

Board of Education

Mesa County Valley School District 51

Board Business Meeting Minutes

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						AGENDA ITEMS	
						BUDGET MEETING	6:00 p.m.
						1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE ➤ No audience comments.	
						2. ADJOURN	
						BUSINESS MEETING	6:03 p.m.
Present	x	x	x	x	x	A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL	
Absent							
Motion		x				B. AGENDA APPROVAL	Adopted
Second			x				
Aye	x	x	x	x	x		
No							
Motion	x					C. MEETING MINUTES AND SUMMARY APPROVAL	Adopted
Second					x	C-1. May 5, 2020, Board Work Session	
Aye	x	x	x	x	x	C-2. May 26, 2020, Board Business Meeting	
No						C-3. May 29, 2020, Board Special Meeting	
						D. RECOGNITIONS	
						D-1. American School Band Director's Association Inductee, Mr. Randy Rabito [Resolution 19/20: 94]	
						➤ Mr. Pitton invited Mr. Randy Rabito, Orchard Mesa Middle School Band Director, to the front of the room. Mr. Rabito was recently inducted into the American School Band Directors Association (ASBDA). Mr. Rabito consistently demonstrates excellence in his field and was nominated by his peers to join a distinguished group of educators and musicians. The Board and Superintendent Sirko congratulated Mr. Rabito for earning this honor.	
						D-2. Colorado Athletic Directors Association State Merit Award, Mr. Denny Squibb [Resolution 19/20: 95]	
						➤ Mr. Levinson was proud to recognize Mr. Denny Squibb, Fruita Monument High School Athletic Director, for receiving the State Award of Merit from the Colorado Athletic Director's Association. This prestigious award was given to Mr. Squibb for his outstanding leadership and meritorious service to school athletics not only at the local level, but at the state and national level. Mr. Squibb was unable to be present. Mr. Todd McClaskey, Fruita Monument High School Principal, accepted the recognition.	
						D-3. 2019-20 U.S. Air Force Teacher of the Year for Colorado [Resolution 19/20: 96]	
						➤ Mr. Parrish invited Ms. Liz Henrikson to the front of the room to recognize her for being named Air Force Teacher of the Year for Colorado. Ms. Henrikson, a teacher at Fruita Middle School, received the recognition for her consistent promotion of the Air Force's Space programs. She has effectively implemented space-related education and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) into her classroom teachings. The Board and	

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Superintendent Sirko congratulated Ms. Henrikson and thanked her for her continued dedication to her field and students.

E. BOARD REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS/REQUESTS

E-1. Update on Upcoming School Year Efforts

- Mrs. Tanya Marvin, Nursing Coordinator, displayed graphs from the Colorado State Health Department depicting statewide data on the hospitalization and death rates due to COVID-19, in relationship to age. The data showed the rates are very low for school age children statewide. In Mesa County the rates of COVID-19 cases are much lower for school aged children. The District is hoping to be able to safely bring students back on campus for in-person learning in August. Prior to bringing students back into the classrooms, the District will need to implement a data-based system to track students and employees who experience COVID-19 symptoms, to allow for quick contact tracking. Administration will need to work out the logistics of social distancing, the wearing of masks and develop protocol for students returning after an illness. To ensure students can be picked up quickly, should they display symptoms of COVID-19, student's parent and emergency contact information must be up-to-date. Mrs. Marvin has been working closely with the Mesa County Health Department for guidance and, if needed, District 51 can request variances from the health department.

E-2. Addressing Equity and Diversity Concerns Process

- Superintendent Sirko reported meeting with several students who had disclosed, at a Grand Junction City Council Meeting, they had experienced racial discrimination while attending District 51 schools. Superintendent Sirko reported District personnel will be joining other municipalities and community members in forming a community task force to enable equity to all. The District will also be working with community members to bring in speakers to enhance activities during Black History Month. An equity audit was conducted by a third party, prior to spring break. The data from the audit will be analyzed and the results of the study presented to the Board. Teacher training this next year will also include a piece on supporting LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or queer) students and equity policies will be reviewed to see what changes are needed.

F. LEGISLATIVE REPORT

- None at this time

G. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

- Ms. Betsy Beyrer, Grand Junction, CO 81505
 Ms. Beyrer, a parent of a Fruita Monument High School 2003 graduate, a 2020 graduate and a junior requested full transparency on information from the District and a better flow of information to parents regarding budget and policy. She is concerned about students' mental health being the top three reasons youth between the ages of eleven through seventeen commit suicide is isolation, peer pressure and depression. She stressed an in-school setting

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- Is the best way to educate children and noted for most students distance learning did not work.
- Brandy Power, Grand Junction, CO 81504
 Ms. Power, the mother of three biological children, an adopted autistic son, and foster parent for many students over the past ten years, spoke on the necessities of students with special needs. Learning accommodations were not met with online learning for many students. Her autistic son couldn't do online learning and counseling was not done. Teachers need the opportunity to do what they are trained to do, which is in-person learning. She is worried about the mental health of students and the lack of mental health awareness in the community. She believes a student's mental health worsens with distance learning. Ms. Power stated, students need to be back in school for their safety, security and mental health.
 - Ms. Amy Budeau, Grand Junction, CO 81504
 Ms. Budeau, a mother of a former Palisade High School graduate, a 2020 Palisade High School graduate and one still to graduate, requested schools open up five days a week with no restrictions. She feels the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines are appalling. She noted the need to look at a student's mental health when asking students to ride the bus without interacting with other students, wearing masks for over seven hours, no recess, no cafeteria time and no sharing of supplies. The CDC restrictions would not create a good environment for students. Kindergartener students would not understand the reason for the restrictions. She feels students would be subjected to an institutionalized setting with isolation, causing more mental health problems.
 - Ms. Polly Funderburk, Grand Junction, CO 81507
 Ms. Funderburk, mother of a second grade student, a preschool student and a foster parent commented on the three types of learning scenarios the District has been reviewing: in-person, blended and online. She encouraged the District to go with in-person learning. Mesa County's COVID cases are low and the county is working on opening phase three. She noted children do not play a significant role in spreading the virus and no child under the age of ten have transmitted COVID 19. Licensed child care facilities are fully opened and operating well with minimal accommodation so schools should be able to open at full capacity. It would be the responsibility of the parents to choose if they wished to send their students to school.
 - Ms. Kiley Thompson, Fruita, CO 81521
 Ms. Thompson, the mother of four children, reminded everyone of the consistently changing data and conflicting information. She feels many parents would not be willing to send their students back to school if students are required to wear masks and be isolated. The District could lose a great deal of revenue if parents do not send their students back to school.
 - Mr. James Williams, Fruita, CO 81521
 Mr. Williams, the father of a Fruita Monument High School graduate and an eighth grader, introduced himself and noted he had sent emails to all the Board members. He acknowledged spearheading parents to group together when the District was planning a drive through graduation ceremony. A

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group, of around 700 parents, would like to support the District in resuming in-person classroom learning without restrictions, since Mesa County's COVID-19 cases are low.

- Ms. Anneliese Hansow, Grand Junction, CO 81505
 Ms. Hansow was raised in Mesa County along with her twin sister and a brother. She has four children, with some attending Broadway Elementary School and a kindergarten at Monument Ridge Elementary. She shares joint custody with two of her children and noted school for those children is the only constant they can count on. If any restrictions are in place she will withdraw her children. She runs a daycare and many of the parents of the children she cares for are essential workers. She would be open to signing a waiver if necessary so her students could attend school without having to wear masks. She would like the District to apply for a variance to allow children to go back without restrictions. She reiterated that there is a large organized group of parents prepared to withdraw their students if restrictions are put in place, which will result in a loss of revenue to the District.
- Ms. April Schulte-Barclay, Grand Junction, CO 81506
 Mrs. Barclay thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak. She spoke on an incident with her nine-year old son's school, when she requested her son be able to take a food based supplement, but was denied. Mrs. Barclay is an acupuncture doctor and feels CDC restrictions are crazy. Parents need to be able to make the choices for their kids. She would like the District to address the parents' concerns with the Mesa County Health Department and Governor Polis. She noted kids immune systems are developed by exposure to others and wearing masks and placing other restrictions on students will have a negative effect.
- Mr. Kevin Barclay, Grand Junction, CO 81506 –
 Mr. Barkley, Executive director for the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) and the parent of two nine year olds students, feels his two students are going to be facing a mental health problem in the future. He spoke on the difficulties of home schooling his students and a desire for the District to return to in-person learning with no restrictions. He noted elementary students best time of the day is recess and lunch and they need to be able to socialize. He recommended the Board consider a town hall style meeting to meet with parents and have open conversation.
- Mr. Demetrius Davis, Grand Junction, CO 81501
 Mr. Davis moved to the Grand Valley in 2017. He addressed the Board on behalf of the group Right and Wrong (RAW). RAW would like to work with the District regarding students and staff respecting each other. He noted racism, xenophobia, homophobia, and the display of the confederate flag are common disrespects happening in the District. RAW feels the District has not acted to stop the disrespect because of a lack of proper representation. He noted RAW was at this meeting to make a statement to the community and to emphasis the need for better education.
- Mr. Davis Hood, Grand Junction, CO 81501
 Mr. Hood, a Central High School graduate, reiterated the group Right and Wrong would be working to end discrimination, fight injustice and hold District

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Administration accountable. The group will work with the District in integrating education lessons during Black History Week. He requested verbal confirmation from each Board member that the confederate flag would be banned from all District property.

- Ms. Kerry Hicks, Palisade, CO 81526
 Ms. Hicks, a District 51 teacher, shared her experience with online learning. She felt it was very hard for teachers and students. Some students were not engaged at all and students need personal interaction. She noted some of her students dropped two levels as many parents did not know how to help their students. She shared her son, who will be a senior when school starts back to school, has a passion for basketball. She fears if her son is not able to play basketball he will not remain in school. She emphasized the need for students to be able to play sports and have in-person learning. She would like to see school and sports open back up.
- Ms. Isabelle Blair, Fruita, CO 81521
 Isabelle, a Fruita 8/9 School student, stressed the importance of school opening back up without restrictions. She participates in cheerleading and stressed it's important for her to keep her GPA high for eligibility. She noted students want to be socially involved in school and need to be able to communicate with each other and teachers. She spoke of an incident during first semester when other students wanted to do harm to her, and if those students would have been wearing masks she would not have been able to identify them.
- Mr. Ukhari Bradfield, Clifton, CO 81520
 Mr. Bradfield, a District graduate, related stories of racial discrimination he faced while attending District 51. Stories of students being punished for speaking out against racism and teachers using the "n" word.
- Ms. Elise Blair, Fruita, CO 81521
 Ms. Blair, a stepparent of four students who have attended District schools, noted Isabelle, who spoke earlier was her youngest. She shared how many people have told her one of Isabelle's greatest features is her smile and she does not want her smile covered with a face mask. She expressed the importance of the school community so students can grow friendships and learn conflict resolution. She does not feel the number of COVID-19 cases in the Grand Valley validate the need for the restrictions CDC is proposing. She was originally from Grand Junction, then moved to the city and then returned to raise her children in a smaller community. She has three grandchildren, one is a special needs student with cerebral palsy and hypoxia caused by a difficult birth. Her grandson is an awesome kid and he enjoys going to school, but there is no way he will be able to wear a mask. Requiring him to wear a mask would be in violation of his Individual Education Plan (IEP) and if others are wearing a mask he will be scared. She reported on workers complaining of headaches caused by wearing mask long term and the possibility of wearing a mask for too long being an Occupational Safety Health Association (OSHA) violation.
- Ms. Jami Petree, Fruita CO 81521
 Ms. Petree has three children, one who graduated, a tenth grader at Fruita

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Monument High School and a fifth grader at Loma Elementary School. She questioned what the long term effects would be on students after wearing masks for long periods of time on a daily basis. Studies have shown a reduction of oxygen of up to 20% while wearing a mask. Many districts are requiring cloth covering for insurance purposes, but even without the reduction of oxygen the effect of breathing in carbon dioxide could be worse. She also questioned the socializing effect of masks since children need to learn facial expressions and social facial interactions. She asked, if a child does not have a mask are they going to be sent home and will teachers be spending their time policing masks? She reinforced that many of the parents are here to support and partner with the District. She noted a survey was sent to 700 parents and many said they would not send students back to school if masks are required, but they would sign a waiver.

- Ms. Cindy Ficklin, Grand Junction, CO 81505
Ms. Ficklin brought the perspective of a former educator and building administrator and a parent. She reported her son did fairly well with online learning because she had the skills to help him. She also helped students of several of her friends during the online learning. She worries about students whose parents did not have the skills to assist in their students learning. She expressed the need to work with the health department and put pressure on the state board and governor to sidestep the CDC rulings.
- Mr. Emad Shahnoushi, Grand Junction, CO 81501
Mr. Shahnoushi, a graduate from the District, reported as a student of color he was the target of a large amount of discrimination and was disciplined for wearing a Black Lives Matter shirt.

[Recess 7:37 p.m. Resume Meeting 7:52 p.m.]

H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- H-1. General Updates
- Superintendent Sirko reported the District has requested a variance for graduation ceremonies. Administration is doing weekly communication reports and has met with the group, Right and Wrong. Administration is looking forward to working with Right and Wrong to ensure the learning environment is equitable for all students. She reported the legislative session is almost done and it looks like the District will be losing around \$8 million in revenue from the state.

H-2. Budget Update, Mr. Phil Onofrio, Mrs. Vi Crawford, Mrs. Melanie Trujillo

- Mr. Phil, Chief Operations Officer, Mrs. Crawford, Finance Director and Mrs. Trujillo, Assistant Finance Director presented updated information on the budget.
- Mrs. Trujillo reminded the Board the earlier budget presentation was based on worst case scenarios since funding information from the state had not been received. With the passing of the House Bill and in figuring the per public funding based on last year's student enrollment, it appears the District will be looking at a revenue reduction of \$8,315,219. The District may continue to

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						<p>see a reduction in revenue for the next two to three years before the economy recovers. She reviewed increases in next year's budget. Increases included an increase of the District's costs to the Public Employee's Retirement Association (PERA), an increase to the District's health insurance, and an increase in transportation costs. Mrs. Trujillo, reviewed the Early Retirement Incentive Program offered to employees and shared a list of vacated positions which will not be filled. She reviewed other suggested budget savings ideas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Discussion pursue regarding the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) grants the District has received and spending restrictions tied to the grants. The District has not received all the guidelines regarding the grants and will be working closely with auditors to make sure guidelines are followed. <p>H-3. Strategic Planning Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Superintendent Sirko reported work on the Strategic Plan slowed some due to COVID-19. She has received input from across the system and will be reviewing the information. <p>H-4. Expulsion Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The report shows expulsions down from last year, but the data is a false positive because students were not in school during the fourth quarter. Superintendent Sirko noted the availability of marijuana has made a difference in the number of students possessing and using marijuana. The District lost the grant which funded the Pathways Program. Administration will be reviewing the program and the data to see if benefits of the program were cost effective. ➤ Patti Virden, Executive Director of Student Services, reported the District is partnering with community entities to add mental health therapist for students who need more support. Colorado Mesa University students will be working to assist elementary school counselors. The District will also be using some COVID-19 funding to add supports for students effected by COVID-19. Reminders were sent to parents with contact information on mental health supports available and counselors continued to do suicide screenings during online learning. <p>H-5. Communication/District Initiatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Reviewed <p>I. CONSENT AGENDA</p> <p>I-1. Personnel Actions</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">I-1.a. Licensed and Administrative Personnel Actions [Resolution 19/20: 98]</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">I-1.b. Administrative New Hires [Resolution: 19/20: 99]</p> <p>I-2. Gifts [Resolution: 19/20: 97]</p> <p>I-3. Grants [Resolution: 19/20: 100]</p>	
Motion		x					Adopted
Second	x						
Aye	x	x	x	x	x		
No							

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Motion Second Aye No	x	x	x	x	x	J. BUSINESS ITEMS J-1. Resolution to Repeal Gallagher Amendment [Resolution: 19/20: 101] ➤ Mr. Pitton motioned for the resolution to be tabled to allow members time to review information regarding the Gallaher Amendment.	Tabled
Motion Second Aye No	x	x	x	x	x	J-2. Resolution to Purchase New Valley School Modular Units [Resolution 19/20: 101] ➤ Superintendent Sirko reported on the benefits of moving the Valley School Program to the Career Center Campus. There would be some upfront cost in purchasing two modular units. Funds to purchase the units would be covered by savings on current bond projects and interest earned on premium bonds. The District could anticipate savings of approximately \$250 annually with the move.	Adopted
						K. BOARD OPEN DISCUSSION ➤ There was discussion on the possibility of locating a larger venue for future Board meetings. The Harry Butler Board Room is limited on seating when utilizing social distancing. The alternative venue would need to be able to accommodate the Facebook live feed. ➤ Superintendent Sirko shared school administration will be reviewing the data regarding the pluses and minuses of online leaning to see what areas were done well and what areas need improvement. The District is looking into face-to-face instruction, but realize some parents may want to stay with online learning.	
						L. FUTURE MEETINGS ➤ Future meetings reviewed. The technology department will check to see if the Orchard Mesa Middle School could be used for meetings when a larger facility is needed	
Motion Second Aye No	x	x	x	x	x	M. EXECUTIVE SESSION ➤ Motion to adjourn to executive session. Executive Session to determination of positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, development of strategy for negotiations, including strategy for negotiations relating to collective bargaining or employment contracts, and instruction of negotiators. Discussion of negotiations relating to collective bargaining or employment contracts, shall occur in a public meeting, unless an executive session is otherwise allowed. C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4)(e). ➤ Present at the Executive Session: Dr. Davis, Mr. Levinson, Mrs. Mahre, Mr. Parrish, Mr. Pitton, Dr. Diana Sirko, Superintendent, Dr. Brian Hill, Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Phil Onofrio, Chief Operations Officer and Mrs. Melanie Trujillo, Assistant Director of Finance. Time spent in executive session: 56 minutes ➤ Motion to leave executive session.	9:16 p.m.
Motion Second Aye No	x	x	x	x	x		10:12 p.m.

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Motion		x				N. ADJOURNMENT <hr/> Bridget Story, Secretary Board of Education	10:12: p.m.
Second			x				
Aye	x	x	x	x	x		
No							

The Board would like to invite Mr. Randy Rabito to the front, if he's here.

The Board of Education would like to recognize Mr. Randy Rabito, the band director at Orchard Mesa Middle School, for his official induction into the American School Band Directors Association (ASBDA).

The ASBDA is an honorary organization dedicated to the promotion of American School Bands. Members of ASBDA nominate fellow outstanding educators who have demonstrated consistent excellence in their field. Mr. Rabito was nominated by several of his peers to be considered for membership, based on his accomplishments as a band director. After his nomination, existing ASBDA members voted to induct Mr. Rabito, and finalized his membership with a ratification at the national level.

Mr. Rabito joins a distinguished group of educators and musicians who will continue to promote music and involvement in school band for students.

The Board of Education and Superintendent Sirko are proud to recognize Mr. Rabito for this exemplary honor, and are proud to have such an outstanding and nationally recognized educator serving our students. Congratulations, Mr. Rabito.

The Board would like to invite Mr. Denny Squibb to the front, if he's here.

The Board of Education and Superintendent Sirko are proud to recognize Mr. Denny Squibb for his recent award from the Colorado Athletic Directors Association. Mr. Squibb was given the State Award of Merit for his outstanding leadership and meritorious service to school athletics.

Mr. Squibb, the athletic director at Fruita Monument High School, was selected by Colorado's athletic association for his achievements as an athletic director here in the Grand Valley, and the contributions he's made to high school athletics on the state and national level. His multiple years of experience in addition to his hard work and leadership at FMHS earned him this prestigious award from a pool of several other athletic directors from around the state.

The Board of Education and Superintendent Sirko are thrilled to recognize Mr. Squibb for this incredible recognition at the state level. Thank you for representing the Grand Valley and District 51. Congratulations.

The Board would like to invite Ms. Liz Henrikson to the front, if she's here.

The Board of Education and Superintendent Sirko would like to recognize Ms. Liz Henrikson for recently being named the Air Force Teacher of the Year for Colorado. Ms. Henrikson was nominated for the award for her consistent promotion of the Air Force's Space programs, and her continued support of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math), and teaching to those subjects in her sixth-grade class at Fruita Middle School.

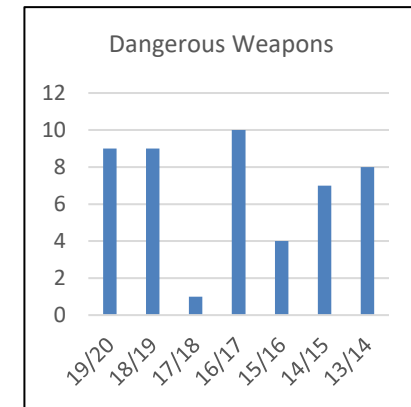
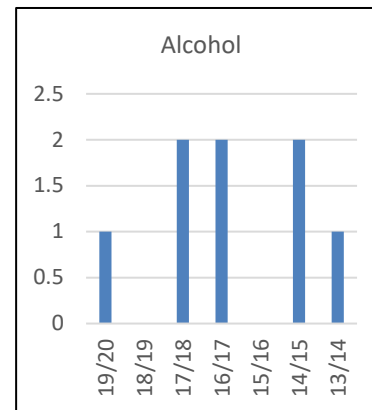
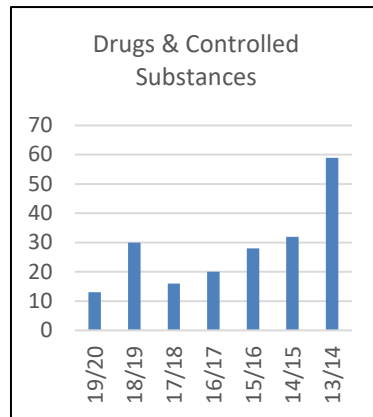
Ms. Henrikson has attended the Space Foundation Symposium in Colorado Springs for several years to hone her skills as an educator, learn more about space programs and education, and network with other professionals. As a Space Foundation Teacher Liaison, Ms. Henrikson learned how to effectively implement space-related education into her classroom, while also working with space agencies from around the world.

The Board of Education and Superintendent Sirko are proud to recognize Ms. Henrikson for her continued dedication to her chosen field and students. We are always excited to see the Western Slope represented in such exemplary staff. Thank you for all you do, and congratulations on this achievement.

Category	High School				Middle School				Elementary School				Total		Total for previous years as of May 31 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
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F							
100	8	4	21	6		1	2	1					13	30	16	20	28	32	59
200	1												1		2	2		2	1
300																			
400	2	4	4										6	4	1	1	2	2	
500	6	1	6	1	2		1	1					9	9	1	10	4	7	8
600															1				
700					1											1	1		
DSP																			
VOO	5	1	10	3	7	1	8	1					14	22	9	12	6	8	10
Total	22	10	41	10	10	2	11	3					44	65	30	46	41	51	78

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 May 21 - June 10, 2020

Includes

Earned Media Coverage

Paid Media Coverage

Electronic Direct Communication

Social Media Reports



Media Coverage

The Daily Sentinel

- May 23, [District 51 to receive more than \\$14 million in stimulus funds](#)
- May 24, [Senior portrait project](#)
- May 25, [Bus company looks to get wheels turning again](#)
- May 28, [District 51 hopes to start student activities before July](#)
- May 30, [Uncertainty clouds District 51 budget a month before deadline](#)
- June 1, [Local military-bound graduates honored before departure](#)
- June 4, [Black community demands action from Grand Junction City Council](#)
- June 4, [GJHS Knowledge Bowl team unified after season cancellation](#)
- June 5, [City Council looking towards next steps following call to action from black residents](#)
- June 6, [Space-fixated Fruita teacher honored by Air Force](#)
- June 6, [CMU, District 51 reckoning with accounts of racism](#)
- June 9, [Prep athletes reunited for summer conditioning](#)
- June 10, [Safe2Tell shows suicide threats and welfare checks lead during closure](#)

KREX

- May 22, [Class of 1: Gateway School graduation](#)
- May 24, [School District 51: Budget cuts & grants](#)
- May 27, [D51 Junior Forecaster](#)
- June 2, [District 51 athletics sets guidelines for in-person training and conditioning during summer months](#)
- June 5, [Academic Anxiety for the 2020-2021 School Year](#)
- June 9, [Back-To-School woes](#)

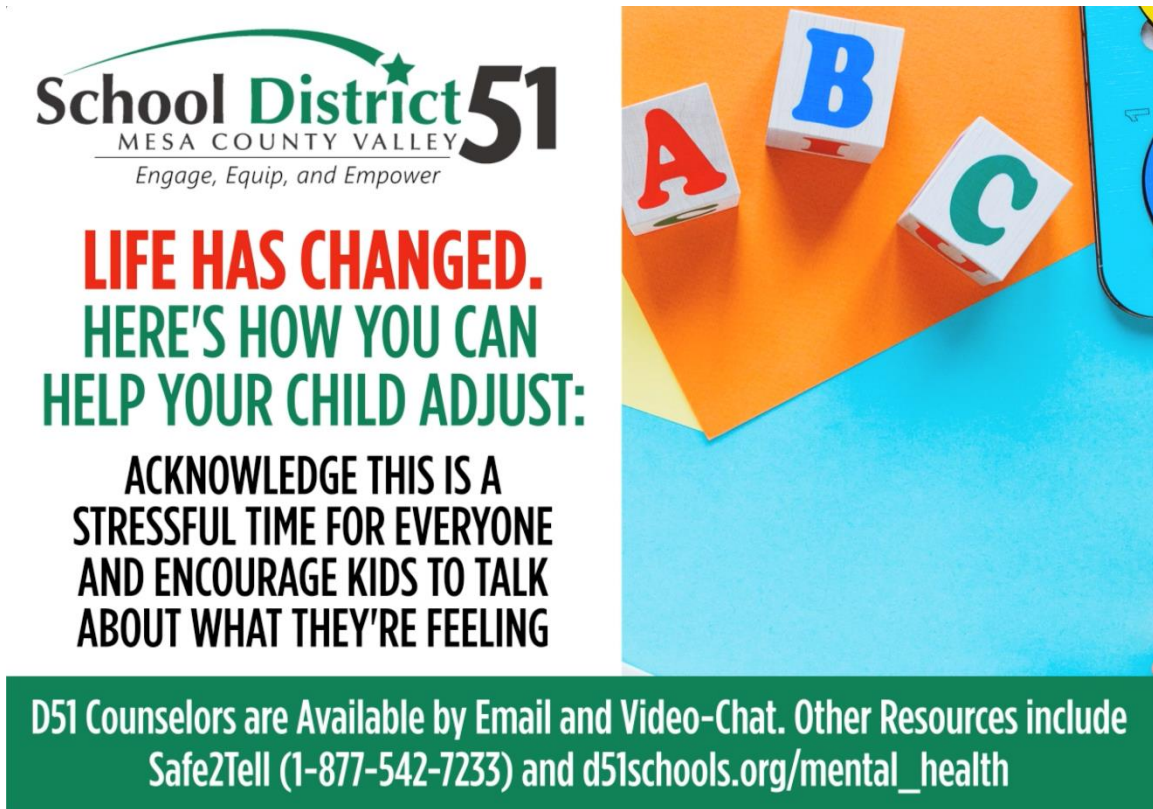
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- May 20, [Graduation ceremony requirements](#)
- May 22, [Fruita Monument High School student death](#)
- May 27, [D51 working to get variance for more traditional graduation](#)
- June 1, [STA hiring bus drivers](#)
- June 2, [D51 anticipates losing millions for school year budget](#)
- June 4, [D51 faces vandals amidst possible budget cuts](#)
- June 4, [District 51 releases High School Athletic guidelines](#)
- June 6, [D51 sends letters to families addressing racism](#)
- June 9, [D51 Safe2Tell numbers down in April](#)

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 at the top left, which includes a green star and the tagline "Engage, Equip, and Empower". To the right of the logo is a photograph of three wooden blocks with the letters A, B, and C on them, set against a background of orange and blue paper. The main text of the billboard is in bold, with "LIFE HAS CHANGED." in red and "HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP YOUR CHILD ADJUST:" in green. Below this, the text "ACKNOWLEDGE THIS IS A STRESSFUL TIME FOR EVERYONE AND ENCOURAGE KIDS TO TALK ABOUT WHAT THEY'RE FEELING" is in black. At the bottom, a green banner contains white text providing contact information for D51 counselors.

School District 51
MESA COUNTY VALLEY
Engage, Equip, and Empower

**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**

**D51 Counselors are Available by Email and Video-Chat. Other Resources include
Safe2Tell (1-877-542-7233) and 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 will run in the Sunday edition of the Grand Junction Daily Sentinel.

May 17, 24, 31

 <p>School District 51 MESA COUNTY VALLEY <i>Engage, Equip, and Empower</i></p>	<p>Summer Lunch Lizard Schedule</p>
<p>Summer Service begins May 26! <i>(See new summer schedules below.)</i></p>	
<p>Lunch Lizard Truck 1 Route (M-F)</p> <p>Monument Ridge Town Homes 10:45-11:00 a.m. (Breakfast & Lunch)</p> <p>West Middle School 11:15-11:45 a.m. (Lunch) <i>*Starts 6/15</i></p> <p>Eureka! McConnell Science Museum 12:15-12:45 p.m. (Lunch)</p> <p>Columbine Park 1:00-1:30 p.m. (Breakfast & Lunch)</p>	
<p>Lunch Lizard Truck 2 Route (M-F)</p> <p>Applewood Estates 10:45-11:00 a.m. (Breakfast & Lunch)</p> <p>Mesa Avenue Park 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. (Breakfast & Lunch)</p> <p>Kimwood Park 12:25-1:00 p.m. (Breakfast & Lunch)</p> <p>Candlewood Community Center 1:10-1:30 p.m. (Breakfast & Lunch)</p>	
<p>School & Community Sites</p> <p>11:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. M-F</p> <p>Chipeta Elementary</p> <p>Clifton Elementary</p> <p>Fruitvale Elementary</p> <p>Lincoln O.M. Elementary</p> <p>Orchard Mesa Middle School</p> <p>Pear Park Elementary</p> <p>Pomona Elementary</p> <p>Shelledy Elementary</p> <p>13 Brix Cider Bistro</p> <p>Breakfast & Lunch Served</p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Available to all children 18 and younger at no charge.• Breakfast and lunch menus at bit.ly/lunchlizard.• Service will last through at least June 30. <p> WESTERN COLORADO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION <small>Charitable Funds for Community Good</small></p> <p> Lunch Lizard</p>

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.
- Includes updates about the Class of 2020 names and recognitions, parent resources for remote learning, the Lunch Lizard schedule, Superintendent Scholars, a video about school counselors, fall and summer updates, a message from the D51 Foundation, information about the sports task force, preschool applications, staff and student honors, the Central/Palisade military graduation, and a thank you to the Grand Junction rotary clubs.

Staff Newsletter - [Click here to view](#)

- Sent to all District 51 staff
- Includes the month's Board Briefs, a video update from Superintendent Sirko, Class of 2020 names and recognitions, Employee Wellness Program information, updates on graduations and plans for the fall, staff FAQ, TRIAD employee assistance program information, newsletters from Community Hospital and Monument Health, retirement information, volunteer opportunities, an update from the Support Staff Council, a message from the D51 Foundation, a video of the Central/Palisade military graduation, food assistance information, mental health resources, and other pertinent information for staff.

May 26 Board Briefs - [Click here to view](#)

- Sent to all District 51 staff, media, and community members who have signed up at www.d51schools.org
- Includes a summary of what was presented/discussed/adopted at the Board of Education meeting
 - Back to school discussion
 - Board recognitions
 - Graduation discussion
 - 2020-2021 budget discussion
 - Athletics task force
 - GJHS, CHS schematic design discussion

May 29 Board Briefs - [Click here to view](#)

- Sent to all District 51 staff, media, and community members who have signed up at www.d51schools.org
- Includes a summary of what was presented/discussed/adopted at the Board of Education meeting
 - 2020-2021 budget discussion

June 2 Board Briefs - [Click here to view](#)

- Sent to all District 51 staff, media, and community members who have signed up at www.d51schools.org
- Includes a summary of what was presented/discussed/adopted at the Board of Education meeting
 - Summer sports & activities update
 - Legislative update
 - Graduation update
 - Additional board meetings scheduled

Social Media

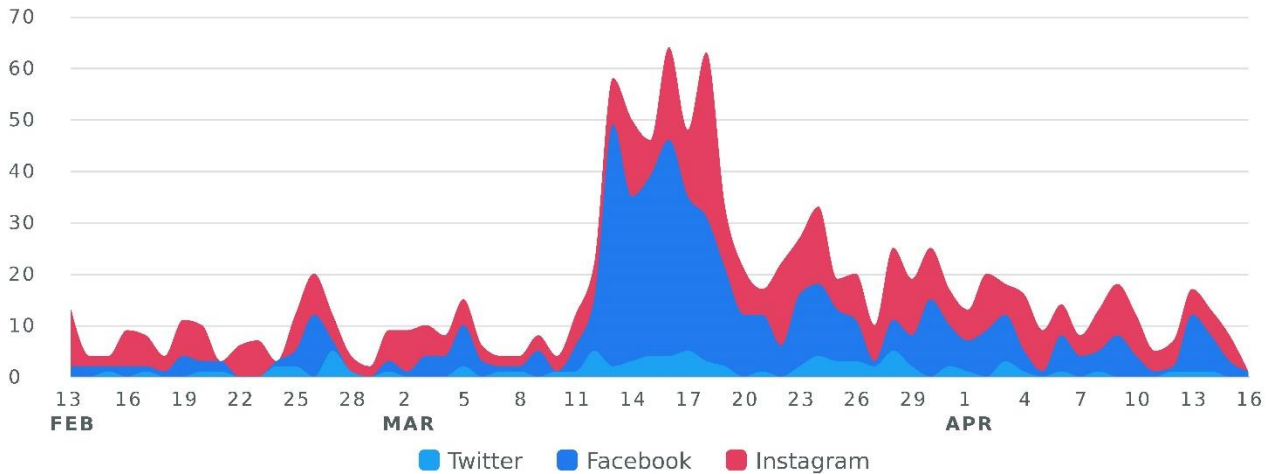
A full social media report is available upon request.

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	3,289	2.3%	159	97.1k	610.4	3,254	20.5	546
Mes... ict 51 Business Page	13k	3.5%	246	1.3m	5,167.0	125.7k	510.8	17.7k
School Di... d51schools	2,898	16.8%	71	84k	1,183.7	4,015	56.5	-

Group Audience Growth

Followers Gained, By Day



Audience Growth Metrics	Totals	Total Followers % Change
Total Followers	19,192	↗5.1%
Total Net Follower Growth	923	-
Twitter Net Follower Growth	75	↗2.3%
Facebook Net Fan Growth	432	↗3.5%
Instagram Net Follower Growth	416	↗16.8%



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Licensed and Administrative Personnel Action

Board of Education Resolution: 19/20: 98

Adopted: June 16, 2020

Name	Location	Assignment	Effective Date
Retirements			
BIGUM, EDITH M	BROADWAY	GRADE 1	5/22/2020
BROWN, CHET L	THUNDER MTN	SP ED-MODERATE NEEDS	5/22/2020
BRUMBAUGH, KATHLEEN D	MT GARFIELD	INTERVENTIONIST	5/22/2020
CHERP, YOGI A	CLIFTON	PRINCIPAL	5/29/2020
COOPER, CYNTHIA A	EMERSON	INSTRUCTION	6/1/2020
COOPER, GORDON STEVE	FRUITA 8-9	PHYSICAL EDUCATION	5/22/2020
COPELAND, LEAH M	REDLANDS	6TH GR MATH	5/22/2020
CRAWFORD, VIOLA P	FISCAL SERVICES	DIR OF FINANCIAL SRVCS	6/30/2020
DAVID, LISA A	WINGATE	PHYSICAL EDUCATION	5/22/2020
DAVID, TROY L	BROADWAY	PHYSICAL EDUCATION	5/22/2020
DELPIZZO-SCHREINER, NICKKI	THUNDER MTN	KINDERGARTEN	5/22/2020
EMMONS, SHAWNA E	WEST	6TH GR MATH	5/22/2020
FLETCHER, TAMMY S	HAWTHORNE	SCHOOL NURSE	5/22/2020
HENDERSON, TODD J	REDLANDS	7TH GR SCIENCE	5/22/2020
HOWELL, VERN J	MAINTENANCE	COORD CONST. PROJECTS	6/30/2020
JANSSEN, PHYLLIS K	CENTRAL	SCIENCE	5/22/2020
JOHNSON, REBECCA L	EMERSON	COACH, INSTRUCTIONAL TECH	5/22/2020
LEFEBRE, LORI LEE	GRAND RIVER	PROGRESS MONITOR-HS	5/22/2020
LYN, KATHY	FRUITA MS	SP ED-MODERATE NEEDS	5/22/2020
MARKER-COMSTOCK, DEBRA	EAST	SP ED-SNB	5/22/2020
MASSARO, TINA R	TAYLOR	SP ED-SSN	5/22/2020
MCGEE, WILLIAM VERNON	CENTRAL	PHYSICAL EDUCATION	5/22/2020
MIXON, SHAN LYNNE	REDLANDS	COUNSELOR	5/29/2020
NASH, BRIAN T	VALLEY	ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS	5/22/2020
NELSON, SUZAN	TAYLOR	MUSIC	5/22/2020
PEMBRIDGE HERNANDEZ, CYNTHIA	CHIPETA	GRADE 1	5/22/2020
SMYTH, JAMES MICHAEL	VALLEY	MATHEMATICS	5/22/2020
SNYDER, SUSAN W	WINGATE	SP ED-MODERATE NEEDS	5/22/2020
STARR, LORI LEA	VALLEY	COUNSELOR	6/5/2020
Resignations/Termination			
HAGA, JOHN A	BOOKCLIFF	ESL	5/22/2020



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HARMSSEN, CAITLYN J	GJHS	MATHEMATICS	5/22/2020
TERLOUW, RACHAEL H	PEAR PARK	KINDERGARTEN	5/22/2020
Leave of Absence			
MCCULLOUGH, CHANDRA L	R-5	INSTRUCTION	5/22/2020
New Assignments (Transfer/New Hires)			
AKERS, JAMIE L	NISLEY	GENERAL ELEMENTARY ED	8/4/2020
ALDEN, MICHELLE J	BROADWAY	GRADE 5	8/4/2020
BAILEY, JULIE E	WINGATE	GRADE 4	8/4/2020
BAKER, DENISE M	POMONA	GRADE 3	8/4/2020
BASKIN, JEREMIAH R	BOOKCLIFF	PHYSICAL EDUCATION	8/4/2020
BAZAOU, ALISHA M	CENTRAL	SP ED-MODERATE NEEDS	8/4/2020
BECHTEL, CARRIE ANN	SHELLEDY	GRADE 1	8/4/2020
BERG, COLTON J	FMHS	SCIENCE	8/4/2020
BERRY, DOMINIQUE	BTK	SPEECH/LANGUAGE THERAPIST	8/4/2020
BONGIOVANNI, GINA R	CHIPETA	GRADE 4	8/4/2020
BOUMAN, ELIZABETH	MT GARFIELD	SP ED-MODERATE NEEDS	8/4/2020
BOYLAN, CADY M	MONUMENT RIDGE	KINDERGARTEN	8/4/2020
BRADSHAW, REBECCA L	MONUMENT RIDGE	COUNSELOR	8/4/2020
BRANNAN, JODENE L	PALISADE	SP ED-MODERATE NEEDS	8/4/2020
BREWINGTON, SAMANTHA P	FMHS/FRUITA 8-9	AGRICULTURE	8/4/2020
BRISTOL, BRITTNEY L	MONUMENT RIDGE	GRADE 4	8/4/2020
BROWN, JULIE A	CHATFIELD	GRADE 1	8/4/2020
BROWN, SISSILY R	BTK	COORDINATOR	7/16/2020
BRUSIG, VICKIE B	OMMS	COUNSELOR	7/27/2020
BRYAN, BRITNI S	MONUMENT RIDGE	MUSIC	8/4/2020
BUTTERFIELD, BETH A	MONUMENT RIDGE	GRADE 1	8/4/2020
CARPENTER, LINDSAY J	THUNDER MTN	KINDERGARTEN	8/4/2020
CHANEY, ELIZABETH J	FRUITA 8-9	MATHEMATICS/8TH GR MATH	8/4/2020
CLEAR, CAMELA JO	HAWTHORNE	SCHOOL NURSE	7/29/2020
CONDON, JESSICA C	SUMMIT PROGRAM	SP ED-SNB	8/4/2020
COURVILLE, JESSICA L	GJHS	SP ED-SEVERE NEEDS AUTISM	8/4/2020
CREASEY, JESSICA MICHELLE	PEAR PARK	KINDERGARTEN	8/4/2020
CRIPPEN, CASSIDY LEA	WINGATE	GRADE 2	8/4/2020
CRONKHITE, FELICIA N	MONUMENT RIDGE	GRADE 4	8/4/2020



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CROPP, RACHEL E	POMONA	COUNSELOR	8/4/2020
CRUICKSHANK, DAWN MARIE	BTK	COORDINATOR	7/16/2020
DADY, BRENDA R	PEAR PARK	GRADE 1	8/4/2020
DAGOSTINO, MICHELLE L	MONUMENT RIDGE	GRADE 2	8/4/2020
DAKWA, KWAME D	BTK	PSYCHOLOGIST	7/27/2020
DARR, ANDREA M	MONUMENT RIDGE	GRADE 5	8/4/2020
DEARBORN, PAYTON J	THUNDER MTN	GRADE 4	8/4/2020
DILLDINE, ALLIE L	ORCHARD AVE	GRADES 3-4-5	8/4/2020
EDWARDS, BETH L	LINCOLN OM	GRADE 5	8/4/2020
ELLIS, ALLISON C	MONUMENT RIDGE	GENERAL ELEMENTARY ED	8/4/2020
FAULHABER, MICHAELA J	WINGATE	GRADE 4	8/4/2020
FOX, KAYLA	ORCHARD AVE	COUNSELOR	8/4/2020
GABELSON, MANDE LEIGH	MONUMENT RIDGE	COMPUTER ED	8/4/2020
GIALLANZA, TRISHA ARLENE	EAST	SP ED-MODERATE NEEDS /SNB	8/4/2020
GONZALES, SARAH E	MONUMENT RIDGE	GENERAL ELEMENTARY ED	8/4/2020
HAIFLEY, JEFFREY A	MT GARFIELD	SP ED-MODERATE NEEDS	8/4/2020
HALE, STEVEN A	REDLANDS	8TH GR MATH	8/4/2020
HAMAKER, KAYLI ANN	THUNDER MTN	MUSIC	8/4/2020
HARRISON, MARY A	FRUITA 8-9	SP ED-MODERATE NEEDS	8/4/2020
HENSON, JASON R	CHIPETA	PHYSICAL EDUCATION	8/4/2020
HOLSAN, KAYLA M	CHIPETA	KINDERGARTEN	8/4/2020
HOOK, JILL K	MONUMENT RIDGE	GRADE 2	8/4/2020
HUGHES, PAUL J	MONUMENT RIDGE	PHYSICAL EDUCATION	8/4/2020
HULSHOF, LINNEA R	EMERSON	COORD, CULTURAL/LING DIVERSE	7/16/2020
INCORVAIA, NINA R	HAWTHORNE	OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST	8/3/2020
JOHANN, DAMIAN LEE	FRUITVALE	MUSIC	8/4/2020
JOHNSON, BROOKE E	HAWTHORNE	SCHOOL NURSE	7/29/2020
JOHNSON, SAMANTHA JEAN	SHELLEDY	GRADE 1	8/4/2020
JONES, KATHARINE A	POMONA	GRADE 1	8/4/2020
KENT, CHEYANNE L	CHATFIELD	GRADE 2	8/4/2020
KERVEN, LINDSAY M	NISLEY	GRADES 3-4-5	8/4/2020
KOHL, MADISON M	LOMA/GATEWAY	COUNSELOR	8/4/2020
KOZLOWSKI, TARA	BTK	SPEECH/LANGUAGE THERAPIST	8/4/2020
LAMB, MELANIE S	DOS RIOS/CHIPETA	SP ED-MODERATE NEEDS	8/4/2020
LEECH, INDIA R	GJHS	SP ED-MODERATE NEEDS	8/4/2020
LESLIE, PHYLLIS MARIE	TAYLOR	MUSIC	8/4/2020



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LEVAN, CIERRA NICOLE	CHIPETA	MUSIC	8/4/2020
LEWIS, KATARI J	ORCHARD MESA	SP ED-MODERATE NEEDS	8/4/2020
LEWON, REESE J	ORCHARD AVE	GRADES 3-4-5	8/4/2020
LUKER, KATELYNN E	REDLANDS	6TH GR MATH	8/4/2020
MARTINEZ-GARCIA, ARACELI	MT GARFIELD	8TH GR MATH	8/4/2020
MARTINEZ, MADYSON PAIGE	FRUITA 8-9	ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS	8/4/2020
MCCOY, SAMANTHA RENEE	PEAR PARK	INTERVENTIONIST	8/4/2020
MCDANIEL, JESSICA L	DOS RIOS	GRADE 1	8/4/2020
MCGILTON, HILARY A	SHELLEDY	GRADE 4	8/4/2020
MCKINLEY, JESSICA L	MONUMENT RIDGE	SP ED-MODERATE NEEDS	8/4/2020
MEDINA, VALERIE D	FRUITA MS	SP ED-MODERATE NEEDS	8/4/2020
MELCHIOR, LISA MARIE	CENTRAL	SP ED-MODERATE NEEDS	8/4/2020
MITCHEM, JOSEPH W	BOOKCLIFF	8TH GR SCIENCE	8/4/2020
MOORE, ZACHARY D	PEAR PARK	PRINCIPAL	7/20/2020
MORRILL, ALICIA J	HAWTHORNE	OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST	8/3/2020
NEES, TANYA L	ORCHARD AVE	ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL	7/20/2020
NICHOLSON, HEATHER A	FRUITA MS	6TH GR SCIENCE	8/4/2020
ODELL, CORY J	PALISADE	SP ED-MODERATE NEEDS	8/4/2020
OUSLEY, LAURA M	TOPE	COUNSELOR	8/4/2020
OWEN, MARISSA P	ORCHARD MESA	7TH GR MATH	8/4/2020
PAGE, KRISTA M	PEAR PARK	KINDERGARTEN	8/4/2020
POWELL, SPENCER R	CENTRAL	SCIENCE	8/4/2020
REYNOLDS, HOLLIE S	POMONA/TOPE	SP ED-MODERATE NEEDS	8/4/2020
RICHTER, JENNIFER C	WEST	PHYSICAL EDUCATION	8/4/2020
ROBBINS, DENISE L	MONUMENT RIDGE	GRADE 1	8/4/2020
ROGERS, BAILEY L	HAWTHORNE	SP ED-PRESCHOOL	8/4/2020
ROMINE, DANIELLE M	CLIFTON	GRADE 3	8/4/2020
RUSH, KYLE R	FRUITA 8-9	PHYSICAL EDUCATION	8/4/2020
SAWYER, HEATHER MARIE	THUNDER MTN	SP ED-MODERATE NEEDS	8/4/2020
SCHMALZ, ABBEY H	MONUMENT RIDGE	SP ED-MODERATE NEEDS	8/4/2020
SCHULTZ, LAURA A	PEAR PARK/ORCH AVE	SP ED-MODERATE NEEDS	8/4/2020
SCHULTZ, MEGAN M	MONUMENT RIDGE	GRADE 2	8/4/2020
SHANNON, AMBER D	BOOKCLIFF	6TH GR MATH	8/4/2020
SHAW, KELLEN J	CHATFIELD	GRADE 2	8/4/2020
SHAWCROFT, MCKENZIE L	BTK	PSYCHOLOGIST	7/27/2020
SHAY, KELLY RAE	CLIFTON	INTERVENTIONIST	8/4/2020



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SHIBATA, JESSICA K	FRUITA MS	ART	8/4/2020
SIMMONS, JULIE	ROCKY MOUNTAIN	KINDERGARTEN	8/4/2020
SPOR, MADISON MARIE	CENTRAL	PHYSICAL EDUCATION	8/4/2020
STEVES, KELSIE NICOLE	PALISADE	COUNSELOR	7/17/2020
STEWART, ERICA L	HAWTHORNE	OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST	8/3/2020
STOCKS, AMANDA J	MESA VIEW	GRADE 4	8/4/2020
TANCREDE, ROGER P	NISLEY	ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL	7/20/2020
TATE, PAMELA A	FRUITVALE	ESL-ELEMENTARY	8/4/2020
THORNHILL, MEREDITH K	MONUMENT RIDGE/ RIM ROCK	GIFTED & TALENTED	8/4/2020
TRUITT, ADAM W	CHATFIELD	GRADE 5	8/4/2020
TRUITT, KRISTI K	CHATFIELD	GRADE 3	8/4/2020
WEAVER, LESLIE N	MONUMENT RIDGE	GRADE 3	8/4/2020
WELKER, LINDSEY L	NISLEY	COUNSELOR	8/4/2020
WERTZ, CARRIE S	EMERSON	COACH, LEARNING MODEL	7/23/2020
WEYER, KELLY L	DOS RIOS	GRADE 3	8/4/2020
WHITMORE, JAMES M	DUAL IMMERS ACD	GRADE 5	8/4/2020
WILDRICK, NANCY L	GJHS	SP ED-SSN	8/4/2020
WILLETT, ROSE ELLEN	GRAND RIVER/RIM ROCK	SP ED-MODERATE NEEDS	8/4/2020
WILLIAMSON, BRAD S	NISLEY	COUNSELOR	8/4/2020
WINEMILLER, KACI K	ROCKY MOUNTAIN	INTERVENTIONIST	8/4/2020
WINTERS, NAOMI L	ORCHARD MESA	SP ED-MODERATE NEEDS	8/4/2020
WITZEL, TODD J	APPLETON	ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL	7/20/2020
WRIGHT, KENNILYN A	FRUITA 8-9	COUNSELOR	7/17/2020
WYATT, MITCHELL CODY	MT GARFIELD	8TH GR SCIENCE	8/4/2020
YORK, SANDRA K	BTK	SPEECH/LANGUAGE THERAPIST	8/4/2020
Return from Leave			
CASTRO, TEAGAN P	NISLEY	GRADES K-1-2	8/4/2020

I hereby certify that the information contained in the above resolution is accurate and was adopted by the Mesa County Valley School District No. 51 Board of Education on June 16, 2020.

*Bridget Story
Secretary, Board of Education*

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Melanie Trujillo	Director of Financial Services
<p>Mrs. Trujillo joined D51 in 1999 working in Financial Services as a student. In 2002 she was hired as a Finance Technician. Over the years Mrs. Trujillo has held many roles including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Assistant Director of Financial Services - 2018-2020● Budget Analyst - 2013-2018● Payroll Supervisor - 2011-2013● Payroll Specialist - 2008-2011● Finance Technician - 2002-2008 <p>Mrs. Trujillo received her B.S. Degree in Accounting in 2008 from Strayer University.</p>	

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Bridget Story
Secretary, Board of Education

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Donor	Gordon and Sally Mauser
Gift	Cash
Value	\$50.00
School/Department	Palisade High School / Track

Donor	Robert and Patricia Johnson
Gift	Cash
Value	\$100.00
School/Department	Palisade High School / Track

Donor	Ruthanna Hall
Gift	Cash
Value	\$100.00
School/Department	Palisade High School / Cross Country Team

Donor	Leofredo Sisneros
Gift	Cash
Value	\$100.00
School/Department	Nutrition Services / Lunch Lizard Program

Donor	Thomas Haas
Gift	Gym and sports equipment
Value	\$698.59
School/Department	Orchard Mesa Middle School / Physical education classes

Donor	Anonymous
Gift	Cash
Value	\$1,000.00
School/Department	Nutrition Services / Angel Lunch Fund

Donor	Wilson Family Foundation
Gift	Cash
Value	\$10,000.00
School/Department	Clifton Elementary School / Bikes, helmets, locks, books and other needs of the school

Donor	Colette M. Fluharty
Gift	Cash
Value	\$100.00
School/Department	Clifton Elementary School / Kindergarten supplies



**Mesa County Valley School District 51
GIFTS**

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Donor	Walmart #4491
Gift	Cash
Value	\$1,000.00
School/Department	Grand Mesa Middle School / Supplies for SSN and SNB classrooms

Donor	Walmart #1280
Gift	Cash
Value	\$2,300.00
School/Department	Grand Mesa Middle School / Supplies for "lock down buckets"

Donor	Western CO Community Foundation
Gift	Cash
Value	\$2,500.00
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.

I hereby certify that the information contained in the above resolution is accurate and was adopted by the Mesa County Valley School District 51 Board of Education on June 16, 2020.

Bridget Story
Secretary, Board of Education

Board of Education Resolution 19/20: 100

Adopted: June 16, 2020

Grant Title	Coroavirus Relief Fund (CRF)
Source	US Treasury
Fund Number	22-4012
Site	District
Description	Provide assistance to facilitate compliance with COVID-19 related public health measures.
Budget Amount	\$10,982,190.23
Fiscal Year	6/30/2020
Authorized Representative	Melanie Trujillo

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.

I certify that the information contained herein is accurate and was adopted by the Mesa County Valley School District 51 Board of Education on June 16, 2020.

Bridget Story
Secretary, Board of Education

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
REPEALING THE GALLAGHER AMENDMENT**

Board of Education Resolution 19/20: 101

Tabled: June 16, 2020

WHEREAS, all property tax revenues remain at the local level and go to pay for schools, roads, fire protection, libraries, police, and other local services; and

WHEREAS, local property tax serves as the foundation of the Total Program Funding calculation, called 'local share,' in support of our schools; and

WHEREAS, local property tax is the basis of additional voter-approved mill levy overrides and bonds in support of our schools; and

WHEREAS, the Gallagher Amendment in the Colorado Constitution mandates that property taxes assessed on personal residences can only make up 45% of the total property taxes the state collects, with business property taxes making up the remaining 55%; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado tax code calls for a calculation called the Residential Assessment Rate (RAR) in order to keep this 45/55 ratio between residential and nonresidential property taxes. When the Gallagher Amendment was passed, residential property taxes were calculated at 21% of the assessed value and nonresidential was 29% of assessed value; and

WHEREAS, the residential assessment rate has dropped from 21% in 1982 to 7.15% in 2020, while the non-residential rate has stayed at 29%. The non-residential assessment rate impacts business property owners, farmers, ranchers, and landowners; and

WHEREAS, every time the residential assessment rate drops, the state must backfill the loss in local revenue for schools. The continual drop in the residential assessment rate creates significant pressure on the General Fund and other areas of the state budget, and the state has not been able to meet its obligation as tracked through the Budget Stabilization Factor; and

WHEREAS, analysts are forecasting additional shortfalls in FY 2021-22 and FY 2022-23 due to the prolonged loss of revenue to the state during the health emergency and lag in collection of sales and income taxes; and

WHEREAS, the next assessment cycle is 2021-22, with 2021 as the reassessment year, with the cutoff date for valuing properties for that cycle being June 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Property Taxation estimates a 33% drop in value for oil and gas and a 20% drop in commercial, while estimating that residential will go up 10% in value; and

WHEREAS, the residential assessment rate is projected to drop next year from 7.15 to



RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF REPEALING THE GALLAGHER AMENDMENT

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5.88%, resulting in a \$246 million drop in district Total Program Funding revenues and a \$203 million drop in revenues for counties; and

WHEREAS, the state will have to backfill in 2021-22 a projected \$490 million drop in all district revenues, which will likely force an increase in the Budget Stabilization Factor; and

WHEREAS, Mesa County Valley School District 51 is already operating on \$13,609,664.58 less in state share in FY 2019-20 due to the Budget Stabilization Factor, the amount of revenue withheld from the state share based on full funding of the School Finance Act; and

WHEREAS, the Mesa County Valley School District 51 is preparing to reopen schools for in-person learning, which will likely require additional resources to ensure compliance with guidance from local health agencies due to the health emergency; and

WHEREAS, *Repealing the Gallagher Amendment* will prevent a loss in desperately needed funding to help support schools as they weather the economic toll of the global pandemic by mitigating the effects of the cuts and allowing schools to maintain essential services to students, families, and the community.

WHEREAS, the Board declares that *Repealing the Gallagher Amendment* is a matter of official concern.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mesa County Valley School District 51 Board of Education officially declares its support for *Repealing the Gallagher Amendment* for the purpose of increasing funding of public education in the State of Colorado.

The Board authorizes the expenditure of District funds to distribute a factual summary regarding *Repealing the Gallagher Amendment*, in accordance with the Fair Campaign Practices Act, C.R.S. 1-45-117.

I certify that the information contained herein is accurate and was adopted by the Mesa County Valley School District 51 Board of Education on June 16, 2020.

Bridget Story
Secretary, Board of Education



**Approval for Purchase of
Two Modular Units**

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WHEREAS, Mesa County Valley School District and the Board of Education strive to lead all students to reach their individual potential; and

WHEREAS, the Mesa County Valley School District and the Board of Education wish to be fiscally responsible in providing student education at the most cost effective manner; and

WHEREAS, moving the Valley School Program from its current location at Western Colorado Community College to the Career Center would benefit the District in reducing some busing costs and administrative and support staff cost; and

WHEREAS, the savings is estimated to be over \$200,000 per year with a pay back of less than 4 years, and

WHEREAS, moving the program location would improve the current program and increase the services currently offered through the program; and

WHEREAS, space is available at the Career Center location to add two modular units; and

WHEREAS, funds to purchase two modular units are available in the Building Fund from the proceeds of the 2017 bond and interest earned.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Education authorizes Phil Onofrio, Chief Operations Officer, to negotiate, purchase and install two modular units at the Career Center to house the Valley School Program with the cost not to exceed \$650,000.

I certify that the information contained herein is accurate and was adopted by the Mesa County Valley School District 51 Board of Education on June 16, 2020.

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Secretary, Board of Education