



GALLATIN GATEWAY SCHOOL
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Dear Quality Schools Grant Application Review Committee,

It is my pleasure to write a letter in support of the Quality Schools Planning Grant Application 2013 being submitted to the Montana Department of Commerce by our Principal Dr. Kimberly DeBruycker.

Over the past several years at Gallatin Gateway School, I have witnessed firsthand, areas greatly in need of repair. One of these areas involves students who come to my room for math and technology classes. In Montana, winter temperatures often reach well below 20 to 30 degrees below zero. There have been times when I have walked into my room and the indoor weather instrument tells me the temperature in my room is around 38 to 42 degrees. Students will sit in the classroom with full winter attire and be more concerned with how the cold is affecting their bodies than concentrating on math and technology classes.

I fully support the efforts of Dr. DeBruycker as she seeks alternative methods to permanently fix building needs at our school that will create an improved learning environment for the students of the Gallatin Gateway community.

Sincerely,

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