



Gallatin Gateway Rural Fire District

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To Whom It May Concern

From: Kevin D. Lauer, Asst. Fire Chief Gallatin Gateway Fire Dept.

Re: Proposed improvements to Gallatin Gateway School

This letter is in support of a Quality Schools Grant for the Gallatin Gateway School to assist in assuring appropriate improvements addressing the CTA Engineer's Report dated May 7, 2012.

The Gallatin Gateway Fire Department provides EMS and Fire Response to the Gallatin Gateway School and we would like to offer our support in their application for a grant to insure the much needed improvements happen.

We certainly support the renovation of the heating/ventilation equipment to insure the health of our community's children due to the mold issues that are present.

As a fire department we would like to highly request the needed upgrades to the stairways and upgrades to ADA compliance, both for the safety of our children, but also to our emergency responders during calls for service. In the older section of the school there are some very old stairways while the four classroom immediately south of the entrance to the school have improper stairs up to an exit door in each room. These doors have push hardware, but then descend down stairs on the exterior with no handrails. For the children's safety as well as our fire responders, we'd like to see this addressed.

Respectfully submitted,



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