



ELECTION ADMINISTRATIONS

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Commissioners,

As part of our ongoing communication, I will be providing a monthly update from the Elections Office on the first week of each month. Please find the December 2025 update below.

December Highlights

School District Elections

- All school districts have requested that the Yellowstone County Elections Office conduct their upcoming elections. School Districts are required to reimburse the county for this administration of their election (as copy of the contract is included).
- The candidate filing period runs from **December 15, 2025, through February 9, 2026**. Candidates must file with their respective school clerk.
- No candidate filings were received in December.
- Several districts have indicated they may pursue mill levy or bond elections.
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NCOA (National Change of Address) Mailing

- Preparations began for the NCOA process, which is essential for maintaining accurate voter rolls. Yellowstone County's voter roll will be compared to Melissa Data through our Voter Registration system.
- This process must be initiated manually and becomes available on **January 1, 2026**. The duration is uncertain (estimated anywhere from 5 to 24 hours).
- My plan is to begin the process between **4:00–5:00 AM on January 1**.
- Mailing Technical Services (MTS) will send voter notices this year. Notices must be mailed by **January 3, 2026**, with a second mailing scheduled for **February 2, 2026** (30 days after the initial mailing).

Documents Processed



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- **776 voter registrations** were processed in December, including updates, county-to-county transfers, new registrations, absentee information updates, and motor vehicle updates.

Cedar Hall Project Update

- Met with Yellowstone Basin Construction on **December 22**. We have established a weekly meeting and project update schedule.
- Daily progress notes and photos will be available through the project management platform provided by Yellowstone Basin Construction.
- We will evaluate progress on **January 15, 2026**, and assess the likelihood of completion by **March 27, 2026**, when mail ballot preparation begins for school elections.

**Additional concerns may be addressed during meeting as this is an ongoing project.

Primary Election Preparation

- Election calendars have been updated.
- Candidate filing for the Primary Election will run from **February 17 to March 4, 2026**.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional details.