

## BIG SKY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AGREEMENT

A request from the Big Sky Hutterite Colony to be assimilated into the Browning Public School District No.9 for the 2026-2027 school years and form a unified district under a centralized administration was received by the Browning School District No. 9 Board of Trustees at their regular school board meeting held on June 30, 2026.

This Agreement entered into between the Browning Public Schools, Browning, Montana, and the Big Sky Colony is subject to all provisions of School Board Policy and Regulations for all employees and students.

Specific terms of the Agreement are described below:

1. Big Sky Elementary School was opened in accordance with section 20-6-502, MCA.
2. The educational program shall be consistent with the state Schools District 9 elementary school program offerings.
3. The Browning School District 9 will be responsible for employing the teacher(s).
4. Compulsory enrollment will be in compliance with section 20-5-103, MCA.
5. The Big Sky Colony will lease their school building property to Browning School District 9 free of any payment to conduct the Elementary Education Program during the regular scheduled day.
6. The building(s) leased are to meet all state building codes for use at the Big Sky Colony expense.
7. Special education students will have the same educational privileges; however, in most cases the students may be transported to Browning to meet the assistance needed.
8. The teacher(s) employed will receive and be entitled to all the rights and privileges of Browning School District 9 employees.
9. All classified personnel will receive and be entitled to all the rights and privileges of Browning School District 9 employees.
10. The Big Sky Colony will maintain an enrollment of not less than ten (10) students in their school.
11. Maintenance and utilities will be provided and paid by the Big Sky Colony.
12. This agreement will be in effect for the 2026-2027 school year.

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**Board Chairman**

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**Colony Representative**

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**County Superintendent**

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