



A safe, innovative environment, East Mountain engages a diverse community of learners through transformative experiences and create problem solving to shape forward-thinking leaders.

Purpose: The purpose of this document is to serve as the Executive Director report to the Governing Council each month.

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School Wide Mission Drive Goals		
Goal 1: Cultivating Critical Thinkers Through Literacy and Numeracy Objective: By Spring 2029, EMHS will increase the average percentage of students identified as college-ready on the SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing score in the 11th grade by 20 percentage points and in Math by 50 percentage points while maintaining a focus on fostering critical thinking skills across all disciplines.	Goal 2: Cultivating Tomorrow's Changemakers: A Multifaceted Approach to Leadership Development Objective: By Spring 2029, EMHS will empower 100% of graduating seniors to demonstrate their potential as forward-thinking leaders through a comprehensive leadership program.	Goal 3: Empowering Diverse Learners Through Personalized Instruction Objective: EMHS will ensure all students demonstrate annual significant improvement (10%+) in their PSAT/SAT scores from Fall to Spring assessment dates, with a particular focus on closing the achievement gap for traditionally underserved student populations.

Summary of resources:

- A. School News
- B. Expansion

Note: All goals and outcomes from the report are derived from the EMHS Strategic Plan, which can be accessed [here](#).

A. School News	
Item	Description
Building Hope Impact Award	EMHS one of five national finalists for the St. Joseph Bruno “model charter” award. Top 3 announced in March, and awards ceremony in Miami in May. Trey to deliver 10 min. TED Talk speech at conference.
Jennifer Webb, National award for Math Teaching	Jen Web was named one of four finalists in New Mexico for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching .
SAT/PSAT	100% of juniors attended the SAT on March 26 (the cohort that determines school proficiency). Nearly all 9th and 10th graders also sat for the PSAT.
Charter School Growth Fund	Had on site visit for prestigious national grant

B. Expansion

Priorities	Description
EFF lender	Landing on a \$21 million loan at 4.5%, Lender will present to Foundation/GC board, conduct on site visit. EFF providing the enrollment build out they recommend for both financial stability and smart growth.
New Mexico Finance Authority	Initial approval of \$1 million loan through the NMFA at 3%
CSP Grant	Making updates to year one and year two budget. Emphasizing project costs in year two to assist with total project cost.
Middle School Principal	Position is posted and applications coming in. Will develop process for candidate interviews and visits.
PR Partner	Engaged with Siarza Social Digital to assist with branding, marketing, recruitment. New website design and domain coming in May (eastmountain.org)
Architect Design	Working with technology consultants on technology infrastructure needed. Working with furniture rep. Hired a library consultant.
Contractor review	Updated cost estimates are less than architect estimates. Favorable geotech review complete that should lower cost. Traffic impact study ongoing
Site visit study	EMHS Admin team visited Peak to Peak Charter in Lakewood, CO and DSST Cedar in Denver. Studying their 6-12 models. <i>"Students who enter our school as 6th graders have zero discipline problems. Students who enter our school in 9th grade tend to have more struggles."</i>