

August 14, 2012

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MT Department of Commerce
Quality Schools Grant Program
P.O. Box 200549
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Attn: Quality Schools Grant Application Review Committee

RE: Letter of support for grant application - Gallatin Gateway School District #35

We have lived in the Gallatin Gateway community since 1972. Our children attended Gallatin Gateway School; and now we have two grandsons enrolled there. We have been involved in the school in the capacities of School Board chairman, District Clerk, and most currently as volunteers in the classrooms.

Dick has worked in the fields of energy conservation and construction project management. He understands how upgrades and the use of "green" systems not only save money for the school district, but also reduce the energy footprint for the environment.

Funding for maintenance and energy efficient upgrades has consistently been hard to come by. Many of the maintenance projects needed require more money than can be requested from tax payers through the special levy process. Some projects involve health and safety issues. An award of this grant to Gallatin Gateway School will give our Board of Trustees the tools to bring our school up to standard and improve the learning environment for our students and faculty.

Thank you for considering Gallatin Gateway School for award of this grant.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "RA Shockley Donna Shockley". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Dick and Donna Shockley