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Ms. Jennifer Anthony, Vice President  
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Dear Ms. Anthony:

Thank you for your correspondence regarding the Missoula schools and your interest in being engaged in the process to upgrade and enhance the Missoula County Public Schools' (MCPS) facilities.

MCPS has endeavored to engage the public throughout our SmartSchools 2020 facility planning process. More than three hundred fifty community members participated in the strategic planning process between May 2013 and February 2015. The planning process included numerous public meeting and community forums and was extensively covered by local media. MCPS has maintained an active website throughout the planning and implementation phases. Historical documents and meeting agendas are available at: <https://www.mcpsmt.org/Page/9323> At the conclusion of the planning process a comprehensive bond campaign was launched to detail the proposal to the community, including presentations to several neighborhood councils, all school PTA/PTO organizations, multiple service clubs and civic organizations, the Community Forum and the City Council Committee of the Whole. The bond language identified the scope and intent with regard to our projects. Nearly all of our projects thus far have been subject to public hearings through the Missoula Board of Adjustments.

We continue to phase-in the work supported by the passage of the bond request. We are currently under construction at Russell Elementary, Washington Middle School, Willard Alternative High School, Hellgate High School and the new Jeannette Rankin Elementary. Design is nearing completion for a renovation and addition project at Sentinel High School, which will be under construction beginning in April. We have recently retained architects to complete the development of plans for the renovation of Lewis and Clark Elementary, Hawthorne Elementary and Meadow Hill Middle School. In the spring of 2018 we anticipate issuing the RFQ for architect selection for the Big Sky High School and C.S. Porter Middle School projects.

While I don't anticipate significant demolition or façade renovation in any of our current projects, I would welcome your participation. Please advise me regarding any projects of specific interest and I will make certain you are added to the meeting listserve.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Thane, Superintendent  
Missoula County Public Schools