

NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOND ELECTION AND LAND SALE ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Board of Trustees (the “Board”) of School District No. 20 (DeSmet), Missoula County (the “District”), that a special election of the registered voters of the District will be held by mail ballot election on November 5, 2019 for the purpose of voting on (1) the question of whether the Board may sell and issue general obligation school building bonds of the District in one or more series in the aggregate principal amount of up to Six Million and No/100 Dollars (\$6,000,000.00), bearing interest at rates to be determined at the time of sale, for the purpose of providing funds to pay the costs of designing, constructing, equipping, and furnishing an addition to the DeSmet School, to include classrooms, kitchen and cafeteria, a gymnasium, and related costs and improvements (the “Project”); and paying costs associated with the sale and issuance of the bonds; and (2) the question of whether the Board shall be authorized to sell to willing buyers at market prices lots or parcels owned by the District to produce net revenues to pay debt service on the bonds or otherwise offset costs of the Project.

Each series of bonds shall be payable semiannually during a term of not more than twenty (20) years.

The real property proposed to be sold by the District, which may be sold as separate lots or parcels, consists of approximately 10 acres in total, is located just north of the DeSmet School grounds, and is more particularly described as follows:

6500 Padre Ln, S35, T14 N, R20 W, C.O.S. 3687, PARCEL A2, IN NW4 NE4, approximately 7.3 acres

6660 Padre Ln, S35, T14 N, R20 W, IN NE4 NW4, approximately 1.83 acres

6355 Padre Ln, S35, T14 N, R20 W, ACRES 7.01, EXEMPT-IN NE1/4 NW1/4 & IN SE1/4 NW1/4, approximately 0.89 acres

The election will be conducted solely by mail ballot. Ballots will be mailed to all eligible registered voters in the District on October 16, 2019, and must be returned by each voter, by mail to the Missoula County Election Administrator at Missoula County Courthouse, 200 West Broadway, Missoula, Montana 59802, or in person to the County Election Administrator at Missoula County Courthouse, 200 West Broadway, Missoula, Montana, during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.), weekdays (exclusive of holidays), October 17, 2019 through November 4, 2019, or as described below.

On Election Day, November 5, 2019, the only places for deposit of voted ballots will be:

- The Elections Center, Missoula County Fairgrounds, 1101 South Ave, Missoula
- Rattlesnake Elementary School, 1220 Pineview Dr, Missoula
- Senior Center, 705 S Higgins Ave, Missoula
- Lewis and Clark School, 2901 Park St, Missoula
- Janette Rankin School, 5150 Bigfork Rd, Missoula
- Franklin Elementary School, 1910 S 11th St W, Missoula
- Hellgate Elementary School, 2385 Flynn Lane, Missoula

- DeSmet School, 6355 Padre Ln, Missoula.

These locations will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, and all ballots must be in the Elections Center or other drop-off locations listed above by 8:00 p.m. on November 5, 2019 in order to be counted. All ballots will be tabulated in accordance with Montana law with the results, if known, expected to be released after 8:00 p.m. on that day.

A qualified voter who will be absent from the District during the time the election is being conducted may:

- A. Vote in person in the office of the Missoula County Election Administrator as soon as the ballots are available and until noon on October 15, 2019.
- B. Make a written request prior to noon on October 15, 2019, signed by the applicant and addressed to the office of the Missoula County Election Administrator requesting the ballot be mailed to an address other than that which appears on the registration records. **All ballots to be mailed will be mailed no later than October 16, 2019.**
- C. An elector may obtain a replacement ballot if his ballot is destroyed, spoiled, lost, or not received by the elector by filling out and mailing, emailing, or faxing back a completed replacement ballot request form or by personally appearing at the Elections Center at the Missoula County Fairgrounds.
- D. Ballots may be returned in person at the places of deposit listed above, or returned by mail. If returning by mail, please use the then-prevailing first-class-postage price or one Forever Stamp. Postmark date does not apply; ballots returned by mail must be received by the 8:00 p.m. Election Day deadline to be counted.

Please note, all electors, as defined in MCA 20-20-301, are those who reside within the District and are registered to vote by the close of registration on October 7, 2019.

For electors who miss the close of registration deadline, electors may register late at the Elections Center (Missoula Fairgrounds Election Center, 1101 South Ave, W, Bldg 15, Missoula, MT 59801) from October 8, 2019 until noon on November 4, 2019. Same day voter registration is available at the Elections Center on Election Day, November 5, 2019, from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 2019.

/s/Dayna Causby
Missoula County Election Administrator

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