

Answer the following as they apply to your proposed Quality Schools Grant project:

1. **Alternatives:** Describe reasonable alternatives to the project.

This project has no alternate methods of completing, as it is an energy upgrade project

2. **Mitigation:** Identify any enforceable measures necessary to reduce any impacts to an insignificant level.

There are no environmental impacts related to this project, therefore there are no measures to enforce.

3. **Is an EA or Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) required?** Describe whether or not an EA or EIS is required, and explain in detail why or why not.

We are exempt / excluded from the MEPA Review, as this project is a direct replacement of existing equipment with new higher efficiency equipment. There are no environmental impacts.

4. **Public Involvement:** Describe the process followed to involve the public in the proposed project and its potential environmental impacts. Identify the public meetings, where and when the project was considered and discussed, and when the applicant approved the final environmental assessment.

At multiple board meetings dated December 13, 2010, January 10, 2011, February 7, 2011, and March 7, 2011, the Gallatin Gateway School District # 35 presented to the public the environmental checklist and asked for public comment. At the meeting, dated September 10, 2012 the board acknowledged the final Environmental Review Form and then posted the environmental checklist and final Environmental Review Form on the school website for public review:

<http://gallatingatewayschool.com/news/page.php?pageID=180>

5. **Person(s) Responsible for Preparing:** Identify the person(s) responsible for preparation of this checklist.

This Environmental Review Form was prepared by Celia O'Connor, Board chairperson, and by Dr. Kimberly DeBruycker, Superintendent of Schools.

6. **Other Agencies:** List any state, local, or federal agencies that have over-lapping or additional jurisdiction or environmental review responsibility for the proposed action and the permits, licenses, and other authorizations required; and list any agencies or groups that were contacted or contributed information to this Environmental Assessment (EA).

With regard to the proposed project, there will be no local, state, or federal agency permits required. Local mechanical and electrical permit requirements will be met.

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Date *September 10, 2012*

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