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To the Ravalli County Commissioners:

The safety of our students is an important responsibility placed on the Board of Trustees of the Hamilton School District. As per our policies and decisions, we attempt to provide the safest environment for our students while on our campuses. That being said, we also want to advocate for their safety when they're not at school. As such, we have a keen interest in activities within our community that promote, not only the safety, but the physical health of our students.

Therefore, the Hamilton School District Board of Trustees is in full support of the extension of the Robert A. Leonardi (RAL) Trail along Golf Course Road from Highway 93 to Carriage Lane. This is a critical thoroughfare for our students traveling to/from Daly Elementary. A paved walkway would provide a safe means for not only commuting to school but for anytime our children and their families are traveling within Hamilton proper.

Additionally and importantly, we find this extension to be a meaningful tribute to one of our students who is greatly missed, not only by his peers, but the entire school district community.

We recognize that a grant is necessary to provide funding for such a project. Please let us know if support letters are required to help secure this important funding and start this project.

We appreciate all of your efforts with Ravalli County and hope to see the RAL trail extension in the near future.

Sincerely,

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