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**MONTANA SECRETARY OF STATE**  
**COREY STAPLETON**

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August 11, 2020

Bret Rutherford  
Yellowstone County  
217 N. 27<sup>th</sup> Room 101  
Billings, MT 59101

Dear Bret:

On August 11, 2020, this office received your plan, timetable, and instructions for the following mail ballot election(s) to be held on November 3, 2020:

- ◆ 2020 Federal General Election

After review, this office hereby approves the above plan, timetable, and instructions for the election. The election must be conducted in compliance with Title 13, Chapter 19 of the Montana Code Annotated and Rule 44, Chapter 3, Subchapter 27 of the Administrative Rules.

Also, Title 13, Chapter 2, Section 301 of the Montana Code Annotated now requires county election administrators to publish notice of the close of voter registration for all elections being conducted within a county – including school elections conducted by the school clerk. This will require coordination between the county elections office and school clerks to ensure that notices of the close of registration are published per the approved timetable.

Sincerely,

*Conner Gagnon*

Conner Gagnon  
Elections Specialist

Sent by electronic mail