

CARBON COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Order to Cancel May 5, 2020 School Elections

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 20-20-108 of Montana Code Annotated, a county superintendent of schools can cancel a school election if the governor has declared a state of emergency. After the governor terminates the state of emergency, the trustees of the school district shall reschedule the election.

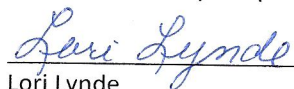
WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Steven Bullock, the Governor of the State of Montana declared a state of emergency for the entire State of Montana because of the Coronaviruses Pandemic. On March 17th, 2020, the Carbon County Board of County Commissioners declared a state of emergency for all of Carbon County because of the pandemic. On March 17th, 2020, the Health Officer for Carbon County Health Board issued an order that closed many facilities to the public and prohibited most public gatherings because of the pandemic. State and local government have implemented broad measures to limit the impact of the pandemic.

WHEREAS, the school elections are set for May 5, 2020. The Individual District Managers conduct the elections for the school districts. It would be difficult for the Business Managers to supervise the elections with the current measures to limit the impact of the pandemic. Some of the people who work the elections are elderly, who are more vulnerable to the virus. Many of them may decline to work the elections and those who do work the elections would place their health at risk. The ballots have to be stored and tabulated in a secure area. The secure areas available to store and tabulate the ballots do not comply with the recommended social distancing requirements. An order work force confined to a small space does not comply with the recommendations to limit the impact of the pandemic.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

Because of the potential health risk with the administration of the election, the Carbon County Superintendent of Schools cancels the school elections set for May 5, 2020. After the Governor terminates the state of emergency, the trustees of the school districts shall reschedule the elections. I shall provide a copy of the order to the Carbon County Election Administrator, chairperson of the board of trustees for each school district in the County, the Carbon County Board of County Commissioners and the Montana Office of Public Instruction.

Dated this 9th, day of April 2020.



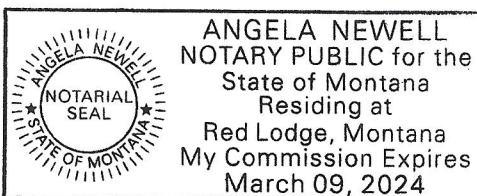
Lori Lynde

Carbon County Superintendent of Schools

State of Montana }
 ss.
County of Carbon }

On April 9, 2020, before me personally appeared Lori Lynde, the Carbon County Superintendent of Schools and acknowledged to me that she executed this Order to Cancel May 5, 2020 School Elections in her official capacity of Carbon County Superintendent of Schools.


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