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Gallatin County Two-Year Education Mill Levy Election Information

Mill Levy Question as stated on the November 5, 2013 ballot

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Gallatin College purpose

Gallatin College offers two-year associate degrees and one-year professional certificates to area residents.

Annual cost of mill levy to Gallatin County property owners

Examples:

\$2.08 per \$100,000 in assessed property value*

\$4.15 annually for \$200,000 in assessed property value*

**Assessed property value is generally less than market price*



Ballot must be received by November 5

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What is Gallatin College MSU?

Gallatin College MSU is Southwest Montana's two-year college, offering associate degrees and one-year professional certificates. Gallatin College complements the four-year programs at Montana State University and provides workforce training, general education for transfer, academic support and dual enrollment for high school students.

Facts about Gallatin College MSU

- **2013 Enrollment:** 300 degree seeking; 1,000 total students
- **Admission:** open enrollment (no entrance exams required)
- **Class Schedule:** courses offered days and evenings
- **Transfer Degrees:** Associate of Science, Associate of Arts
- **Associate of Applied Science:** aviation, interior design, design drafting
- **Certificate of Applied Science:** bookkeeping, health information coding, medical assistant, residential building performance, welding
- **Student Characteristics:** adults changing careers; approximately half over 24 years old; many first-time college students; have work and family responsibilities; and students needing financial aid



Certificate in Welding Technology



Certificate in Medical Assistant



Associate Degree in Aviation

Why is the request being made?

1. The funding would support the enrollment and program growth plans of the college and meet the needs of Gallatin County students and local employers.
2. The funding supports the development of the skilled local workforce that is integral to our county's economic development.
3. The addition of the local funding to the state funding and student tuition that the college already receives will help keep the cost affordable.
4. Gallatin is the only Montana County with an established Comprehensive Two-Year College that does not levy at least 1.5 mills for local two-year education.

How will the county funding be used?

1. The county funding will be used to create additional workforce related one and two-year programs. In a recent needs assessment county businesses identified 26 high-priority programs they would like Gallatin College MSU to offer.
2. Programs that are being planned include: Small Business Management, Advanced Manufacturing and Machining, IT Support Technician, Culinary Arts and more than 20 other programs in healthcare, business, hospitality, technology and manufacturing industries.
3. These programs can require a significant investment in machinery and equipment, software, specialized facilities and program development work.
4. The funding will allow the college to serve hundreds more students and create local employment opportunities for students.

How Much Will it Cost?

1. The annual amount raised by the county-wide 1.5 mills is projected to be \$369,856.
2. Impact on property owners is \$2.08 annually for a \$100,000 in assessed property value or \$4.15 annually for \$200,000 in assessed property value. (Assessed property value is generally less than market price)

A \$4.15 annual investment* will support one- and two-year professional programs and general education that will ensure access to college for generations of Gallatin Valley residents to come.

*Approximate amount based on a Gallatin County property assessed at \$200,000. Assessed property value is generally less than market price.

The mill levy only impacts property owners.