

HISTORY OF FLATHEAD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS

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- District #1
BAD ROCK Non-Operating: Created 1893. First record of elected Trustees was April, 1893. Annexed to Columbia Falls School District #6 on November 21, 1954.
- District #1
WEST VALLEY Operating: District formed through consolidating the former districts: #7 Spring Creek, #8 Sparks, #33 Stillwater and #47 Prospect Park. (Bald Rock Dist. #21 consolidated with Prospect Park on July 22, 1961.) Districts #7, #8, #33 and #47 were consolidated into West Valley, District #1 on January 16, 1962.
- District #2
DEER PARK Operating: First record of an elected Trustee was in 1893. History notes the first schoolhouse was built in 1886.
- District #3
FAIRVIEW Non-Operating: Consolidated with Egan District #11 and Montford District #51, forming the new Fair-Mont-Egan District #3 on February 2, 1966. First schoolhouse was built in 1885. History note: Egan District was created in 1883. It contained the Fairview, Cayuse Prairie, Montford, Creston and Egan Schools. It was divided in 1905. First record of an elected Trustee was in 1892.
- District #3
FAIR-MONT-EGAN Operating: Comprised of Fairview District #3, Egan District #11 and Montford District #51. They consolidated February 2, 1966.
- District #4
SWAN RIVER Operating: Called Swan Lake before 1906. District was organized May 16, 1893. First record of an appointed Trustee was in July 1893.
- District #5
KALISPELL Operating: Elementary Units: Elrod, Lillian Peterson, Cornelius Hedges, Edgerton, and Russell. In 2007, Linderman School closed and Kalispell Jr. High School became Kalispell Middle School, housing grades 6-8. Also in 2007, Glacier High School opened as Kalispell's second high school, joining Flathead High School. Kalispell School District was organized in 1884; it was formerly Missoula County District #19. The first schoolhouse was Mr. D.J. Lambert's cabin situated on Stackhouse Slough. The school operated three months. Ashley School was built in 1886. First record of an elected Trustee was in April 1893.
- District #6
COLUMBIA FALLS Operating: Elementary units of grades 1-6 are in operation at the present time in Columbia Falls and the following schools have their dates of being built. Also included are those schools which are non-operating at present, but were a part of School District #6. History note: Columbia Falls was former Missoula County District #59. The first school opened on October 10, 1891. The new Dist. #6 was created September 14, 1898. Coram (1910) non-operating, Essex (1913) non-operating, now part of School District #8, Apgar (1915) non-operating, Lake Five (1919) non-operating, Nyack (1923) non-operating, Paola (1920) non-operating, Summit (1930) non-operating, Martin City, now part of the Canyon

Elementary School at Hungry Horse. Hungry Horse (1948), now called Canyon Elementary School. The 7th and 8th graders are bused into Columbia Falls Jr. High. The High School included grades 9-12. Bad Rock School District #1 was consolidated with Columbia Falls School District #6 on November 21, 1954. Half Moon District #17 was annexed to Columbia Falls on February 28, 1962. Canyon View District #19 was annexed in part to School District #6 on February 18, 1961. LaSalle School District #49 was annexed to District #6 on February 13, 1963. Operating Schools include: Ruder (Grades K -2), main Elementary (Grades 3-4), West Annex (Grades 5-6), Jr. High (Grades 7-8), High School (Grades 9-12), Canyon Elementary (Grades K-6) and the Eagle Alternative School. History note: School District #6 boundaries were established June 9, 1962. First record of an elected Trustee was in April 1893.

District #7
SPRING CREEK Formerly called Willis. Non-Operating: Consolidated into West Valley Dist. #1 January 16, 1962. Created in 1904. First record of an elected Trustee was April 1898.

District #7
FLATHEAD VALLEY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE Created April 11, 1967

District #8
SPARKS Non-Operating: Consolidated into West Valley Dist. #1 January 16, 1962. First record of an appointed Trustee was July 1893.

District #8
WEST GLACIER Operating: Created in August 1986. Temporary set-up at Glacier National Park Headquarters for the 1987-88 school year. Previous school was part of Columbia Falls District #6.

District #9
CRESTON Operating: Created in 1905 from Egan District. First record of an appointed Trustee was June of 1893.

District #10
CAYUSE PRAIRIE Operating: Created 1898. Consolidated with Lake Blaine District #45 on April 12, 1971. District #62 Mountain Brook annexed into Cayuse Prairie on April 29, 1992. First record of an elected Trustee was April 1893.

District #11
EGAN Non-Operating: Consolidated with Fairview Dist. #3 and Montford Dist. #51 to form Fair-Mont-Egan Dist. #3 on February 2, 1966. History note: Egan District was created in 1883 and contained the Fairview, Cayuse Prairie, Montford, Creston and Egan Schools. This district was divided in 1905. First record of an elected Trustee was in April 1896.

District #12
HOLT Non-Operating: Also called Pleasant View. The District was consolidated with Bigfork School District #36 on August 23, 1917. Bigfork District #36 was cut from this District on Oct. 14, 1962. First record of an elected Trustee was in April 1897.

District #13
BROCKEN Non-Operating: Consolidated with Somers School District #29 on February 26, 1962. First record of an elected Trustee was in April 1896.

<u>District #14</u> <u>DEMERSVILLE</u>	Non-Operating: Consolidated with Somers School District #29 on July 1, 1984. History note: Demersville was formed by union of old District #33 and District #14 on September 30, 1898. First record of an appointed Trustee was in April 1898.
<u>District #15</u> <u>HELENA FLATS</u>	Operating: December, 1893, Old Missoula County #59 changed to Flathead County District #15 – Helena Flats. First record of an elected Trustee was in April 1896.
<u>District #16</u> <u>PINE GROVE</u>	Non-Operating: Consolidated with Kalispell District #5 on March 10, 1970. Created around 1893. First record of an elected Trustee was in April 1896.
<u>District #17</u> <u>HALF MOON</u>	Non-Operating: Created around 1893. Annexed to Columbia Falls District #6 on February 28, 1962. LaSalle District #49 was created Sept. 15, 1904 from part of District #17. Part of District #17 was cut off to make District #37 – Grandview on September 1, 1908. First record of an elected Trustee was in April 1896.
<u>District #18</u> <u>PRAIRIE VIEW</u>	Non-Operating: Also called Spring Prairie. First record of an elected Trustee was in April 1896.
<u>District # 19</u> <u>VALENTINE</u>	Created December 8, 1893. Non-Operating: Annexed in part to Columbia Falls District #6 on February 18, 1961 and to Whitefish District #44. History note: This school was called Canyon View in 1943. Schools named as part of the district, but not operating are as follows: Upper and Lower North Fork (1919-1920); Forest Glen (1921-1923); Half Moon (1923-1924) and Trail Creek (1928-1939). First record of an elected Trustee was in April 1897.
<u>District # 20</u> <u>KILA</u>	Operating: Created December 8, 1893. Called Sedan until 1914. School listed as Coon Hollow – District #20 (1930-1931). First record of an elected Trustee was in April of 1898.
<u>District #21</u> <u>LIBBY</u>	Created prior to 1897. Became Lincoln County School District in July 1909.
<u>District #21</u> <u>BALD ROCK</u>	Non-Operating: Created September 1, 1909. History note: This District was also known as Davis School District and Hansen’s School District. This District was consolidated with Prospect Park Dist. #47 on July 22, 1961, to later become part of West Valley Dist. #1. First record of an appointed Trustee was in September 1909.
<u>District #22</u> <u>PHILLIPS CREEK/</u> <u>TOBACCO PLAINS</u>	Created February 20, 1896. Became Lincoln County School District in July 1909. Gateway District #42 was cut off and formed from this District in November, 1902. First record of an elected Trustee was in April 1910.
<u>District #22</u> <u>ELMO</u>	Became part of Lake County in 1923. Teachers are listed for 1911 on the records for Flathead County. First record of an elected Trustee was in April 1910.

<u>District #22</u> <u>(NO NAME)</u>	Created September 15, 1909, then transferred in its entirety to Olney-Bissell District #58 on November 26, 1910.
<u>District #23</u> <u>TROY</u>	Created December 1893. Bull Lake District was cut off from this district on October 21, 1901, becoming the new District #38. This district became a Lincoln County District in July of 1923. First record of an elected Trustee was in April 1896.
<u>District #23</u> <u>POLSON</u>	Newly defined as Polson on September 15, 1909. Became a Lake County School District in 1923. First record of an appointed Trustee was in September 1909.
<u>District #24</u> <u>PROCTOR</u>	This district was called Proctor after 1910. District #41 – Bayview, was cut from this district on October 14, 1902. Address of board members being Dayton or Chatauqua. All of this district became part of Lake County in 1923. First record of an elected Trustee was in April 1896.
<u>District #25</u> <u>GLEN</u>	Organized September 10, 1896. Transferred to Bigfork District #36 in 1906. School Districts #24, Rocky Bar (1916-1920) and District #36 consolidated into Bigfork District #38 on July 1, 1932. First record of an elected Trustee was in April 1896.
<u>District #26</u> <u>BATAVIA</u>	Created September 9, 1885. Consolidated with Boorman School District #39 on June 13, 1989. First record of an elected Trustee was in April 1896. Name was changed to Smith Valley School District #89.
<u>District #27</u> <u>PLEASANT VALLEY</u>	Operating: Also called Lakeview. Created February 2, 1903. Lost Prairie School in this district is not operating but teachers are listed for 1933 through 1958. First record of an appointed Trustee was February 1903.
<u>District #28</u> <u>HODGSON</u>	Also called Selish. Organized around 1893. Became part of Somers School District #29 July 1, 1977. First record of an elected Trustee was April 1896.
<u>District #29</u> <u>SOMERS</u>	Operating: District was created September 10, 1895. First called McGovern, then Somers in 1906. Was united with old District #27 April 26, 1899. Brocken District #13, Demersville District #14, Lakeview District #27, Hodgson District #28, Lakeside District #30 and Roussell District #48 all became part of the Somers School District #29. Somers School has classes in Somers and Lakeside. A new school was built in Lakeside in 1997-1998. First record of an appointed Trustee is June 1897.
<u>District #30</u> <u>LAKESIDE</u>	Organized October 13, 1896. First called Chatauqua. Annexed into Somers School District #29 April 12, 1983. A new school was built in 1997/98. First record of an elected Trustee was April 1897.
<u>District #31</u> <u>ECHO</u>	Organized March 10, 1897. Schoolhouse burned in an arson fire on July 15, 1972. The district annexed to Bigfork School District #38 on May 22, 1973. First record of an elected Trustee was April 1897.

District #32 FALL CREEK	Organized January 23, 1904. Became part of Lincoln County in July of 1909. First record of an elected Trustee was April 1902.
District #32 FERNDALE	Non-Operating: First called Swan Lake. Created February 28, 1910 with the name being changed in 1917. This was a joint district between Lake and Flathead Counties. It became part of Bigfork School District #38. First record of an elected Trustee was April 1910.
District #32 SYLVANITE	Created September 18, 1897. The district was abandoned and united with Troy District #23 on September 17, 1904. The Troy District then became a part of Lincoln County in July 1909. First record of an elected Trustee was April of 1897.
District #33 LAMBERT	Organized January 14, 1898. United with Demersville School District #14 on September 30, 1898. First record of an appointed Trustee was April 1897.
District #33 STILLWATER	Created January 21, 1899 from Springcreek School District #7, Sparks District #8 and Pine Grove District #16. Was consolidated into the new West Valley District #1 on January 16, 1962. This District was also called Lambert for one year. First record of an elected Trustee was April 1898.
District #34 KUHNS	Non-Operating: District was cut from Sparks School District #8 on February 27, 1900. Became part of Olney-Bissell School District #58 on February 27, 1961. The school was closed 1935-36, 1937-39 and 1942-48. Opened 1936-37, 1939-42 and 1948-49. First record of an elected Trustee was April 1899.
District #35 MARSTON/LORING HARRISBURG	A new district cut from Phillips Creek District #22 on February 8, 1901. Became Lincoln County District in July 1909. First record of an appointed Trustee was February 1901.
District #35 VALLEY VIEW	Created September 1, 1910. Became Lake County District in 1923. First record of an appointed Trustee was September 1910.
District #36 District #38 BIGFORK	Operating: The district was cut from Holt District #12 ON October 14, 1901. The new Bigfork District #38 was formed by consolidating District #36 and Glen School District #25 in 1932. First record of an appointed Trustee was November 1901.
District #37 MEADOW HILL	Called Meadow Hill or Lost Creek School. Parents all moved away about 1903. This district was formed September 17, 1901. It was later abandoned and made a part of Bald Rock District #21. First record of an appointed Trustee was September 1901.
District #37 GRANDVIEW	Created September 1, 1908 from Valentine District #19 and Half Moon District #17. It became part of Whitefish District #44 on February 22, 1955. First record of an elected Trustee was September 1907.

District #38 BULL LAKE	Organized October 21, 1901 from Troy School District #23. It became a Lincoln County School District in 1909. First record of an appointed Trustee was in 1901.
District #38 DAYTON	Created September 1, 1910. Became part of Lake County in 1923.
District #39 BOORMAN	Also known as Boorman's Landing and Boorman's Mill. Created February 28, 1902 from Kila School District #20 and Batavia School District #26. On June 13, 1989, Boorman consolidated with Batavia School District #26 to become the new School District #89, Smith Valley. First record of an appointed Trustee was April 1901.
District #40 RHODES	Also known as Iowa Flats with Trustees' addresses given for Tobacco, Hayden, Gateway and Eureka. District cut from Phillips Creek District #22 on February 2, 1902. Became Lincoln County School District in 1909. Portion of the District was used to form Eureka District #45. First record of an elected Trustee was April 1902.
District #40 BATTLE BUTTE	Non-Operating: Created September 12, 1910. Also included under School District #40 are the Flathead Mine and Brown's Meadow Schools – non-operating. Schoolhouses for Flathead Mine, Brown's Meadow and Hog Heaven were placed on sale June, 1968. Order of abandonment of Battle Butte School District #40 was made June 26, 1973. The Flathead portion became part of Kila School District #20, and the balance became part of Lake County. First record of an appointed Trustee was September 1910.
District #41 BAYVIEW/TATE	District cut from Dayton District on October 14, 1902. Changed to Rollins in 1910. It became a Lake County District in 1923. First record of an elected Trustee was April 1900.
District #42 GATEWAY	Organized September 24, 1902 from a portion cut from Phillips Creek District #22. It became Lincoln County School District in July 1909. First record of an appointed Trustee was December 1902.
District #43 LOON LAKE	Created November 26, 1910. Became Lake County District in 1923. First record of an appointed Trustee was November 1910.
District #43 FOREST PARK	Non-Operating: Organized around 1910 or 1911. Was annexed to Kalispell School District #5 on July 9, 1963. First record of an appointed Trustee was February 1911.
District #43 JENNINGS	Created February 2, 1903. A portion was transferred to form Warland District #57 on December 22, 1906. Became a Lincoln County School District in July, 1909. First record of an appointed Trustee was August 1903.
District #44	Operating: Created September 21, 1903. Schools include Muldown (Grades K-

WHITEFISH	4), Central (Grades 5-8), and the High School (Grades 9-12). First record of an appointed Trustee was September 1903.
District #45 EUREKA	Created February 6, 1904. Became Lincoln County District in July 1909. First record of an elected Trustee was April 1901.
District #45 LAKE BLAINE	Non-Operating: Created May 18, 1918. It consolidated with Cayuse Prairie District #10 on April 12, 1971. First record of an elected Trustee was April 1916.
District #45 BLAIR	Created in 1913. Consolidated with Polson School District #23 in 1914. The entire district became part of Lake County in 1923. First record of an elected Trustee was March 1911.
District #46 LAKE GLEN	Created February 13, 1904. Became Lincoln County District July 1909. First record of an appointed Trustee was March 1904.
District #46 SUNNY SLOPE	Created in 1911. It became part of Lake County in 1923. First record of an appointed Trustee was March 1911.
District #47 PROSPECT PARK	Non-Operating. Created February 3, 1904. It was consolidated with Bald Rock District #21 on July 22, 1961. It then consolidated into the new West Valley School District #1 on January 16, 1962. First record of an appointed Trustee is February 1904.
District #48 ROUSELLE	Created February 27, 1904. It was consolidated with Somers School District #29 on April 9, 1976. First record of an appointed Trustee was February 1904.
District #49 LASALLE	Non-Operating. Created September 15, 1904 from Half Moon District #17. It consolidated with Columbia Falls School District #6 on February 13, 1963. First record of an elected Trustee was April 1904.
District #50 EVERGREEN	Created September 24, 1904 and was called Coram District until 1906. First record of an appointed Trustee was September 1904.
District #51 MONTFORD	Non-Operating. Created January 20, 1905. Consolidated with Fairview District #3 and Egan District #11 to create the Fair-Mont-Egan District #3 on February 2, 1966. First record of an elected Trustee was April 1903.
District #52 BLACK LAKE	Created September 30, 1905. Became part of Lincoln County in 1909. First record of an elected Trustee was October 1905.
District #52 GREEN MOUNTAIN	Created February 27, 1911. Became a Lake County District in 1923. First record of an elected Trustee was April 1911.
District #53 EDNA	Also called Edna Creek. Created September 30, 1905. Became a Lincoln County District in July, 1909. First record of an appointed Trustee was October 1905.

District #53 SPRING HILL	Created September 1, 1911. Became part of Lake County in 1923. First record of an appointed Trustee was September 1911.
District #54 MARION	Operating. Created December 27, 1905. Consolidated with the Thompson River School District #60 on February 19, 1963, and with the Athens School District #59 (which included the Ashley Creek and Mountain View Schools, and an upper Athens School at one time.) on May 25, 1964. History note: The Post Office was given as "Swan" a number of years ago. The first record of an appointed Trustee was December 1905.
District #55 CABINET	Created February 7, 1906. Became a Lincoln County District in July, 1909. First record of an appointed Trustee was February 1906.
District #55 RESERVOIR VALLEY	Created March 11, 1911. Became a Lake County District. First record of an appointed Trustee was March 1911.
District #56 RIVERSIDE	Created December 22, 1906. Non-Operating. Was made a part of District #9 in either 1959 or 1960. First record of an appointed Trustee was May 1905.
District #57 WARLAND	Created December 22, 1906. Became a Lincoln County District in July 1909. First record of an appointed Trustee was December 1906.
District #57 SPRING VALLEY	Created September 1, 1911. Became a Lake County District. First record of an appointed Trustee was September 1911.
District #58 OLNEY/BISSELL	Operating. District was created February 22, 1907. Called Olney/Bissell from 1927 to present date. The following schools have been given as being this district: Olney, Bissell, Stryker, Hansen's Radnor, Twin Bridges, Finley, Doyle & Mock. The Olney School was built in 1919. The first record of an appointed Trustee was for Olney in February 1907.
District #59 ATHENS	Created October 19, 1907. Schools listed for Athens: Upper Athens Ashley Creek and Mountain View. Consolidated with Marion School District #54 on May 25, 1964. First record of an appointed Trustee was October 1907.
District #60 THOMPSON RIVER	Also called McGregor. Created October 28, 1908. It consolidated with Marion School District #54 on February 19, 1963. First record of an appointed Trustee was January 1908.
District #61 FOY'S LAKE	Created October 10, 1908. School was annexed to Kalispell School District #5 on July 1, 1963. First record of an appointed Trustee was October 1908.
District #62 MOUNTAIN BROOK	Created December 21, 1908. Annexed into Cayuse Prairie School District #10 on April 29, 1992. First record of an appointed Trustee was December 1908.
District #63 STAR MEADOWS	Also called Tally Lake. Created February 13, 1909. Portions were transferred from this district to Olney/Bissell District #58 and to Bald Rock District #21. The district was abandoned July 23, 1919 and the area involved was attached to

Kuhns District #34 in 1920. The first record of an appointed Trustee was February 1909.

District #64
MATT Created September 1, 1911. It was attached to Elmo District in 1921, and is now a part of Lake County. The first record of an appointed Trustee was September 1911.

District #65
BIG ARM Created September 1, 1911. It is now a part of Lake County. First record of an appointed Trustee was September 1911.

District #66
BIRCH GROVE Created November 29, 1911. Annexed to Kalispell District #5 on March 10, 1970. First record of an appointed Trustee was November 1911.

DISTRICT #67
GARSON GULCH Created February 24, 1912. Rattlesnake Gulch District #69 was attached to the District in 1921. It is now a Lake County District. First record of an appointed Trustee was March 1912.

District #68
HOG HEAVEN Created February 24, 1913. Abandoned May 3, 1913; it was later re-established, then abandoned in 1936 to be re-established in 1938. The district was later annexed to Battle Butte District #40 in 1959. First record of an appointed Trustee was September 1912.

District #69
RATTLESNAKE GULCH Created September 10, 1912. This district was later attached to Garson Gulch District #67 in 1921. It became a Lake County District in 1923. First record of an appointed Trustee was September 1912.

District #70
HUBBART/STRODBECK Schools named for this district have also been named: Crossing Creek, Sullivan Flats, Niarada, and Jungle. Abandoned and apportionments were made to Flathead and Sanders Counties on February 25, 1946. First record of an appointed Trustee was September 1912.

District #71
OLIVER GULCH Created September 2, 1914; a joint district with Sanders County. This later became a Sanders County District. First record of an appointed Trustee was September 1914.

District #73
WILKES GULCH Lincoln County District which was formerly a part of Pleasant Valley District #27 of Flathead County and made a part of Lincoln County in 1916.

District #73
SWAN LAKE District was formed from dividing Ferndale District #32, a joint district shared by Flathead and Lake Counties; the new district to be part of Lake County only. Created August 8, 1923.

District #89
SMITH VALLEY District was formed by consolidating Batavia District #26 with Boorman District #39 on June 13, 1989.