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McCALL-DONNELLY SCHOOL DISTRICT ENCOURAGES RESIDENTS TO TAKE PART IN PLANNING SURVEY

McCALL, ID, February 20, 2024 – McCall-Donnelly School District released its first-ever community wide survey this week. The survey seeks to gather feedback on educational services and extracurricular activities currently offered by the District as well as resident sentiments regarding future planning. The survey is available via the District website, www.mdsd.org, or directly at www.bit.ly/mdsdsurvey2024. The survey should take approximately 5 to 7 minutes to complete and will remain open through March 9, 2024.

The survey also serves to educate the community about facilities and District funding realities. Enrollment has increased 37 percent over the past decade, and growth is projected to continue. A stabilization levy, in place since 2007, does not cover as much as it once did due to inflation. And, the State's new funding criteria now uses average daily attendance rather than total enrollment.

"Many factors contribute to our budgetary challenges," said Superintendent Eric Pingrey. "The new daily attendance funding criteria will result in a loss of nearly \$600,000 this school year. "Our state allocation only covers 60 percent of the District's employee compensation costs," he added. "We're exploring ways to maintain current staff-to-student ratios. The survey will identify community priorities to guide future decisions."

"We encourage residents to invest a few minutes to share their feedback," said McCall-Donnelly Board Chair, Trustee Laurie Erikson.

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About McCall-Donnelly School District:

Led by Superintendent, Eric Pingrey, the McCall-Donnelly School District serves 1,400 students at five schools. McCall-Donnelly School District has been named the number 1 ranked school district in Idaho and McCall-Donnelly High School has been named one of the nation's top high schools by *U.S. News*. The District provides public education programs from preschool through grade 12. 103 teachers and 66 paraprofessional staff directly serve students each day. The District is governed by a five-member Board of Trustees elected by District residents.