

## NOTICE OF HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Board of Trustees (the “Board”) of High School District No. 1 (Fergus), Fergus County, Montana (the “High School District”), that pursuant to a certain resolution duly adopted at a meeting of the Board on August 9, 2021, a special election of the registered voters of the High School District will be held by mail ballot election in conjunction with the general election on November 2, 2021 for the purpose of voting on the question of whether the Board may issue and sell general obligation school building bonds of the High School District in one or more series in the aggregate principal amount of up to Eight Million Six Hundred Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$8,600,000.00) for the purpose of providing funds to pay the costs of designing, constructing, improving, renovating, equipping, and furnishing improvements to Fergus High School, to include constructing a controlled access entranceway; installing Americans with Disability Act (ADA) compliant restrooms and a new fire sprinkler system; upgrading the boiler system to include mechanical enhancements for the welding center and upgrading the electrical system; replacing all or most of the roof; constructing additional locker rooms and an addition to house weight/cardio and wrestling rooms; related improvements and costs; and paying costs associated with the sale and issuance of the bonds. Each series of the bonds shall bear interest at a rate or rates to be determined at the time of sale and be payable semiannually during a term of not more than twenty (20) years.

The election will be conducted by the County Election Administrator solely by mail ballot. Ballots will be mailed to all eligible registered voters in the High School District on October 15, 2021, and must be returned by each voter, by mail or in person to the County Election Administrator’s Office, 712 W. Main, Suite 204, Lewistown, Montana 59457, during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.), weekdays (exclusive of holidays), October 18, 2021 through November 1, 2021.

On Election Day, November 2, 2021, the only places for deposit of voted ballots will be the office of the County Election Administrator’s Office, 712 W. Main, Suite 204, Lewistown, Montana, which will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., and all ballots must be in the County Elections Office by 8:00 p.m. 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 High School District during the time the election is being conducted may:

- (a) vote in person in the office of the County Election Administrator as soon as the ballots are available and until 8:00 p.m. on Election Day; or
- (b) make a written request prior to noon on November 1, 2021, signed by the applicant and addressed to the office of the County Election Administrator requesting the ballot be mailed to an address other than that which appears on the registration records.

An elector may obtain a replacement ballot if his or her ballot is destroyed, spoiled, lost, or not received by the elector, by filling out and mailing, or emailing, back a completed replacement ballot request form or by personally appearing at the office of the Fergus County Election Administrator at 712 W. Main, Suite 204, in Lewistown, Montana.