NOTICE OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of Elementary School District No. J12 (Shields Valley), Park County, Montana (the "Elementary District"), that pursuant to the resolution duly adopted by the Board on August 13, 2025, an election of the registered voters of the Elementary District will be held by mail ballot on November 4, 2025 for the purpose of voting on the question of whether the Board may sell and issue general obligation school building bonds of the Elementary District in one or more series in the aggregate principal amount of up to Ten Million Five Hundred Thousand and No/100 Dollars ($10,500,000.00) for the purpose of providing funds to pay the costs of designing, constructing, improving, renovating, equipping, and furnishing improvements to the Wilsall Elementary School facilities that will consolidate students into a single building to enhance safety, security, and efficiency, to include demolishing the white building and, to replace programming space lost by such demolition, enlarging the red school building by adding classrooms, learning spaces, and administrative space; in the existing red school building, (i) replacing windows, upgrading restrooms, renovating the kitchen, and improving Americans with Disability Act access, (ii) making mechanical (including heating and ventilation), electrical (including lighting), plumbing, and telecom upgrades and associated renovations in classrooms, common areas, and the gymnasium and related spaces, and (iii) replacing all or a portion of the roof; creating a dedicated student drop-off and other associated site improvements to improve traffic flow and student safety; 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-five (25) years.

If the bond election passes, based on the taxable value of the Elementary District, the property taxes on a home with an assessed market value for tax purposes of $100,000 are estimated to increase by $58.39 in the first year; of $300,000 are estimated to increase by $175.17 in the first year; and of $500,000 are estimated to increase by $318.07 in the first year. An increase in property taxes may lead to an increase in rental costs.

The election will be conducted by the Park County Election Administrator solely by mail ballot. Ballots will be mailed to all eligible registered voters in the Elementary District on October 15, 2025, and must be returned by mail or in person to the Park County Election Administrator, 414 East Callender Street, Livingston, MT 59047, during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.), weekdays (exclusive of holidays), October 16, 2025 through November 3, 2025.

On Election Day, November 4, 2025, the only place for deposit of voted ballots will be the office of the Park County Election Administrator, 414 East Callender Street, Livingston, Montana, which will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., and all ballots must be in the County Election Administrator's office by 8:00 p.m. in order to be counted. All ballots will be tabulated in accordance with Montana law with the preliminary results, if known, expected to be released after 8:00 p.m. on that day.

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

(a) vote in person in the office of the Park 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 3, 2025, signed by the applicant and addressed to the office of the Park 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, emailing, or faxing back a completed replacement ballot request form or by the elector personally appearing at the office of the Park County Election Administrator at 414 East Callender Street in Livingston, Montana.

Ballots may be returned in person at the places of deposit listed in the election instructions of the Park County Election Administrator, 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 at the office of the Park County Election Administrator by the 8:00 p.m. Election Day deadline to be counted.

Please note, all electors, as defined in Section 20-20-301, M.C.A., are those who reside within the Elementary District and are registered to vote by the close of registration on October 6, 2025.

For electors who miss the close of registration deadline, such electors may register late and vote in the election by appearing in person at the office of the Park County Election Administrator located at 414 East Callender Street in Livingston, Montana and providing to the County Election Administrator the electors' voter registration information in verifiable form beginning October 7, 2025 through 12:00 p.m. on November 3, 2025, and then from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

DATED this 13th day of August, 2025.

Park County Election Administrator

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