will decide on two open Trustee seats and a requested General Fund Levy. This brochure explains the details of each issue on the ballot.

- **April 17, 2015 - County Election Office mails ballots.**
- **May 5, 2015 - Election Day – Ballots due by 8:00 pm**

Ballots may be returned to the following locations:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Office Hours</u>	<u>Election Day Hours</u>
County Election Office 311 West Main, Room 210	8am – 5pm Monday – Friday	7am – 8pm
Bozeman School District Business Office 404 West Main, Room 127	8am – 4pm Monday – Friday	7am – 8pm

Ballots may be returned in person or by mail (49 cent or Forever Stamp). Please allow enough time for delivery prior to the May 5, 2015 deadline.

Trustee Election

Gallatin Gateway School has two (2) Board of Trustees seats open this year. Each position is for a three-year (3) term. Currently, four (4) individuals have filed for election:

- Christie Francis
- Aaron Schwieterman
- Peter Scott
- Robert Donaghey (write-in candidate)

Requested General Fund Operating Levies

The Gallatin Gateway School Board of Trustees is requesting a General Fund operating levy increase that allows the greatest budget authority for programs and personnel at Gallatin Gateway School.

Elementary Annual General Fund Levy- \$23,734 (estimated mills 4.99)

Tax increase would be approximately **\$6.54** annually for a home with a **market value** of **\$100,000** and approximately **\$13.08** for a home with a **market value** of **\$200,000**.

Estimated Total Tax Impact

Pursuant to law, ballots must indicate the anticipated tax impact of each levy request. The exact impact cannot be calculated until the district tax base is known in August. Since our tax base is growing and there is pending legislation that could provide additional property tax relief, the tax impact per \$100,000 of market value may be slightly less or more than indicated on the ballot.

Impact on Funding for Gallatin Gateway School

Gallatin Gateway School has experienced a drop in enrollment which significantly impacts the amount of funding we will receive from the State for the General Fund next school year. However, the school still needs to support the same staff, programs, and maintenance at the school. In the 2014/2015 Fiscal Year, our ANB (Average Number Belonging) was 170 students. Next year's 2015/2016 ANB will be based on 164 students. State funding for the General Fund will decrease by \$14,116 for next year because of this decline in enrollment. Inflationary expenses for next year, including bargained salary increase and building maintenance costs, are anticipated to exceed \$20,000. Due to these factors, the Board of Trustees decided to request a levy of \$23,734 from the voters in District #35.

OFFICIAL SCHOOL AND SPECIAL DISTRICT ELECTION BALLOT
GALLATIN COUNTY, MONTANA - MAY 5, 2015

A	GALLATIN COUNTY	B	STATE OF MONTANA	C	MAY 5, 2015
INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS 1. TO VOTE, BLACKEN (●) THE OVAL COMPLETELY. An oval blackened completely to the left of the candidate or ballot issue choice indicates a vote for that candidate or a vote on the ballot issue. 2. To write in a name, blacken the oval to the left of the line provided, and write in the name (or affix a pre-printed label) in the blank space(s) for the write-in candidate(s) for whom you wish to vote. 3. DO NOT CROSS OUT. If you make a mistake or change your mind, exchange your ballot for a new one. VOTE IN ALL COLUMNS		SCHOOL DISTRICT (Continued) BOZEMAN HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7 GENERAL FUND LEVY High School District Proposition Shall the Bozeman High School District Trustees be authorized to impose an increase in over-base local taxes to support the General Fund in the amount of Ninety Eight Thousand Dollars (\$98,000), which is an increase of approximately 0.70 mills for the purpose of properly maintaining and operating the programs of the district? Passage of this proposal will increase the annual taxes on a home with an assessed market value of \$100,000 by approximately \$0.92 and on a home with an assessed market value of \$200,000 by approximately \$1.84. The durational limit of the levy is intended to be permanent. <input type="radio"/> FOR the High School additional Levy <input type="radio"/> AGAINST the High School additional Levy			
SCHOOL DISTRICT GALLATIN GATEWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 35 TRUSTEE ELECTION THREE YEAR TERM VOTE FOR TWO <input type="radio"/> CHRISTIE FRANCIS <input type="radio"/> AARON SCHWIETERMAN <input type="radio"/> PETER SCOTT <input type="radio"/> _____ <input type="radio"/> _____		SCHOOL DISTRICT BOZEMAN HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7 UNEXPIRED TRUSTEE ELECTION TWO YEAR TERM VOTE FOR ONE <input type="radio"/> SANDY (KLINE) WILSON <input type="radio"/> _____			
SCHOOL DISTRICT GALLATIN GATEWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 35 GENERAL FUND LEVY Shall the district be authorized to impose an increase in over-base local taxes to support the general fund in the amount of Twenty Three Thousand, Seven Hundred Thirty-Four Dollars (\$23,734) which is an increase of approximately 4.99 mills for the purpose of properly maintaining and operating the programs of the District? Passage of this proposal will increase the taxes on a home with a market value of \$100,000 by approximately \$6.54 per year and on a home with a market value of \$200,000 by approximately \$13.08 per year. The durational limit of the levy is intended to be permanent. <input type="radio"/> FOR the additional levy <input type="radio"/> AGAINST the additional levy		END OF BALLOT			
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Sample Ballot