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Ms. Cyndi Baker
500 Montana Ave. N.W.
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Re: Complaint against Great Falls Public Schools

Dear Ms. Baker:

We received your February 13, 2012, Ethics Complaint against the Great Falls Public Schools today. Your complaint alleges various employees of the School District provided information to the KEY PAC in its effort to support the school levy, utilizing public facilities and time in violation of state ethic statute § 2-2-121, Montana Code Annotated, and campaign finance statute § 13-35-217, Montana Code Annotated.

Complaints of ethics law violations against local government officers and employees such as school district employees must be filed with a local government review panel (if one exists) or with the County Attorney. See Montana Code Annotated § 2-2-144. Therefore, I have no jurisdiction over your ethics complaint. Section § 13-35-217, Montana Code Annotated, refers to election officials; you do not allege an election official has acted improperly. For the foregoing reasons I am dismissing your complaint.

Sincerely,


James W. Murry
Commissioner