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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter in support of the Quality Schools Planning Grant Application 2013 being submitted to the Montana Department of Commerce by the Superintendent, Dr. Kimberly DeBruycker.

Gallatin Gateway School is one of the foundations of Historic Gateway. It is an integral part of the community and is part of the downtown core of Gallatin Gateway. We take pride in our school and community and strive to pass on the wonderful Gallatin Gateway heritage to our children. Maintaining the school building is essential not only for educational purposes, but for sustaining the pride and spirit of the community.

As a parent of three children at Gallatin Gateway School, as well as a former school trustee I am excited about the opportunity this grant provides for our school district. During my time as a school trustee I was part of a Growth Planning Committee In 2007-2008. Our goal was to make a Comprehensive Facility Plan for the school in the areas of infrastructure, utilities and service requirements. At the time we identified many of the deficiencies of the original building, as well as the subsequent additions to the original building. One of the major findings was that the heating, cooling and ventilation system of the entire school was inadequate. There are numerous repairs needed to make the building and equipment run effectively, efficiently and safely so the students have an adequate and comfortable environment in which to learn. If awarded this grant, our school will finally have the means to address these pressing issues, restoring our school to stable condition.

Thank you for considering Gallatin Gateway School for this grant opportunity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nikki Robbins".

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