

# Supporting documents for HB 634



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# City of East Helena



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March 26, 2013

House Education Committee

RE: HB 634

As the Mayor of the City of East Helena, I am a proponent of the freedom of choice by the people of a democratic society. I am writing today to voice my support in allowing my constituents, "the citizens of East Helena", the choice to vote for or against issues that are presented to them in a properly formed election. Since I strongly believe in a democratic process, I support the legislation in House Bill 634, to allow the citizens of this community, a choice to direct the activities of our excellent school system in East Helena to expand into a K-12 school district or to choose to support the existing K-8 grade school system. I believe, we as a community, should at least have the opportunity to decide the fate of this issue on our own with your permission given under HB634.

Thank you for your consideration.

Anthony E. Strainer  
Mayor



## **Ron Whitmoyer**

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**From:** Taylor Brown [Taylor@northernbroadcasting.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 22, 2013 6:08 PM  
**To:** Ron Whitmoyer  
**Subject:** RE: LC 950 High School Expansion

Ron:

Happy to co-sign on it. Please have him get it to me for a signature!

*Taylor*

**Taylor Brown**  
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## **Ron Whitmoyer**

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**From:** Terry Murphy [murphter5@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 21, 2013 11:13 AM  
**To:** Ron Whitmoyer

Ron, I would be willing to be a cosigner of this version of the bill. Terry Murphy



# Lockwood School District #26

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March 26, 2013

Legislators:

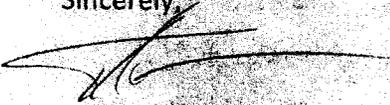
I am writing on behalf of the Lockwood community to ask for your support on House Bill #634 that addresses allowing Independent Elementary Districts to expand into K-12 Districts.

Lockwood School District has the second largest student enrollment (just over 1,200 students) of any community in the state that does not have its own high school. While the need for a Lockwood High School has been discussed for decades, currently there are not any plans to move forward with the process. However, we firmly believe that the ability to make decisions on what is best for our communities' children and how our tax dollars are prioritized should reside with the voters of this community. The idea of lost control has long been a guiding principle for both education and economic development in Montana. Lockwood School District is in direct conflict with allowing local communities to control the futures of their children.

We are aware that the possibility of losing both enrollment and taxable value could cause hardship on the high school districts that are affected. We believe that the legislators and tax payers of all involved districts could work through the process to make sure that it does not have a negative effect on any students. We would hope that through professional and mutual respect and efforts would be amicable rather than adversarial. The district that Lockwood feeds into is currently dealing with overcrowding issues due to increasing enrollment, failing leases, and aging facilities. A high school in Lockwood could possibly benefit the children in both districts.

Frankly, if the taxpayers in our community show the commitment and desire to fund a high school for their children, the law should not prohibit it. HB 634 removes an unnecessary hurdle from this process and we hope that you would support local control for the communities now served by independent elementary school districts.

Sincerely,

  
Tobin Novasio  
Superintendent  
Lockwood Schools

**LOCKWOOD**  
LIONS

# HELLGATE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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MISSOULA, MONTANA 59808

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FAX NO. 406-728-5636

March 27, 2013

Montana House of Representatives  
PO Box 200500  
Helena, MT 59620-0500

Dear Honorable Members of the Montana House of Representatives:

I am the Superintendent of Hellgate Elementary which is the largest independent elementary school district in Montana with an enrollment approaching 1,350 students (K-8). I am asking that you support House Bill 634, sponsored by Representative Kirk Wagoner of Montana City, that would provide the opportunity for Hellgate Elementary voters to decide if they want to expand the school district from a K-8 school district into a K-12 school district.

Hellgate Elementary is viewed as one of the premier Montana public education institutions. Our school district and our community have worked hard to achieve that distinction. Part of the reason for our success has been the development of a sense of community and connectedness felt by our students, our students' parents, our school district community, as well as by our staff personnel, to all that is Hellgate Elementary. Allowing Hellgate Elementary voters to decide if they want to have a high school, built on the same solid educational and societal philosophy that currently guides all Hellgate Elementary decision-making would have a significant academic and societal benefit for our students. More importantly, allowing Hellgate Elementary to become a potential K-12 school district could significantly benefit Montana as the state seeks to legitimately increase high school graduation rates, increase high school graduate economic productivity, and increase a sense of social safety and connectedness among Montana citizens toward its public education institutions.

Our voters know, if they were allowed to vote on expanding Hellgate Elementary into a K-12 school district, they would still be responsible for the bonded indebtedness that has been already incurred through the association with Missoula County Public Schools. However, I believe, to the Hellgate Elementary voter, the potential to raise the quality of educational and societal opportunity for our Hellgate Elementary students, through separating from the Missoula County Public Schools and creating a K-12 Hellgate Elementary school district, far out-weighs all other factors. To Hellgate Elementary, the ideas of academic rigor, academic relevance, and educational relationship to individual student learning are more than just slogans or catch-phrases. These beliefs are the non-negotiable bedrock principles that guide the K-8 Hellgate Elementary school district today and could guide the K-12 Hellgate Elementary school district tomorrow. Please let our Hellgate Elementary voters have the opportunity to decide for themselves if they want to expand into a K-12 school district.

Thank you for your time and I urge you to support House Bill 634.

Sincerely,  
Douglas Reisig, Ed.D.  
Superintendent, Hellgate Elementary

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(Established in 1869)

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Ed Boucher	3761 Groschell
Troy Maness	126 3rd St. / East Helena
Jerry Betz	1525 Townsend Ave
Kelly HARRIS	123 W Main #A
Catherine Russell	3884 Valley Dr, Helena 59602
Derrick Hauer	3904 Bullet Dr.
ERIC ERICKSON	301 N. WASHINGTON ST
Sabring Holmlund	2590 Colt Dr. E Helena 59635
Greg Holmlund	2590 Colt Dr E. Helena MT
Zwenda S Schmitz	3700 Dudley E Helena, MT 59635
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Heather Triland	PO Box 221 E. Helena MT 59635
Michele Goodman	PO Box 223 E. Helena, MT 59635
Charlene Bird	3250 Lanning Rd. E. Helena 59635
Keith woods	3573 Gray Rock Rd. 59602
Crystal Queen	3718 Dudley St 59635
Rory Barkley	5810 Spokane Ranch Rd. 59635
Robyn Barkley	" " "
<del>Sierra Scheet</del>	3718 E Riggs 59635
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Joseph Perry	3701 Lewis St E.H. 59635
Stacy Anderson	3718 E. Dudley St. E. Helena 59635
Tam Newby	3192 Argenta Drive Helena 59602
E. R.	PO Box 775 Helena 59624
Naupm Kramer	3783 Aster East Helena 59635
E. R.	3818 Daisy St East Helena 59635
Kit D Johnson	3818 Daisy St East Helena 59635
Dorothy Miller	706 E. Clark Street E. Helena 59635
Liz Jackson	5980 Pine Cone Rd - E. Helena, 5963
Mary Emmons	8186 Owl Court Helena 59602
DAVE & KATHY SWANSON	3283 Stillwell Dr. Helena, 59602
Mike Strainer	5894 SHANN DR. Helena 59602
Andy Wright	3031 Meadowlark E. Helena 59635
Brandi Weltz	5231 Mud springs Loop E Helena
Lee Musgjerd	225 E Pacific St. E Helena
Rod Musgjerd	3752 Aster St. E. Helena
JIM SCHWABAN	3752 Aster St. East Helena
SHARI HAGENGRUBER	2576 Winchester W. East Helena
	4375 STONEY DRIVE, HELENA

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Janene C. Felter	3832 Remington St EH 59635
Roxanne Wallis	950 E. Lewis St, E. Helena, 59635
John Wallis	SAME AS ABOVE
SCOTT WALTER	2598 WINCHESTER DR. ! EAST HELENA 59635
MIKE FASBENDER	3925 DEAL LN, HELENA, 59602
Kathy Swanson	5894 Shanon Drive, Helena, MT 59602
Jessica Jones	2465 Casper Dr East Helena 59635
Lisa Monticane	2870 King Edward Ct 59602
Lisa Marcille	5280 Husky Drive 59602
Valerie Balukas	5540 Keir Ln Helena 59602
Jill Miller	2176 Crested Wheat Loop 59635
Molly Casey	215 W. broschell & Helena
Ann Marie Thompson	3852 Chotecherry " "

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Heather Sobrepasa George	10636 George Gulch Loop 59602
Linda Patrick	704 E. Dudley St. E Helena 59635
Jennifer Shamley	3144 Tiber Court E Helena 59635
Mike Sullivan	2960 Vally Drive E. Helena
JASON SCHAEFFER	413 East King St. E. Helena 59635
Jamie Tuck	3143 Holmberg Dr Helena 59602
Kim Metzger	5 Abeja Ct. E. Helena 59635
Lacey Moore	3335 Grandview E. Helena MT 59635
Daniel McArthur	2645 Winchester Dr E Helena MT 59635
Katherine Kyler-West	3135 Holmberg Dr Helena MT 59602
Shad West	3135 Holmberg Dr Helena MT 59602
Dawn Mangel	P.O. Box 244 E. Helena MT 59635
Justin Mangel	P.O. Box 393 E. Helena MT 59635
Dawn Anderson	PO Box 132 E. Helena MT 59635
J.T. Lingenfelter	2630 Stage Coach Dr. E Helena 596
Wanda Cumley	2468 Kottas Ct E Helena, MT
Kevin Cumley	" "
Christa Schoenfeld	3827 Gradestake East Helena MT 59635
Steven Fetot	3885 US Hwy 12 E Helena 59601
Andrea Franco	3861 Gradestake St. E. Helena 59635

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Rachel Bright	3156 Holmberg Dr
K.D. Jones	105 Lewis Street #2
Brian Larson	3298 Holmberg Drive
Bret J Moore	3335 Grandview Dr.
Shawn Bryant	854 Hwy 282, Clancy, MT 59634
Jelle Johnson	320 N. Montana Ave, E. Helena
Jane Nye	3724 E King St. E. Helena
Tony Nye	" " " "
Phil Rial	602 E Main E. Helena
Michael Erickson	POB 281 East Helena
Angelina DeYoung	3741 Sky Rd, Helena 59602
Jett DeYoung	" " " "
Shawn Nye	3727 Travertine Way, Helena 59602
Brian Jackson	8186 Owl Court Helena 59602

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Connor Rigby	" "
Kemi Rigby	" "
Mandi Balken	4089 Boundaries
Lynsey Feller	2645 Stagecoach, E. Helena
Karl Shirley	502 E King, E. Helena
Chris Shirley	502 E King, E. Helena
Michelle Linneman-Feller	2630 Stagecoach, E. Helena
MARTIN BALUKAS	3540 KEIRLN HELENA
Laura Feist	3885 Us Hwy 12 E Helena 59601
Terrie Casey	4 J. Riggs E. Helena 59635
Tom Casey	4 W. Riggs E. Helena 59635
John R. Borske	3528 Canyon Ferry Rd. E. Helena, MT 59635
Kira J. Borske	3528 Canyon Ferry Rd. E. Helena, MT 59635
Tracy Roastad	3331 Ashken Ct Helena 59602
Kathy Swanson	5894 Shaun Drive Helena MT 59602
Lynna Marness	126 3rd St E Helena MT 59635



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AMY THORNBURK	3729 E BRASCHILL E.H. 59635
Jeremy May	← 1900 Harvest Loop E.H. 59635
Linda May	1900 Harvest Loop E.H. 59635
Jaun Colasbey	230 Katy Ct Helena MT 59602
Kristina Rowland	3790 Old US Hwy 12 E. #3, E.H. 59635
Carolee Fry	1007 Darter Rd, Helena, MT 59602
Traci Mazanec	7214 Sagebrush Dr. Helena MT 59602
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Brooke Hoye	14 Mountain West loop 59647
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Adam Hoye	<del>2884</del>
Marcel Roach	5526 York Rd Helena 59602
Melissa Haerter	1924 Harvest loop E. Helena 59635
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Sisaw D Breining	4135 Vista Trail Dr Helena 59602
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Jeff Coles	20 Sidewinder Loop, MT City
V. Shuler	3015 Wylie Dr E Helena MT
<del>_____</del>	3015 WYLIE DR. E. HELENA MT.
Jessa Depant	3818 Grade Stake St Helena, MT 59635
Nancy Jones	3818 Grade Stake St E Helena, MT
Michael	3375 Wylie Dr. LOT F Helena MT 59602
Seth Calkeed	3378 Wylie Dr. LOT F Helena MT 59602
Brandie Lorenz	30680 SkyLight Vista Helena MT 59608
Kira Richie	8192 Mayflower Helena MT 59602
John Richie	8192 Mayflower Helena, MT. 59602
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DALE MORTIMER	2870 KING EDWARD RD HELENA, MT 59602
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Michelle Suew	48 11 3rd St
Ken Guse	203 N 2nd St. E. Helena
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~~John Voss~~

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Lynn Noble	2363 Buckboard E Helena
Bob [Signature]	3759 Jumpers Ln
Norman O'Leary	3759 Jumpers Ln
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Spoke Nicole George	318 Stuart St Helena Mt.
Judy [Signature]	704 E Dudley St E Helena MT
Nancy Donaldson	3820 Eagle Bay Dr, Helena 59602
LIFE DURAN	2675 CODY DRIVE E. HELENA 59635
Jeri Duran	" " "
WINTER HAS THE TIRE	1715 Chestnut HELENA 59601
Paula Hunthausen	302 W. Groschell
Dolene Criske	2355 Grant View Dr E Helena
Chris Garde	2355 Grant View Dr E Helena
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Lora Mardock	5974 Johnson Rd. E Helena
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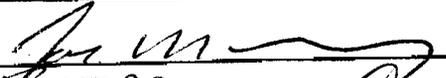
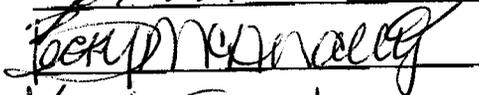
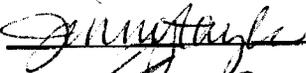
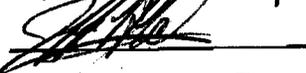
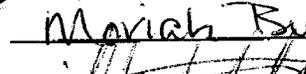
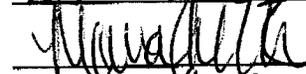
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House Bill 634 Testimony by Ron Whitmoyer

Madam Chair (Representative Hansen) and Members of the Committee, for the record, my name is Ron Whitmoyer, and that is spelled (W\*H\*I\*T\*M\*O\*Y\*E\*R). I am the Superintendent of East Helena Public Schools and speaking to you at the request of my School District, School Board and Community. Thank you Representative Wagoner for sponsoring this bill. Also I should thank Senator Murphy, Senator Lewis and Senator Taylor Brown for their willingness to co-sponsor this legislation along with Several Representatives, some of which are in this room. I apologize for the inability to have them co-sign this bill properly in order to expedite it to this hearing.

HB 634 is brought before you today by a grass roots collection of parents and community members whom you will hear from following me. We are not here at the request of lobbyists or state organizations, but as a collection of hard working community members asking for an opportunity to assert local control over our schools. This bill is about freedom of choice in a democratic society. The East Helena community is not asking you to approve a new high school, the East Helena taxpayers are asking to have the freedom to vote their choice and their own level of taxation. My community, for whom I am speaking, is asking you to allow local control.

East Helena is a proud community where parents rightfully believe that the school district can do as well if not better because we know and love our kids. This is not about the bigger school district doing anything wrong. Quite to the contrary, they are doing a good job of educating their kids. We are saying that schools like Hamilton, Corvallis, Laurel, and other K-12 schools are doing exceptionally well, and we are asking for the opportunity to be innovative, creative and exemplary in our delivery of an education to our own East Helena kids.

Certainly there are concerns we do not have bonding capacity for a new building. In a simple analysis this is true, however, nothing is ever truly simple. Many options exist such as using a building reserve levy as a savings account to prepare for a building, asking our East Helena Quality Education Foundation to do fundraisers, heck the Foundation paid the wages of a Kindergarten teacher using bake sales and fund raisers in 2000 when I started as superintendent. Even Senator Dave Lewis offered to build an East Helena High School if he won the lottery! Who knows the lengths we can go to, to overcome these issues, if we are at least given a chance to allow our community to vote to decide. I am a Board Member on the Montana Business Assistance Connection that is working hard to promote development of business and industry in East Helena and the surrounding 4 county area. We have 1,800 acres with prime access to the railroad, interstate and natural resources and we are working to attract industry and business to our East Helena location. In fact there are signs this will be starting to pick up since Blue Cross and Blue Shield recently announced the purchase of property in our school district that they intend to build their Helena office on. That spells jobs and more viability to spur the local economy. A new high school would mean more jobs too, but this issue is not about these future concerns. They are totally irrelevant without your permission to even be allowed to consider if we want to go to these lengths for our kids.

My community has told me, and our School Board, that getting permission to decide for ourselves is what they want us to do. As their representative I am requesting that you seriously consider this bill to allow the people I serve the right to vote on the needs of their own kids. I am including a petition with over 500 signatures collected in our community, a letter of support from Mayor Anthony Strainer of the City of East Helena, emails from Senator Murphy and Senator Taylor Brown , and letters from Superintendents from Lockwood and Hellgate Elementary in your packet as a reminder of the level of support we have for our request.

I again want to thank Representative Wagoner for giving us an opportunity to have the Legislature hear this grassroots request. On behalf of my community, I respectfully request your support in providing the choice afforded to our East Helena Community in this bill.