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February 12, 2013

Senate Education & Cultural Committee

RE: SB 283

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 Senate Bill 283, to allow my citizens and my community as a whole, 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 SB283.

Thank you for your consideration.


Anthony E. Strainer
Mayor



Dear Senate Education and Cultural Resources Committee,

I want you to know that I am very supportive of SB 283, introduced on our behalf by Senator Murphy. The bill is an attempt to give the community of East Helena and others like it the choice to expand its K-8 district into a K-12 school district to increase the individual attention that students receive in the smaller schools.

My family has been a part of East Helena and its strong tradition of work ethics and willingness to serve others. East Helena Schools have been a strong influence in my family's lives. My Grandfather Frank Murgel was educated in the East Helena School District and later became a business owner in this community. My father Randy and my aunt and uncles were raised and educated in this community and later returned to work for the industries in this community. My mother has raised children from this community through her day care for nearly 40 years. I, as well as my siblings, have been brought up by the proud community and its educator's. We all currently are raising the fourth generation of Murgel children... all in the East Helena Schools. My choice to live in East Helena is due to the care and education that each teacher shows their students.

My siblings and I continue the spirit of East Helena by providing service to others through being educators, coaches and Mental Health Professionals. Many of our relatives that have grown up in this community also carry on this tradition by teaching and coaching throughout the United States. We all strongly feel our ties to East Helena and its school system have led us down this path of helping others.

This is a very proud community who believes in its school system and is willing to support this movement towards having a High School. We want this option to choose to continue to mold and support young children and our leaders of the future in East Helena.

We believe that this opportunity for the local community to choose a smaller school setting would:

- Create smaller class sizes and a closer knit group of students with teachers. It is a proven fact that kids that feel safe and supported in their community and schools have a better chance at succeeding. This would allow this opportunity with the smaller class sizes as well as the sense of community within in schools which over the course of the last ten years has been a struggle to maintain with larger numbers in the Helena Area High Schools.

- Would increase student-teacher familiarity to keep kids in school and keep them from getting lost in the system. In East Helena education continues to improve through the delivery of academics and the application of knowing that each child learns in different ways. This allows teachers and students to get the support that they need to become successful in ways they work for individual students.

- Would create more jobs in the community, more business due to the proximity of the school and more future employees for the local economy. Having many family members who work and have owned businesses in the community it would be a benefit to have local control over where

our hard earned money will go and the support it would give back to the community who has had to deal with one of its major industries being shut down. This would also entice new business owners to expand in the East Helena area.

SB 283 embraces the recommendations of our School Board and our community. It promotes the option for local voters to get closer attention and a quality education to its students. It will help us improve the general school climate and the academic achievement for the students in the East Helena public schools. I respectfully urge your favorable consideration of the bill as it makes its way into the Senate and beyond.

Thank you!

Justin Murgel, Parent, Coach, Mental Health Professional



Lockwood School District #26



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Legislators:

I am writing on behalf of the Lockwood community to ask for your support on Senate Bill #283 that addresses allowing Independent Elementary Districts to expand into K-12 Districts. We ask that you support this Bill presented by Senator Murphy.

Lockwood School District has the second largest student enrollment (just under 1,200 students) of any community in the state that does not have it's 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. This idea of local control has long been a guiding principle for education in Montana. The "moratorium" on high school districts 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 hardships on the high school districts that are affected, but we believe that the educators and trustees of all involved districts could work through the process to make sure that it does not have a harmful effect on any students. We would hope that through professionalism and mutual respect any splits would be amicable rather than adversarial. The district that Lockwood feeds into is currently dealing with overcrowding issues due to increasing enrollment, failing levies, 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. SB#283 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

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Montana Senate
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Dear Honorable Montana Senators:

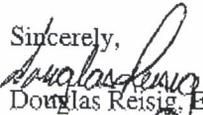
I write to you to ask your support for Senate Bill No. #283, a bill for an act entitled, "An Act Revising The Criteria For An Existing Elementary District To Be Eligible to Expand into a K-12 District; And Amending Section 20-6-326, MCA".

I am the Superintendent of Hellgate Elementary. I am asking that you support this bill which would provide the opportunity for Hellgate Elementary voters to decide if they want to expand the district to include a high school. Our voters may not wish to expand the school district from a K-8 to a K-12, but I think given the opportunity to vote on the issue, they would! Hellgate Elementary is the largest independent elementary school district in Montana with an enrollment approaching 1,350 students (K-8). Moreover, Hellgate Elementary is viewed as one of the premier Montana public educational institutions. Our school district and our community have worked hard to achieve that distinction. Allowing Hellgate Elementary voters to decide if they want to have a high school, built on the same solid educational philosophy that currently guides all Hellgate Elementary decision-making would not only have a potentially significant academic and educational benefit for our students but also significantly benefit Montana as the state seeks to legitimately increase high school graduation rates while at the same time offering high school diplomas issued to Montana graduates that actually mean something.

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 our association with Missoula County Public Schools. However, I believe, to the Hellgate Elementary voter, the potential to raise the quality of educational 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 Senate Bill No. 283.

Sincerely,


Douglas Reising, Ed.D.
Superintendent, Hellgate Elementary

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Derrick Hauer	3904 Ballet Dr.
ERIC BRILSON	301 N. WASHINGTON ST
Sabrina Holmlund	2590 Colt Dr. E Helena 59635
Greg Holmlund	2590 Colt Dr E Helena MT
Brenda S Schmitz	3700 Dudley E Helena, MT 59635
Mel Schmitz	3700 Dudley East Helena, MT 59635
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Keith Woods	3573 Gray Rock Rd. 59602
Crystal Queen	3718 Dudley St 59635
Rory Barkley	5810 Spokane Ranch Rd. 59635
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<u>Tam Newby</u>	<u>PO Box 775 Helena 59624</u>
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<u>Naomi Kramer</u>	<u>3818 Daisy St East Helena 59635</u>
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<u>Kit D Johnson</u>	<u>706 E. Clark Street E. Helena 59635</u>
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<u>Liz Jackson</u>	<u>8184 Owl Court Helena 59602</u>
<u>Mary Emmons</u>	<u>3283 Stillwell Dr. Helena, 59602</u>
<u>DAVE & KATHY SWANSON</u>	<u>5894 SHAWN DR. Helena 59602</u>
<u>Mike Strainer</u>	<u>3031 Meadowlark E Helena 59635</u>
<u>Andy Wright</u>	<u>5231 Mud Springs Loop E Helena</u>
<u>Brandi Welter</u>	<u>225 E Pacific St. E Helena</u>
<u>Lee Musgjerd</u>	<u>3752 Aster St. E. Helena</u>
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3832 Remington St FH 59635

Roxanne Wallis

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John Wallis

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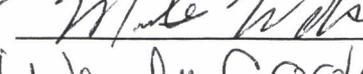
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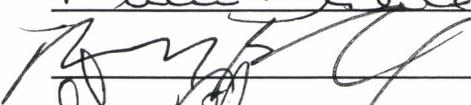
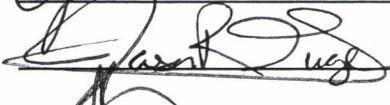
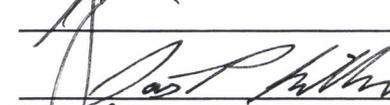
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Marilyn deMontigny	5130 Castles Rd Helena
Will Cumley	2468 cottas court
CHRIS HODIK	1966 Harvest Loop, E. Helena, MT
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Joe Davis	3741 Lewis
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Mariah Bury	↑ 3861 Edelweiss St Helena, MT
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Senate Bill 283 Testimony by Ron Whitmoyer

Chairman Peterson 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 Senator Murphy for sponsoring this bill and also thank you to the co-sponsors.

SB 283 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 I 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, 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.

We are attempting to do as Vivien Stewart reports in her book "A World-Class Education" ...to create "...multiple pathways for students in order to reduce dropout rate, improve the quality of education, and produce the more technically skilled labor force needed..." in these economic times. My community embraces this idea from the Singapore Schools and further asserts that a hometown East Helena school will not only positively influence graduation rates, but also decrease suicide rates and provide for extended learning opportunities for our students.

My community has told me and our School Board, that this 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 their own needs for their 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, a letter from a 3rd generation East Helenan, 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 Senator Murphy and the co-sponsors 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 this choice to our East Helena Community.