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MAIL BALLOT SCHOOL ELECTION UNDERWAY

Missoula, MT – The Missoula County Elections Office mailed ballots for the 2010 School Election on Monday, April 19th. Not all school districts have trustee races or levy requests. Registered voters in Bonner, Hellgate, Potomac, Sunset, and Woodman Districts won't receive a ballot. Registered voters in participating school districts can expect their ballots in the next day or two. Completed ballots need to be returned to the Elections Office by 8 p.m. on May 4th. Electors can mail their ballots, drop them off at the Elections Office in the County Courthouse or at the Elections Center at the Fairgrounds, or deposit them in the blue drop box in the Courthouse parking lot.

Electors can visit the Elections Center at the Fairgrounds if they need a replacement ballot between now and May 4th. Voters with disabilities can access AutoMark ballot marking machines at the Elections Office in the County Courthouse and at the Elections Center at the County Fairgrounds.

Voters are reminded to sign on the line under the flap of their return envelope regardless of whether they submit their ballot by mail or drop it off in person. The envelop design is new for this and future elections and protects voters' privacy by covering their signature. "I heard from more and more electors that they were uncomfortable having their signature exposed, so I redesigned the envelope to address their concern. It was a quick fix and inexpensive," said Vickie Zeier, Elections Administrator.

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