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**Board of Education**  
**Mesa County Valley School District 51**  
**Business Meeting Minutes: May 26, 2020**  
**Adopted: June 16, 2020**

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						<b>AGENDA ITEMS</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
						<b>BUSINESS MEETING</b>	6:00 p.m.
Present	x	x	x	x	x	A. <b>CALL TO ORDER//ROLL CALL</b>	
Absent						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Board members attended electronically as a means of social distancing to protect the Board, staff and the public during the COVID-19 outbreak.</li> <li>➤ The meeting was streamed live through Facebook and the public was welcome to join the meeting for Audience Comments through Google Hangout.</li> </ul>	
Motion			x			B. <b>AGENDA APPROVAL</b>	Adopted with agenda items added
Second		x				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Mr. Parrish requested two items, School Start-up and Summer Athletics Activities, be added to the agenda under Board Requests.</li> </ul>	
Aye	x	x	x	x	x		
No							
Motion		x				C. <b>MEETING MINUTES AND SUMMARY APPROVAL</b>	Adopted
Second	x					C-1. April 7, 2020, Board Work Session	
Aye	x	x	x	x	x	C-2. April 21, 2020, Board Business Meeting	
No						C-3. April 22, 2020, Board Special Meeting	
						D. <b>RECOGNITIONS</b>	
						D-1. 2020 US Snowshoe Championship, Central High School [Resolution 19/20: 82]	
						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Mr. Parrish recognized the Central High School Warrior Elite team who competed in the U.S. Snowshoe Championship. The event was held in Leadville, Colorado. The top three participants in the boys and girls' fields qualified for the world competition to be held in Argentina. In the girls' event, the top three spots went to Warrior Elite team members Tristian Spence, Kora Handy and Hope Watson. In the boys event Jordan Leblow finished in the third spot to qualify for the world competition. The Board and Superintendent Sirko applauded the team's coach, Mr. Ted Leblow; and the team members who qualified for the world competition, Tristian, Kora, Hope and Jordan and the other team members who participated in this national event: Jackson Edwards, Jeffrey Fiantaca, Jake Harrison, Hunter Prather, Tyler Stogsdill, Joshua Trujillo and Alex Warren.</li> </ul>	
						D-2. Daniel Scholars, Kylie Sue Babeon, Palisade High School and Brody Perlick, Fruita Monument High School [Resolution 19/20: 83]	
						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Mr. Pitton recognized Palisade High School senior, Kylie Babeon, and Fruita Monument High School senior, Brody Perlick, for receiving the coveted Daniels Scholarship. Students receiving this scholarship may attend any accredited nonprofit college or university in the United States, with the scholarship covering any remaining expenses after other scholarships and student aid is applied. The Board and Superintendent Sirko applauded the students for being selected out of 2,265 applicants. This year two-hundred and twelve students from Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming received scholarships.</li> </ul>	

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- D-3. Colorado State Bowling Championship, Aislynn Davis, Central High School [Resolution 19/20: 84]
  - Mr. Parrish congratulated Aislynn Davis, a Central High School senior, for winning the state bowling championship in February. Aislynn has competed at the state level during each year while in high school. She finished in sixth place as a junior and third place as a freshman and sophomore. The Board and Superintendent Sirko congratulated her on reaching her goal of taking home the title of state champion.
- D-4. Colorado State Wrestling Championship, Dawson Collins and Kieran Thompson, Grand Junction High School [Resolution 19/20: 85]
  - Mr. Parrish recognized Grand Junction High School students Dawson Collins and Kieran Thompson for winning the State Wrestling Championship in their respective weight brackets. Dawson, a senior, is also the third wrestler to win four Warrior Classic titles. Kieran, a junior, has competed at the state level three times. Mr. Parrish and Superintendent Sirko congratulated the wrestlers for their outstanding accomplishments and acknowledged their coach, Joe Meinhart, for his work in helping his athletes reach their goals.
- D-5. 2020 Student Journalism Impact Award Winner, Grand Junction High School Orange and Black [Resolution 19/20: 86]
  - Mr. Parrish recognized the Grand Junction High School Orange and Black staff and their advisor, Mrs. Megan Fromm, for winning the 2020 Student Journalism Impact Award. The students' work in authoring a multi-page report brought crucial student voices to the condition of Grand Junction High School. The Board and Superintendent Sirko congratulated the students on receiving the award and thanked them for their journalistic integrity in informing the community about this critical issue. Orange and Black staff members recognized were Madison Martinez, Delaney Kidd, McKenna Bryant, Izzy Cornelison, Claudia Eggers, Elise Fero, Ashley Guddat, Jared Hanks, Bre Kircher, Sophie Middlemas, Bree Peet, Carson Pope, Riley Pope, Nicholas Rojas, Calie Shea, Zach Shettler, Annika Sisac and Alyssa Williams.
- D-6. Colorado Athletics Directors Association Outstanding School Administrator, Dr. Diana Sirko [Resolution 19/20: 87]
  - Mr. Parrish recognized Superintendent, Dr. Diana Sirko, for being named Outstanding School Administrator by the Colorado Athletics Directors Association. The Board thanked Dr. Sirko for her incredible contributions to student athletics and congratulated her on this well-deserved recognition. Dr. Sirko recognizes the importance of athletics and the skills and experience innate to students participating in extra-curricular activities.
- D-7. CO-Association Latino Administrators, Administrator of the Month, Mr. Don Trujillo [Resolution 19/20: 88]
  - Mr. Parrish recognized Mr. Don Trujillo, Principal at R-5 High School, for being named Colorado Association of Latino Administrators' Administrator of the Month, for the month of February, 2020. Mr. Trujillo has a unique, refreshing and energetic approach to learning. The Board and Superintendent Sirko congratulated him and thanked him for the incredible work he has done with his school and students.

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| <p>E. BOARD REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS/REQUESTS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Summer Athletic Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Mr. Paul Cain, Athletics and Activities Director, reported on steps taken to allow athletic activities to resume. A task force was created to see what was needed to allow athletics activities to resume under COVID-19 restrictions. The task force is comprised of members from the county, medical professionals, athletic directors, and administrators. The hope is to be able to begin the first phase of bringing athletic activities back in June. The task force will be reviewing the requirements and restrictions of the National Federation of State High School Association, the Colorado High School Activities Association (CHAASA), state and county. Mr. Cain reported he will be serving on a newly formed CHAASA task force to review requirements and restrictions at the state level.</li> <li>➤ Board members and Superintendent Sirko reported receiving correspondence based on inaccurate information posted on social media. The District will work to increase news releases to ensure accurate information being circulated.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. School Start-up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Superintendent Sirko stated over 1000 staff members are participating in the Summer Learning Institute. One piece of the institute is to review possible learning options for students when school resumes in August. Options being considered are for students to return to a traditional five-day school week, a blended or hybrid option combining online and in-person learning and an option for students to do total online learning. D51 administration will continue to monitor federal, state and county restrictions of COVID-19 to determine which option will meet the restrictions at the time school resumes. The District is anticipating up to twenty percent of students may request online learning, instead of going back to the classroom, so an expansion of the District's current online learning program is being explored.</li> </ul> </li> </ol> <p>F. LEGISLATIVE REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Mr. Pitton spoke with a senior policy advisor for Governor Polis regarding COVID-19 funding. The advisor noted the intent of some COVID-19 funding, is to cover expenses related to loss of learning. Mr. Pitton requested if some of the funding could be used for staff salaries to compensate teachers who had to quickly adjust to online learning. At this time, the government is still looking at whether salaries will be considered as expenses related to loss of learning. Mr. Pitton reported state legislators are scheduled to resume session, but with a decrease in the number of days in this year's legislative session and over three hundred and fifty bills drafted, he anticipates many bills will end up dying. The Joint Budget Committee is continuing to look at ways to back-fill K-12 funding. Mr. Pitton will be reviewing over two hundred resolutions proposed through the Colorado High School Athletics Association and voting on those resolutions on Friday.</li> <li>➤ Superintendent Sirko reported she received notification from the state that the School Finance Act draft has been completed.</li> </ul> |  |
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						<p><b>G. AUDIENCE COMMENTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Mr. James Williams, a parent of a Fruita Monument High School 2020 graduate, requested information on whether the June 2 Board meeting would be an in-person or remote meeting and if the Board would be discussing graduation options at tonight's meeting.</li> <li>➤ Mr. Parrish stated the meeting on June 2 will be a remote meeting and a graduation update will be presented during Board Open Discussion.</li> </ul> <p><b>H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT</b></p> <p>H-1. 2020-2021 Budget Presentation, Mr. Phil Onofrio, Mrs. Vi Crawford, Mrs. Melanie Trujillo</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Mr. Phil Onofrio, Chief Operations Officer, reported the District is reluctant to present a budget at this time as decisions have not been made at the state level regarding how funding cuts will be made. The state's Joint Budget Committee is recommending cuts to K-12 education of around \$448 million, or about ten percent. Historically funding cuts are made by reducing the per pupil funding but, at this time, the state is looking to create a formula to shift higher budget cuts to school districts with higher-income ratios. The state is to release a draft this week showing anticipated cuts to each district based on the new formula. Since state law requires a budget be presented to the Board by May 31, Mr. Onofrio requested a meeting on Friday, May 29 to present a budget. The presentation would give a draft budget noting a general overview of expenditures and a projected funding from the state. Actual funding cannot be determined until the state's budget is finalized. Mr. Onofrio reported the District received two federal grants tied to COVID-19 funding. The grants are one-time funding with limitations on what the funds can be used for and with some of the funding required to be spent by December 31, 2020.</li> </ul> <p>H-2. Expulsion Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Mr. Parrish explained the purpose of a monthly expulsion report is to update the Board on the number of expulsions. The Board may use the data as a way to look at possible trends and ask clarifying questions.</li> <li>➤ Superintendent Sirko shared information on the Pathways Program. The program assists in helping students suspended for drug or alcohol violations. She stated the grant, which funded the program, was not renewed so funding will need to be shifted to maintain the program.</li> <li>➤ Mrs. Mahre stated weapons violations are up, compared to other years.</li> </ul> <p>H-3. Communication/District Initiatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Reviewed</li> </ul> <p><b>I. CONSENT AGENDA</b></p> <p>I-1. Personnel Actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I-1.a. Licensed and Administrative Personnel Actions [Resolution 19/20: 89]</li> <li>I-1.b. Administrative New Hires [Resolution: 19/20: 90]</li> </ul> <p>I-2. Gifts [Resolution: 19/20: 91]</p> <p>I-3. Grants [Resolution: 19/20: 92]</p>	
Motion Second Aye No	x x	x x	x x	x x	x x		Adopted

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Motion Second Aye No	x	x	x	x	x	<p><b>J. BUSINESS ITEMS</b></p> <p>J-1. Approval of Architect for Schematic Designs for Grand Junction High School and Central High School [Resolution 19/20: 93]</p> <p>➤ Board members expressed concern for spending funds to hire an architect at this time. Mr. Phil Onofrio, Chief Operations Officer, clarified funding for the resolution would be coming from the 2017 bond funds already designated for Grand Junction High School. At this time, the District would like to make the selection for an architect, but preliminary work and funding would not start until September, and the contract could be suspended prior to the work commencing.</p> <p><b>K. BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION</b></p> <p>➤ Discussion pursued regarding 2020 graduation ceremonies. Items noted in the discussion were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A previous decision was made to hold any final decisions on graduation ceremony formats until June 22 to offer more versatility, due to changing COVID-19 requirements.</li> <li>• Principals are working with staff, parents and students to answer questions and gather information and requests.</li> <li>• Administration is meeting and updating building principals on COVID-19 requirement changes and different graduation formats available. At this time, no high school administrators have requested a different graduation format.</li> <li>• Staff, parents and community members are encouraged to direct questions or feedback to building administration at the various high schools.</li> <li>• D51 Foundation has ordered facemasks for students in their school colors.</li> <li>• Administration has been working to accommodate students as needed and making ceremonies as memorable as possible. A short video was shown of a drive through style graduation ceremony held at Central High School for students entering the military and unable to attend ceremonies in July.</li> </ul> <p><b>L. FUTURE MEETINGS</b></p> <p>➤ June 2 Work Session will be held electronically.</p> <p><b>M. EXECUTIVE SESSION</b></p> <p>➤ None at this time.</p> <p><b>N. ADJOURNMENT</b></p>	Adopted
Motion Second Aye No	x	x	x	x	x	<p>Bridget Story, Secretary          Board of Education</p>	8:36 p.m.

Board of Education Resolution: 19/20: 82

Presented: May 26, 2020

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The Board of Education and Superintendent Sirko would like to recognize Central High School's Warrior Elite team, for their performance at the U.S. Snowshoe National Championships earlier this year.

For the first time in 20 years, the Championship took place in Colorado, opening up an opportunity for students to compete close to home. On February 29, eleven students traveled with Coach Ted LeBlow to Leadville, CO to participate in the largest junior division race for U.S. Snowshoeing.

Snowshoe races are similar to regular road races, with the addition of heavy snowshoes and icy terrain. Many of these students participate in track and cross country, and easily made the transition to snowshoeing.

At the National Championships, the top three runners in the girls and boys races qualify for the world championship, which will be in Argentina next year. All three spots in the girls race went to Central High School runners -Tristian Spence, Kora Handy, and Hope Watson. One boy, Jordan Leblow, earned a world championship spot with his third-place finish. Almost all the Warrior Elite runners improved their state times at the national championship run.

The Board of Education and Superintendent Sirko would like to recognize these students for their incredible athleticism, and Coach Leblow for introducing such a unique opportunity to these students. Congratulations to you all, and best of luck in Argentina next year.

Jackson Edwards

Jeffrey Fiantaca

Kora Handy

Jake Harrison

Jordan Leblow

Hunter Prather

Tristian Spence

Tyler Stogsdill

Joshua Trujillo

Alex Warren

Hope Watson

Coach: Ted Leblow

The Board of Education and Superintendent Sirko are pleased to recognize Kylie Babeon and Brody Perlick for receiving the coveted Daniels Scholarship. Kylie is a student at Palisade High School, and Brody is a student at Fruita Monument High School.

This year, approximately 2,265 students from Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming applied for this scholarship, which honors students who display exceptional character, leadership, and commitment to their community. Of the 212 students who were selected, two are from District 51.

Daniels Fund Scholars may attend any accredited nonprofit college or university in the United States. The scholarship covers the expenses that remain after all other scholarships and financial aid have been applied.

Kylie will be attending Colorado Mesa University to study Nursing or Pre-Med, and Brody will be attending Colorado School of Mines to study Electrical Engineering.

There is no doubt that Kylie and Brody are completely deserving of this award. The Board and Superintendent Sirko would like to congratulate both of them on their accomplishments, and wish them the best in their future goals and plans.

The Board of Education and Superintendent Sirko would like to recognize Aislynn Davis for winning the state bowling championship earlier this year.

The Central High School senior has competed in the state championships all four years, finishing third in both her freshman and sophomore years, and sixth as a junior. At the end of February, Aislynn beat 40 other girls for the championship title.

The state tournament involves a series of bowled games, with the top 16 players competing in match play to narrow down the competition to four bowlers. When Davis began the match-play, she was ranked third, but quickly became the top seeded player when the top two bowlers lost their matches. Davis won her match, 202-198, to take home the title.

Aislynn will be attending Hastings College in Nebraska in the fall.

The Board of Education and Superintendent Sirko are proud to recognize Aislynn for all her hard work that led to this incredible achievement. Congratulations, and best of luck in your future plans!



The Board of Education is proud to recognize Dawson Collins and Kieran Thompson for earning their Colorado State Wrestling Championship titles earlier this year.

Dawson has competed in the state championships every year of his high school career, and has placed in the top three each year. He is also the third wrestler to win four Warrior Classic Titles. After a frustrating third-place state finish last year, Dawson came back this year with better focus, and won his second state championship in the 120-pound match. The Grand Junction High School senior is planning to continue his wrestling career at Utah Valley University in the fall.

Kieran Thompson, a GJHS junior, competed in his third state championship, and earned his first state title for the 132-pound match. After an injury prevented him from competing at his best last year, Kieran approached this year with a thorough understanding of his opponents, and secured his win.

According to Coach Joe Meinhart, both athletes work extremely hard and are some of the most dedicated wrestlers he's worked with. They rarely missed any open gyms or practices, and both played a major part of the team state title in 2018.

The Board of Education and Superintendent Sirko are sincerely pleased to recognize these remarkable young men for the dedication they have demonstrated over the last several years. Congratulations to both of you.

The Board of Education and Superintendent Sirko would like to recognize the Grand Junction High School Orange and Black staff for earning the 2020 Student Journalism Impact Award, from the Journalism Education Association and Quill & Scroll International.

Last spring, the Orange and Black staff authored a multi-page report, detailing the condition of Grand Junction High School ahead of the district's bid to pass a bond measure to rebuild the school. The report highlighted the foundational, safety, and structural issues, along with other problematic aspects of the 64-year-old building.

The students' work, as part of the class led by Dr. Megan Fromm, brought crucial student voice to the reality of Grand Junction High School's conditions, and played a part in informing voters of the needs of the facility, and importance of its replacement.

The students were originally scheduled to receive their award and recognition from the Journalism Education Association at their national conference in April, but the conference in Nashville, TN was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Board of Education and Superintendent Sirko are proud to recognize these students for their journalistic integrity in informing the community about critical issues. Thank you for all your hard work, and lending your voice to these important conversations.

Madison Martinez, Managing Editor

Delaney Kidd, Managing Editor

McKenna Bryant

Izzy Cornelison

Claudia Eggers

Elise Fero

Ashley Guddat

Jared Hanks

Bre Kircher

Sophie Middlemas

Bree Peet

Carson Pope

Riley Pope

Nicholas Rojas

Callie Shea

Zach Shettler

Annika Sisac

Alyssa Williams

The Board would like to recognize Dr. Diana Sirko for recently being named the Outstanding School Administrator by the Colorado Athletics Directors Association (CADA).

Recipients of this award are selected by nomination from the members of CADA, and are recognized for their contributions to Colorado athletics.

It's no secret that Dr. Sirko is a huge fan of school athletics, and can usually be seen at football or basketball games, cheering on students as they compete. Dr. Sirko recognizes the importance of athletics for students, and the skills and experiences that are innate to sports: teamwork, perseverance, grit, positivity, and sportsmanship.

The Board of Education is proud to recognize Dr. Sirko for this prestigious award, and would also like to thank her for the incredible contributions she's made to student athletics over her career. Thank you, and congratulations.

The Board would like to recognize Mr. Don Trujillo for recently being named as the Colorado Association of Latino Administrator's (COALAS) Administrator of the Month for February 2020.

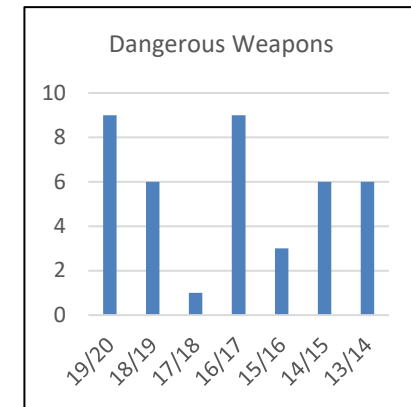
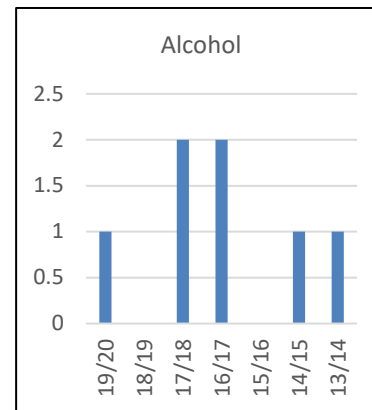
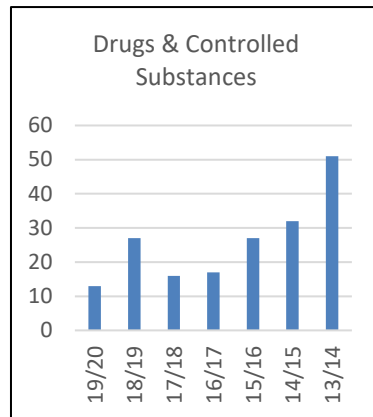
Mr. Trujillo, the principal at R5 High School, has a unique, refreshing, and energetic approach to learning. He is relentlessly and unapologetically learner-centered in his work, and is passionate about meeting each student where he/she is in their unique journey in learning. His work at R5 High School with project based learning has distinguished him as a dedicated leader.

The Board of Education and Superintendent Sirko are proud to recognize Mr. Trujillo for the incredible work he's done with his school and students, for the passion and energy he brings to R5 High School, and his dedication to students. Congratulations.

Category	High School				Middle School				Elementary School				Total		Total for previous years as of April 30 of:				
	19/20		18/19		19/20		18/19		19/20		18/19		19/20	18/19	17/18	16/17	15/16	14/15	13/14
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700																1	1		
DSP																			
VOO	4	1	9	3	7	1	4	1					13	17	9	10	6	6	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>					<b>42</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>68</b>

**Category Description**

- 100 - drug or controlled substance
- 200 - alcohol
- 300 - tobacco
- 400 - felony assault
- 500 - dangerous weapons
- 600 - robbery
- 700 - other felonies
- DSP - destruction / defacement of school property
- V00 - other violations



# Communications Update April 17 – May 20, 2020

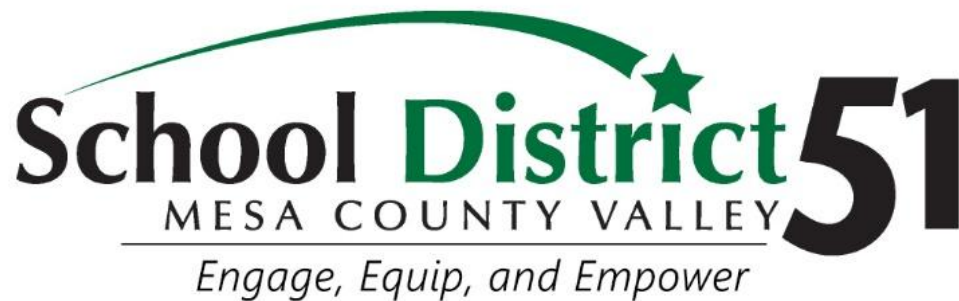
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# Media Coverage

## **The Daily Sentinel**

- April 22, [Students mark 50th Earth Day, with adjustments for pandemic](#)
- April 22, [D51 will stay with remote-learning for remainder of school year](#)
- April 22, [Mesa County prosecutor Mahre appointed as District 51 board member](#)
- April 22, [Opinion: Testing, testing, testing](#)
- April 22, [Opinion: The power of ice cream and a welcome addition to the D51 school board](#)
- May 3, [Second-grade teacher faces heartbreaking reality of teaching online](#)
- May 6, [Opinion: Appreciating nurses, teachers, parks, and second chances](#)
- May 9, [Max Marsh eager to play D-1 football](#)
- May 12, [High school student athletes recognized at Daily Sentinel Sports Awards show](#)
- May 12, [Mesa Valley holding individual graduation ceremonies](#)
- May 14, [District 51 graduation plans include 'drive thru' ceremonies](#)
- May 14, [Letter from the District 51 Superintendent](#)
- May 14, [Opinion: Old habits proving hard to break at District 51](#)
- May 15, [School District 51 responds to backlash over graduation plan](#)
- May 16, [Officials reflect on coronavirus spread](#)
- May 17, [MVCS gives seniors special send-off at graduation](#)
- May 17, [D51 Graduation: This is what the students want](#)
- May 18, [Graduation day: Central High School seniors celebrate without a ceremony](#)
- May 20, [Chromebook collection wraps up semester marked by distance learning](#)
- May 20, [Fruita graduates gather in lieu of commencement](#)
- May 20, [Schools, local governments gain from contentious Polis directive](#)
- May 20, [Eight D51 athletes honored by Lions Club](#)

## KREX

- April 25, [R-5 High School honors its graduates](#)
- April 29, [State Athletics honors two in Mesa County](#)
- May 1, [Teacher Parade for D51 students](#)
- April 30, [Emergency meal service through D51 and Lunch Lizard extends to June 30](#)
- May 3, [D51 high school graduation is scheduled for July](#)
- May 6, [Students honor Tope Elementary teachers](#)
- May 12, [Pandemic Perspective: Public Health Apprentice](#)
- May 14, [D51 finalizes graduation plan, drive-thru style](#)
- May 14, [Graduation reactions from D51 parents and students](#)
- May 16, [FMHS to hold peaceful protest on proposed graduation plan](#)
- May 19, [Gov. Polis hopeful schools will reopen in fall with changes](#)

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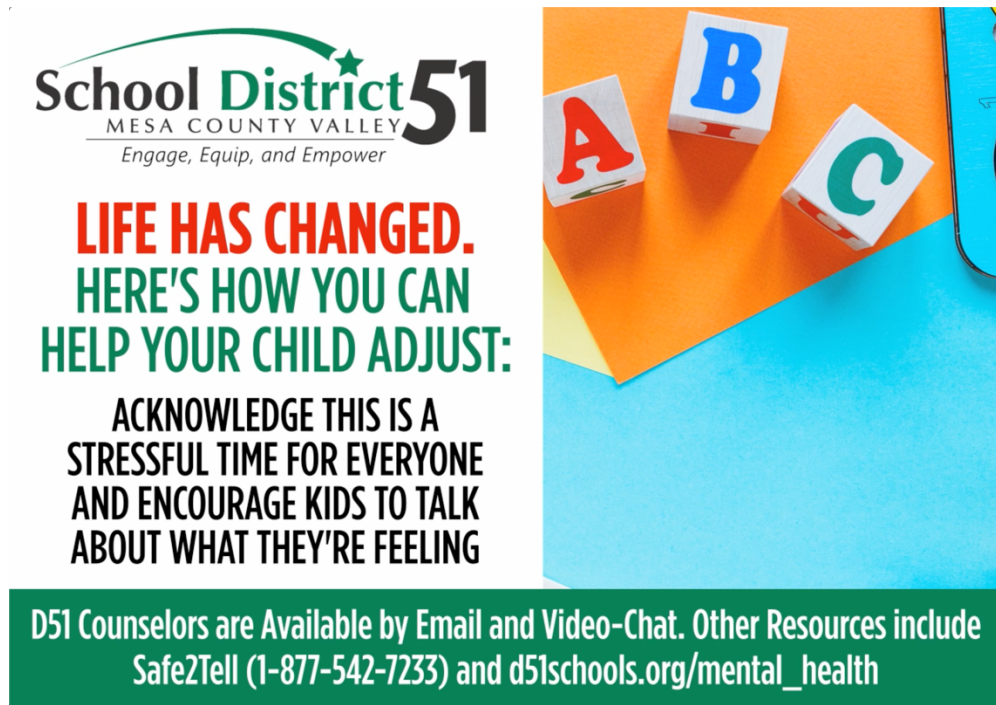
- April 21, [D51 shares more information on school closing in board meeting](#)
- April 21, [D51 cancelling all in-person class until the end of May](#)
- April 24, [FMHS staff deliver 2020 senior signs](#)
- April 28, [D51 Graduation dates](#)
- April 29, [Central high teachers and staff help deliver for Food Bank of the Rockies](#)
- April 29, [D51 celebrates Teacher Appreciation Week](#)
- April 30, [School summer projects remain on track](#)
- May 7, [School District 51 considering drive-in style graduation](#)
- May 8, [Thunder Mountain Special Ed. teacher goes above and beyond during remote learning](#)
- May 13, [Dog waste is becoming a problem on school grounds](#)
- May 14, [Appleton Elementary “Promotional Parade”](#)
- May 18, [CHS seniors hold drive-by parade for original graduation date](#)
- May 19, [Fruita Monument High School seniors protest D51 graduation plans](#)



## Paid Media

### Indoor Billboards

The following ads appeared on indoor billboards owned by Local Focus at various places in the community, including Mesa Mall, Kidsplex, Glacier Ice Arena, Graff Dairy, Bananas Fun Park, etc.



The billboard features the School District 51 logo on the left, which includes a green star and the tagline "Engage, Equip, and Empower". To the right is a photograph of three wooden blocks with the letters A, B, and C on top, set against a background of orange and blue paper. The main text is centered and reads: "LIFE HAS CHANGED. HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP YOUR CHILD ADJUST: ACKNOWLEDGE THIS IS A STRESSFUL TIME FOR EVERYONE AND ENCOURAGE KIDS TO TALK ABOUT WHAT THEY'RE FEELING". At the bottom, a green banner contains the text: "D51 Counselors are Available by Email and Video-Chat. Other Resources include Safe2Tell (1-877-542-7233) and [d51schools.org/mental\\_health](https://d51schools.org/mental_health)".

### Welcome Home Packages

Each month, 100 Homeowners who move into a new home in the Grand Valley receive a package that includes two branded stickers and pens, a printed infographic with more information about District 51.

### TV Ads

KREX does a monthly segment highlighting a teacher who receives the KREX "Golden Apple Award." The channel advertises the award to bring awareness to D51, and to garner nominations. KJCT provides audience targeting to supply relevant information to demographics who may benefit from our information as they browse the web.

Ads with pertinent information run in the Sunday edition of the Grand Junction Daily Sentinel.

**Did You Know?**

You can still get help with mental health over the summer.



May is Mental Health Awareness Month.

It can also be a time when students aren't sure who to reach out to if they are in crisis. Please visit [d51schools.org/mental\\_health](http://d51schools.org/mental_health) and use the following resources if you or a friend need help.

<p style="margin: 0;"><b>Help for anyone, any time</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Colorado Crisis Services</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 1-844-493-TALK</li> <li>○ Text TALK to 38255</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Crisis Text Line</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Text CO to 741741</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Mind Springs Health</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 970-201-4299 (emergency)</li> <li>○ 970-241-6023 (general)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>National Suicide Prevention Lifeline</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 1-800-273-8255</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Safe2Tell</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 1-877-542-7233</li> <li>○ <a href="http://Safe2tell.org">Safe2tell.org</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p style="margin: 0;">Helpful Reminders During This Time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You are not alone</li> <li>• You are loved</li> <li>• It's OK to reach out for support</li> <li>• There is help</li> </ul> <p style="margin: 5px 0 0 0; font-size: 0.8em;">While you cannot control everything in life, you can take small steps to feel better. Encourage your child to practice breathing exercises, do yoga, play games and color, or practice any other calming activities that foster good mental health.</p>
	

April 10, Mental Health

Julie Bitner, Human Resources  
 Janet Brock, Thunder Mountain  
 Chet Brown, Thunder Mountain  
 Joann Carpenter, Taylor  
 Glorya Chavez, Emerson  
 Cindy Cooper, Emerson  
 Gordon Cooper, Fruita 8/9  
 Leah Copeland, Redlands  
 Randy Dalton, Technology  
 Nickki Delpizzo-Schreiner, Thunder Mountain  
 Christopher Emmons, Redlands  
 Shawna Emmons, West  
 Tammy Fletcher, Hawthorne  
 Rebekah Garrison, Central/Career Center  
 Phyllis Janssen, Central  
 Amy Lanman, Central  
 Ann Lee, Orchard Mesa  
 Donna Livingston, Dos Rios  
 Kathy Lyn, Fruita MS  
 Debbie Marker-Comstock, East  
 Kelly Mattson, Pear Park  
 Brenda Maw, Hawthorne



Wanda McBride, Valley  
 Vernon McGee, Central  
 Mary McGuire, Grand Mesa  
 Brian Nash, Valley  
 Deborah Nelson, FMHS  
 Suzan Nelson, Taylor  
 Karen Osborn, FMHS  
 Gail Petch, Appleton  
 Tony Pingleton, Taylor  
 Heidi Ragsdale, West  
 Chrisy Ralston, Emerson  
 Warren Ritchey, Career Center  
 Theresa Rubalcaba, SPED  
 Darlene Sanchez, Lincoln OM  
 Joe Sawyer Jr., Dos Rios  
 Rachel Smith, Mt Garfield  
 Katrina Stahl, Taylor  
 Mariann Taigman, Hawthorne  
 Amy Topper, Fruita 8/9  
 Karen Winegardner, Nisley  
 Robert Witt, Technology  
 Vicki Woods, Orchard Ave  
 Cheryl Young, Fruita MS

# 2019-2020 D51 RETIREES

May 3, D51 Retirees



**Summer Lunch  
Lizard Schedule**

**Summer Service begins May 26!**  
*(See new summer schedules below.)*

**Lunch Lizard Truck 1 Route (M-F)**

Monument Ridge Town Homes 10:45-11:00 a.m. (Breakfast & Lunch)

West Middle School 11:15-11:45 a.m. (Lunch) \*Starts 6/15

Eureka! McConnell Science Museum 12:15-12:45 p.m. (Lunch)

Columbine Park 1:00-1:30 p.m. (Breakfast & Lunch)

**Lunch Lizard Truck 2 Route (M-F)**

Applewood Estates 10:45-11:00 a.m. (Breakfast & Lunch)

Mesa Avenue Park 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. (Breakfast & Lunch)

Kimwood Park 12:25-1:00 p.m. (Breakfast & Lunch)

Candlewood Community Center 1:10-1:30 p.m. (Breakfast & Lunch)

**School & Community Sites**

11:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. M-F

Chipeta Elementary

Clifton Elementary

Fruitvale Elementary

Lincoln O.M. Elementary

Orchard Mesa Middle School

Pear Park Elementary

Pomona Elementary

Shelledy Elementary

13 Brix Cider Bistro

**Breakfast & Lunch Served**




- Available to all children 18 and younger at no charge.
- Breakfast and lunch menus at [bit.ly/lunchlizard](http://bit.ly/lunchlizard).
- Service will last through at least June 30.




May 17, Lunch Lizard Schedule


GJ Sentinel Digital Ad



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There's a vacancy on the D51 School Board.  
[CLICK HERE to learn more](#)

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GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO

SUPPORT LOCAL RESTAURANTS

Click here for a list of Take-Out & Delivery Service





The potential impact of the freeze on the peach crop? 'It will be bad'

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## Electronic Communications

### **Family Newsletter – [Click here to view](#)**

- Sent to 18,316 active contacts including parents, media, elected officials, and community members who have signed up at [www.d51schools.org](http://www.d51schools.org).
- Includes updates about end-of-year plans, COVID-19 responses, emergency meal information, ways that seniors are being recognized and honored, an announcement about new board member, Trish Mahre, an update from the D51 Foundation, kindergarten registration, sports updates, staff and student awards, and a Monument Ridge construction update.

### **Staff Newsletter – [Click here to view](#)**

- Sent to all District 51 staff
- Includes the month's Board Briefs, a video update from Superintendent Sirko, information from Human Resources, a staff FAQ, end-of-year plans, student and staff awards, an internal support system for staff, an introduction to Trish Mahre, an update from the D51 Foundation, information on the Emergency Meal program, Employee Assistance Program information, copyright information for schools creating videos, and mental health information.

### **April 21 Board Briefs – [Click here to view](#)**

- Sent to all District 51 staff, media, and community members who have signed up at [www.d51schools.org](http://www.d51schools.org)
- Includes a summary of what was presented/discussed/adopted at the Board of Education meeting
  - Board vacancy update
  - COVID-19 response update
  - Curriculum and Easement adoption
  - Mill Levy Override Update

### **May 5 Board Briefs – [Click here to view](#)**

- Sent to all District 51 staff, media, and community members who have signed up at [www.d51schools.org](http://www.d51schools.org)
- Includes a summary of what was presented/discussed/adopted at the Board of Education meeting
  - New board member swearing in
  - Superintendent update
  - Graduations update
  - End-of-year procedures
  - Summer school
  - State budget process
  - Remote learning update
  - Summer project update

# Social Media

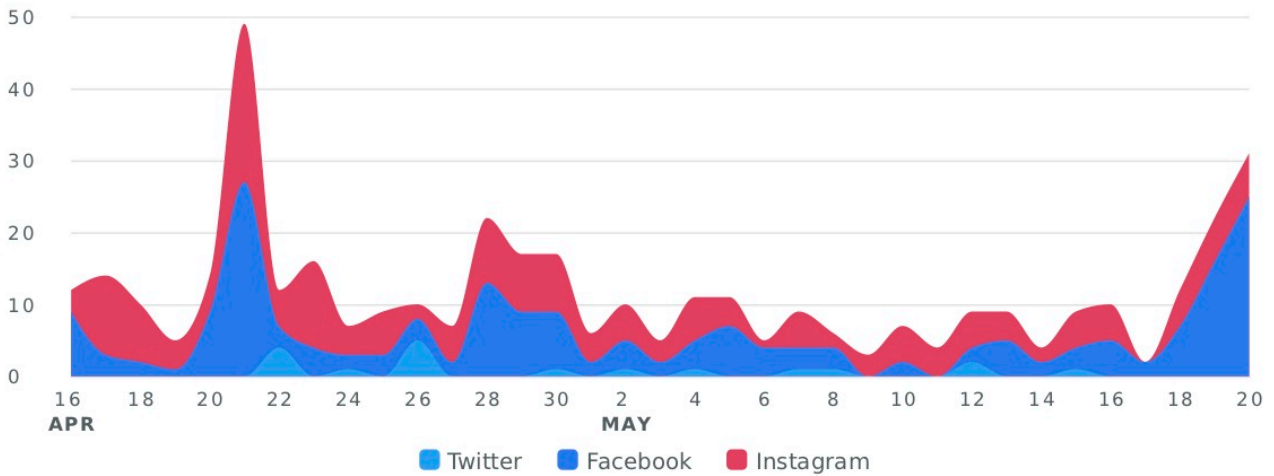
A full social media report is available upon request.

## Group Stats by Profile/Page

Profile/Page	Total Fans / Followers	Fan / Follower Increase	Messages Sent	Impressions	Impressions per Message Sent	Engagements	Engagements per Message Sent	Link Clicks
School Di... @district51	3,288	-0%	143	49.1k	343.1	3,887	27.2	185
Mes... ict 51 Business Page	13.2k	1.2%	230	883.8k	3,842.7	80.6k	350.6	4,577
School Di... d51schools	3,064	5.7%	138	90k	652.2	1,594	11.6	-

## Group Audience Growth

Followers Gained, By Day



Audience Growth Metrics	Totals	Total Followers % Change
<b>Total Followers</b>	<b>19,504</b>	<b>↗1.6%</b>
<b>Total Net Follower Growth</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>-</b>
Twitter Net Follower Growth	-1	↘0%
Facebook Net Fan Growth	153	↗1.2%
Instagram Net Follower Growth	166	↗5.7%



**Mesa County Valley School District 51**

**Licensed and Administrative Personnel Action**

Board of Education Resolution: 19/20: 89

Adopted: May 26, 2020

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
<b>Retirements</b>			
ALMOND, IRENE B	ADMIN	COORDINATOR, FED PROGRAMS	6/4/2020
GOFF, THOMAS E	FMHS	PHYSICAL EDUCATION	5/22/2020
GRECO, CONNIE LEA	LINCOLN OM	GIFTED & TALENTED	5/22/2020
HEXOM, MONA TERESE	MT GARFIELD	6TH GR SOCIAL STUDIES	5/22/2020
KRICK, SARA W	VALLEY	PRINCIPAL-ALTERNATIVE	6/11/2020
RUSSELL, BELINDA B	EMERSON	SPED, K-12 SPEECH/LANG	5/22/2020
<b>Resignations/Termination</b>			
ADAIR, ANNA VIRGINIA	GRAND MESA	SPED - MODERATE NEEDS	5/22/2020
CUSTER, KRISTY L	NISLEY	GRADE 2	5/22/2020
FAHRNEY, CARLA DEE	BOOKCLIFF	COUNSELOR	5/29/2020
FELT, ASHLEY N	EMERSON	LEARNING MODEL COACH	6/1/2020
FEUERBORN, ANGELA LAURA	FRUITVALE	GRADE 3	5/22/2020
FOLEY, ALLISON A	THUNDER MTN	COMPUTER ED	5/22/2020
HAUPT, GLENN E	BTK	PSYCHOLOGIST	5/28/2020
KNOX, KIMBERLEY RENEE	TAYLOR	GRADE 2	5/22/2020
LINDBO, JENNIFER	TAYLOR	INTERVENTIONIST	5/22/2020
MCGILL, KELLEY E	CENTRAL	SPED - SSN	5/22/2020
RODE, PRESTON BRADY	ROCKY MOUNTAIN	SPED - SSN	5/22/2020
SHAW, LINDSEY R	FMHS	SOCIAL STUDIES	5/22/2020
SIMONTON, JAKE M	CENTRAL	SPED - MODERATE NEEDS	5/22/2020
STAMATAKIS, BRANDI J	R-5	COUNSELOR	6/5/2020
WOODWORTH, MELINDA KAY	EMERSON	LEARNING MODEL COACH	6/1/2020
<b>Leave of Absence</b>			
NONE AT THIS TIME.			
<b>New Assignments (Transfer/New Hires)</b>			
NONE AT THIS TIME.			
<b>Return from Leave</b>			
NONE AT THIS TIME.			



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*Bridget Story*  
*Secretary, Board of Education*

Board of Education Resolution: 19/20: 90

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<b>Zachary Moore</b>	<b>Pear Park Principal</b>
<p>Mr. Moore joined D51 in September of 2009 as a SSN paraprofessional at BMS and moved into a teaching position in 2011 at Chipeta Elementary. Mr. Moore taught 5th grade at Chipeta until 2015 when he was hired as Assistant Principal at Fruitvale Elementary. For the last two years he has served as Assistant Principal at Rim Rock Elementary.</p> <p>Mr. Moore received his B.A. Degree in Psychology and B.S. Degree in Biology from the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs in 2008. He received his M.A. of Education in Educational Leadership from Western State College of Colorado in 2012.</p>	

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*Bridget Story*  
 Secretary, Board of Education





**Mesa County Valley School District 51  
GIFTS**

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Adopted: May 26, 2020

<b>Donor</b>	Darrel T. and Amy J. Allen
<b>Gift</b>	Cash
<b>Value</b>	\$45.00
<b>School/Department</b>	Palisade High School / Football

<b>Donor</b>	FCI Constructors, Inc.
<b>Gift</b>	Cash
<b>Value</b>	\$300.00
<b>School/Department</b>	Palisade High School / Football

<b>Donor</b>	Rotary Clubs of the Grand Valley
<b>Gift</b>	Books
<b>Value</b>	\$20,000.
<b>School/Department</b>	Elementary Schools / Three books for every first grade student

<b>Donor</b>	Greg and Judy Morgan
<b>Gift</b>	Cash
<b>Value</b>	\$300.00
<b>School/Department</b>	Palisade High School / Football

<b>Donor</b>	Jason and Judy Narenkivicius
<b>Gift</b>	Cash
<b>Value</b>	\$60.00
<b>School/Department</b>	Palisade High School / Football

<b>Donor</b>	St. Mary's Medical Staff
<b>Gift</b>	Cash
<b>Value</b>	\$6,058.00
<b>School/Department</b>	Nutrition Services / Lunch Lizard Program

<b>Donor</b>	Lida Lafferty
<b>Gift</b>	Samsung laptop computer
<b>Value</b>	\$600.00
<b>School/Department</b>	Career Center / Culinary Arts

<b>Donor</b>	G.J. Air Show Inc.
<b>Gift</b>	Cash
<b>Value</b>	\$10,000.00
<b>School/Department</b>	Nutrition Services / Lunch Lizard Program



**Mesa County Valley School District 51  
GIFTS**

Board of Education Resolution: 19/20: 91

Adopted: May 26, 2020

Donor	Amy Gustavson
Gift	Cash
Value	\$200.00
School/Department	Nutrition Services / Lunch Lizard Program

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Mesa County Valley School District 51 Board of Education, in accepting the donations listed above, extends their appreciation and acknowledges these important partnerships within the community which support learning for all students.

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Bridget Story  
Secretary, Board of Education

Board of Education Resolution 19/20: 92

Adopted: May 26, 2020

<b>Grant Title</b>	OWL Program
<b>Source</b>	Colorado Parks & Wildlife
<b>Fund Number</b>	22-605-3953
<b>Site</b>	OWL Program
<b>Description</b>	Funding to be used to upgrade OWL Programing
<b>Budget Amount</b>	\$100,000
<b>Fiscal Year</b>	6/30/2020
<b>Authorized Representative</b>	Maria Deuel

<b>Grant Title</b>	Great Outdoors Colorado
<b>Source</b>	Great Outdoors Colorado
<b>Fund Number</b>	22-605-2005
<b>Site</b>	OWL Program
<b>Description</b>	Funding to be used to upgrade OWL Program site
<b>Budget Amount</b>	\$45,000
<b>Fiscal Year</b>	6/30/2020
<b>Authorized Representative</b>	Maria Deuel

<b>Grant Title</b>	CO Blueprint to End Hunger
<b>Source</b>	Trailhead Institute
<b>Fund Number</b>	22-0060
<b>Site</b>	Nutrition Services
<b>Description</b>	Funding is to support the curbside Emergency Meal Program that is operating during the COVID-19 crisis.
<b>Budget Amount</b>	\$4,500
<b>Fiscal Year</b>	6/30/2020
<b>Authorized Representative</b>	Dan Sharp

<b>Grant Title</b>	Fuel Up to Play 60
<b>Source</b>	Dairy MAX and the GENYOUth Foundation
<b>Fund Number</b>	22-0045
<b>Site</b>	Nutrition Services
<b>Description</b>	Completion of the Touchdown Steps of the Fuel Up to Play 60 Program
<b>Budget Amount</b>	\$34,794
<b>Fiscal Year</b>	6/30/2020
<b>Authorized Representative</b>	Dan Sharp

Board of Education Resolution 19/20: 92

Adopted: May 26, 2020

<b>Grant Title</b>	#GJStrongFund
<b>Source</b>	Western Colorado Community Foundation
<b>Fund Number</b>	22-0009
<b>Site</b>	Nutrition Services
<b>Description</b>	Funding is to support the curbside Emergency Meal Program that is operating during the COVID-19 crisis.
<b>Budget Amount</b>	\$25,000
<b>Fiscal Year</b>	6/30/2020
<b>Authorized Representative</b>	Dan Sharp

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mesa County Valley School District No. 51 Board of Education approved the above identified grant funds for expenditure purposes.

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Bridget Story  
Secretary, Board of Education



Resolution to Accept Request For Proposal

Board of Education Resolution 19/20: 93

Adopted: May 26, 2020

WHEREAS, the Board of Education directed the District to pursue a Requests for Proposal for an architect to develop a schematic design for a new Grand Junction High School and design an addition and renovation of Central High School at the January 21 Board Business Meeting; and

WHEREAS, the District received a Request For Proposal from five architectural firms; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education strives to be fiscally responsible in contracting for services; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the contract for Blythe Group to prepare schematic designs for Grand Junction High School and Central High School.

*I certify that the information contained herein is accurate and was adopted by the Mesa County Valley School District 51 Board of Education on May 26, 2020.*

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Bridget Story  
Secretary, Board of Education