

Citizens of Grantsdale  
Grantsdale, Montana  
August 2, 1968

Board of Trustees  
Hamilton School District #3  
Hamilton, Montana

Gentlemen and lady of the Board:

We, the undersigned citizens from Grantsdale School District #5, do respectfully request that the members of the Hamilton School District #3 Board of Trustees consider the following request. We request that the Hamilton Board of Trustees, Hamilton School District #3, at their discretion, use reasonable restraint in accepting and approving frequent and repeated annexation petitions from the Grantsdale school district for the following stated reasons.

1. (a) Repeated and frequent annexation petitions create difficulty in staff and curriculum planning.  
(b) Repeated and frequent annexation petitions create difficulty in planning building and expansion programs.
2. The cost of repeated frequent annexation elections is a burden to the taxpayers.
3. (a) Repeated frequent annexation elections create friction between Hamilton and Grantsdale students at the high school level.  
(b) Repeated and frequent annexation elections create friction between the children of proponents and opposers of annexation within the Grantsdale district.
4. To eliminate insecurity caused to the Grantsdale school children by frequently repeated annexation elections.
5. We believe that the right to petition has been carried far beyond the original intent of the legislature and has been used abusively and excessively. Repeated frequent attempts at annexation are caused by personal conflicts and amount to

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harassment of the Grantsdale school district.

We further request your consideration on the matter of consolidation between Grantsdale School District #5 and Hamilton School District #3, rather than annexation between the districts, which will allow voters of the Hamilton district the opportunity to express their desires on this matter.

We express our appreciation for your time and consideration on this matter.

Respectfully,

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Chairman, Board of Trustees

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