

*Board of Education  
Mesa County Valley School District 51*

*Agenda*

*January 6, 2026*

*Board of Education Work Session*

**VISION STATEMENT**

Engage, equip, and empower each and every student, each and every day.

**DISTRICT MISSION**

D51 engages our community, families and staff to deliver individualized, collaborative and challenging educational experiences to prepare each and every student for their brightest future.

**BOARD PURPOSE**

Providing effective and ethical governance – representative of community – to support continuous success for all students.

**ESSENTIAL BOARD ROLES**

Guide the District through the superintendent  
Engage constituents Ensure alignment of resources and structure  
Measure effectiveness Model excellence

**BOARD'S CORE, DRIVING VALUES**

Continuous student success, respect for all, student centered, integrity, engaged communication, continuous improvement, fiscal responsibility, accountability, strategically proactive, team effectiveness

**BOARD MEMBERS**

District A – Mr. José Luis Chávez District  
B – Mrs. Barb Evanson  
District C – Mrs. Andrea Hartz, President  
District D – Mr. Will Jones, Vice  
President District E – Ms. Angela Lema,  
Secretary

**SUPERINTENDENT**

Board of Education Work Session

4:00pm  
Executive  
Session;  
5:00pm  
Regular  
Meeting -  
Board of  
Education  
Work  
Session

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Agenda Approval
3. Executive Session  
Pursuant to Section 24-6-402(4)(e), Colorado Revised Statutes, for the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and/or instructing negotiators, regarding negotiations with Mesa Valley Education Association.
4. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance
5. Board Appreciation Month
6. United Way Campaign and Report
7. Bond Presentation - Priority Improvement Projects
8. Board of Education Onboarding
9. Business Meeting/Items
- 9.A. Renaming of East Middle School
- 9.B. Letter Regarding Gateway
- 9.C. Resolution to Reallocate PIP Savings to Bond Work at FMHS
10. Board Announcements
11. Future Meetings
- 11.A. January 20, 2026 Board Business Meeting, Harry Butler Board Room, 5:00 p.m.
- 11.B. February 3, 2026 Board Work Session, Harry Butler Board Room, 5:00 p.m.
12. Adjournment

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS; MEETING RULES**

Adopted: September 14, 2021

Revised: November 19, 2024

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The Board desires to hear the views of citizens of the District and welcomes public comments at business meetings. Public comments at work sessions or special meetings will not be allowed unless otherwise delineated on the meeting agenda. To ensure the safety, security, and orderly conduct at Board meetings all participants must adhere to these rules and any additional instructions provided by security personnel or meeting facilitators.

**Eligibility and priority to address the Board:** To ensure the students are prioritized and heard, the Board will allow students to speak first during the public comment portion of the meetings. Students wishing to address the Board must sign up and will be called in the order of registration before other community members.

**Process/Procedure:**

1. Individuals wishing to address the Board must sign up and will be called in the order of registration.
2. Comments will be limited to agenda item(s).
3. The public comment portion will be limited to 60 minutes unless the Board votes to extend the time. If additional time is approved, it will be at the discretion of the Board and based on the circumstances of the meeting.
4. Each speaker will be allotted up to three minutes to address the Board during public comment. If there are a large number of individuals signed up to speak, the Board reserves the right to reduce the time per speaker to ensure that as many voices are heard within the allotted comment period. If time constraints prevent all individuals from speaking during the public comment period, the Board encourages those unable to address the Board in person to submit their input via emails, written letters, or other formats. All submitted comments will be reviewed by the Board.
5. Speakers should not repeat the same message shared by others. If a speaker's point has already been addressed, comment briefly in support of previous comments and provide any other unique insights.

**Prohibited Items:** For security purposes, attendees may not bring bags into the meeting room. This includes, but is not limited to: backpacks, purses larger than a clutch, and tote bags. Exceptions will be made for medically necessary items or diaper bags, which are subject to inspection. Employees who are required to attend and work during the meeting are exempt from the bag policy but may be subject to standard security procedures.

**Orderly Conduct:**

1. All speakers and attendees are expected to maintain respectful and proper decorum during Board meetings.
2. Comments shall be directed to the Board as a whole and not an individual member, staff, or other attendees.
3. Personal attacks, threats, shouting, cheering, snapping, and other distractions or disruptive behavior, will not be tolerated.
4. Clapping after a comment may be allowed unless it is disrespectful or disrupts the flow of the meeting. Attendees are encouraged to keep expressions of support by clapping brief. If attendees disregard this expectation, the Board may temporarily pause the meeting to restore order or remove individuals causing the disruptions.
5. All comments must be age-appropriate, to include kindergarten through twelfth grade, and suitable for a school setting. Speakers are expected to use language and share content that is respectful and appropriate for all ages.
6. Comments containing profanity, vulgarity, or otherwise inappropriate material will not be permitted.
7. Attendees may not bring signs, banners, props, or other similar items/materials into the meeting. Any individual wishing to display any of the items referenced, or demonstrate, should do so in appropriate spaces outside of the meeting room, in compliance with District policies.
8. Media representatives wishing to record the Board meeting will be assigned a designated location to ensure their activities do not disrupt the proceedings or obstruct the view of attendees. All recording equipment must remain within the assigned area for the duration of the meeting.

**Enforcement of Meeting Rules:** Individuals who fail to follow the established rules for public comments or meeting decorum will receive a warning. If the disruptive behavior continues after the warning, the individual may be removed from the meeting. Repeated violations may result in a ban from attending future meetings as determined by the Board.

Board of Education Resolution: 25/26: 40A

Presented: January 6, 2026

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Each January, Mesa County Valley School District 51 recognizes our Board of Education during School Board Appreciation Month. Serving on the school board is a volunteer role that requires significant time, thoughtful consideration, and a true commitment to students, staff, and our broader school community.

Throughout this school year, our board members have played an important role in guiding District 51 through work that shapes learning environments, district operations, and long-term planning. Their commitment includes careful preparation, open dialogue with the community, and thoughtful decision making that supports our schools.

The Board of Education carries significant responsibilities, including adopting a balanced budget for the county's largest employer, hiring and supporting the superintendent, and setting the direction and priorities that guide District 51. While much of this work happens behind the scenes, it is essential to the success of our schools and the well-being of our students.

This year, we are also proud to welcome two new board members to the Board of Education. We look forward to their leadership, perspectives, and dedication as they begin their service to District 51. Their willingness to serve reflects a shared commitment to supporting students, staff, and strong public schools.

We are grateful for the service of all our board members, both those continuing their work and those newly elected. On behalf of the students, staff, and families of Mesa County Valley School District 51, we thank them for their time, leadership, and dedication, and we proudly recognize January as School Board Appreciation Month.

Please join me in thanking our Board of Education for their continued commitment to our schools and our D51 community.

# 2025

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14th ANNUAL  
WHITE ICED CELEBRATION

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# SAVE THE DATE

FEBRUARY 7, 2026

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A WHITE-ATTIRE AFFAIR TO  
BENEFIT OUR SCHOOLS



SCHOOL DISTRICT 51  
FOUNDATION

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**APPETIZERS & DESSERTS**

2 SIGNATURE COCKTAILS INCLUDED + CASH BAR

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2-7-2026 \* 7:00 PM - 10:30 PM

CMU BALLROOM



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# 2024 BOND PROJECTS PROGRESS UPDATE

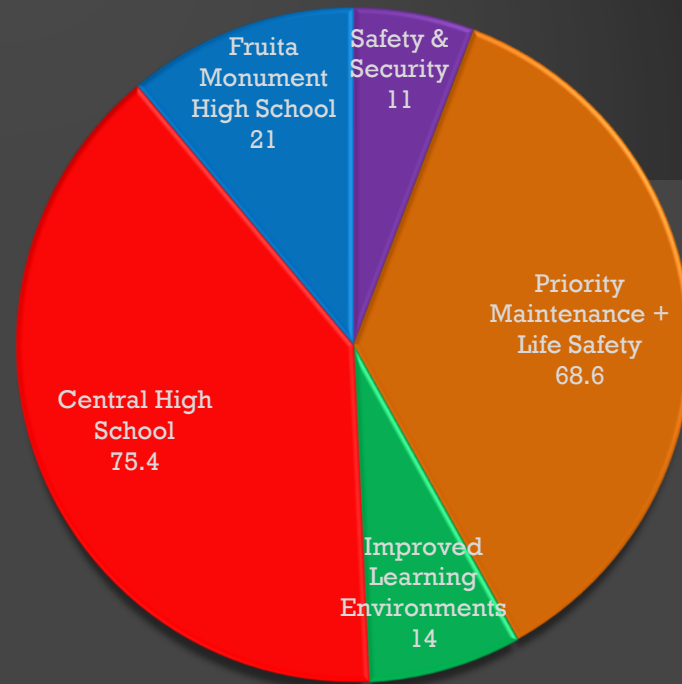
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING: JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2025





## \$190M BOND SCOPE OVERVIEW

“Buckets”  
(In Millions)



- Safety & Security
- Priority Maintenance + Life Safety
- Improved Learning Environments
- Central High School
- Fruita Monument High School

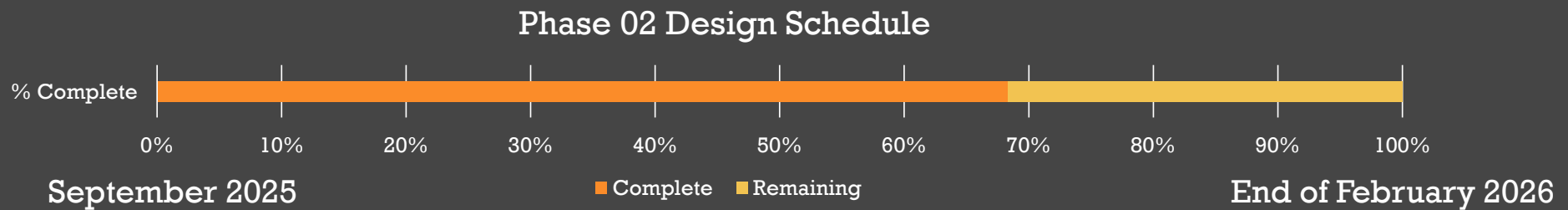
# PIP OVERVIEW

## Phase 02 Schedule

- Design: September 2025 – February 2026
- Construction: May 2026 – August 2026

## BUDGET

- PHASE 01 TOTAL BUDGET: \$25.7M
- PHASE 01 SAVINGS: \$4.5M
- PHASE 02 TOTAL BUDGET: \$37.1M
- PHASE 02 ESTIMATED HARD COSTS\*: \$27.7M
  - (\*DOES NOT INCLUDE SOFT COSTS – I.E., TECH, FFE, DESIGN, ETC.)





# PRIORITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS PHASE 02 – SUMMER OF 2026

- 11 schools
- Recently Completed
  - Design Development Estimates
  - Abatement Contractor Procurement
    - 4 Contractors Awarded:
      - Asbestos Professionals – Appleton ES
      - Excel Environmental – Orchard Ave ES & Pomona ES
      - Orion Environmental – West MS
      - Spyder Environmental – Mt Garfield MS
  - Geotechnical Reports
  - Fire Suppression Construction Documents
- In Progress
  - Construction Documents
  - Early Procurement

- DDB
  - Dos Rios ES
  - Dual Immersion Academy
  - Tope ES
  - Wingate ES
- FCI
  - Broadway ES
  - Orchard Ave ES
  - Pomona ES
  - Mt. Garfield MS
  - West MS.
- Shaw
  - Appleton ES
  - Rim Rock ES



# FMHS OVERVIEW

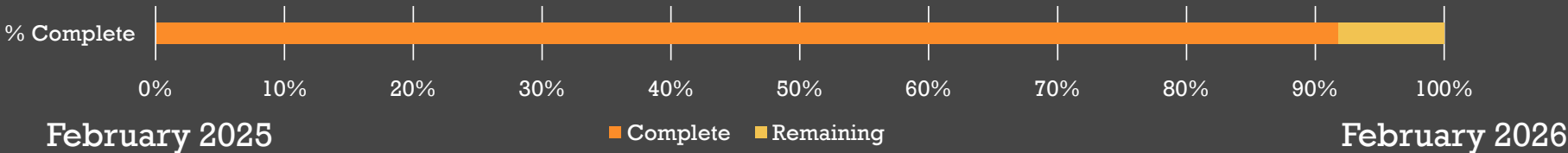
## Schedule

- Design: February 2025 – February 2026
- Construction: Spring 2026 – Fall 2027

## BUDGET

- TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET: \$21M
- ORIGINAL HARD COST BUDGET: \$14.4M
- DD HARD COST ESTIMATE: \$16.7M
  - INCREASE DUE TO CTE ADDITION, WEIGHT RM RELOCATION, ETC.
- SOFT COSTS: \$3.4M

### Design Schedule



## FMHS WORK IN PROGRESS



### Recently Completed

- Design Development Estimate
- Helical Pier Testing
- Utility Potholing
- Survey
- Geotechnical Reports



### In Progress

- Construction Documents
- Furniture, Fixtures, & Equipment Design
- Electrical Metering
- Utility Coordination



### Upcoming

- Mobilize May 2026
- CDs – February 26<sup>th</sup>



THANK YOU

COLLEEN.KANEDA@DYNAMICPM.COM





# Naming, Renaming or Memorial Proposal Submission Form

*In accordance with Board Policy KDEA – Naming Facilities and Memorials*

Submit completed form and attachments to:

Naming Committee Designee - msalter@d51schools.org

Subject Line: Naming or Memorial Request – [Proposed Name]

## SECTION 1 – REQUESTOR INFORMATION

Name of Requestor/Group: Dan Bunnell and Jennifer Marsh

Affiliation (School, Department, or Organization): District 51 Students Services and Curriculum/Learning

Contact Email: dan.bunnell@d51schools.org

Contact Phone: 970-254-5901 Ext. 33105

## SECTION 2 – TYPE OF REQUEST

Please select one:

- Naming of a Facility or Area
- Renaming of a Facility or Area
- Memorial or Tribute Installation

If naming or renaming, specify below:

Facility/Area/Program Name: East Middle School

Proposed Name: D51 Educational Services Center at East

If memorial or tribute:

Type of Memorial/Tribute (e.g., plaque, bench, tree): \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Location: \_\_\_\_\_



**SECTION 3 – DESCRIPTION AND RATIONALE**

Provide a detailed explanation describing the purpose and significance of the proposed name or memorial. Include how the proposal aligns with KDEA criteria, such as:

- Honoring individuals or groups with sustained and exemplary service
- Reflecting geographical, historical, or cultural significance
- Aligning with the values and mission of the District

Narrative (attach additional pages if necessary):

With the remodeling and repurposing East Middle School into a centralized educational services building, a new name at this time is appropriate. With the preservation of the East name in the title, the Educational Service Center reflects the merging together of three departments from three locations when phase II of the remodeling project is complete in late 2026 or early 2027. The name is reflective of the departments housed at Emerson currently, the Student Services Departments housed at BTK and the vacating departments at the Compass location on Horizon drive during phase I.

**SECTION 4 – IF NAMING AFTER AN INDIVIDUAL**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to the District/Community: \_\_\_\_\_

Summary of Contributions or Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Letters of Support Attached:  Yes  No

Biographical Information Attached:  Yes  No

**SECTION 5 – COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDER INPUT**

Describe how relevant stakeholders (staff, students, parents, alumni, or community) were consulted or informed:

A district naming committee was formed to make this decision.

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Attach any supporting documentation, meeting notes, or letters of endorsement.

**SECTION 6 – FUNDING AND MAINTENANCE (if applicable)**

If proposing a memorial or permanent installation, please indicate how costs will be covered:

Privately Funded     Sponsored     Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe long-term maintenance plans or funding source:

District monies are being provided for phase I and II of the remodeling and repurposing project a the East Middle School location.

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**SECTION 7 – REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS**

- Detailed Rationale / Narrative
- Biographical Information (if applicable)
- Community Input Summary
- Letters of Support
- Cost/Funding Plan (for memorials)
- Other Supporting Documents

**SECTION 8 – SIGNATURES**

	Name	Signature	Date
Requestor:	<u>Dan Bunnell</u>	<u><i>Dan Bunnell</i></u>	<u>12-1-25</u>
Principal/Supervisor:	_____	_____	_____
Department Director (if applicable):	_____	_____	_____



SECTION 9 – DISTRICT REVIEW & APPROVAL

		Signatures	Date
Naming Committee Review:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve	<u>Tammy Eret</u> <small>Tammy Eret (Dec 9, 2025 17:09:29 MST)</small>	<u>Dec 9, 2025</u>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Deny	Legal Counsel	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Revise	<u>Clint Garcia</u>	<u>Dec 9, 2025</u>
		Chief Operations Officer	
		<u>Callie Berkson</u> <small>Callie Berkson (Dec 9, 2025 14:13:08 MST)</small>	<u>Dec 9, 2025</u>
	Public Information Officer		
	<u>Paul Cain</u> <small>Paul Cain (Dec 9, 2025 17:22:17 MST)</small>	<u>Dec 9, 2025</u>	
	Director of Athletics		
		EHS Manager	
Superintendent Recommendation:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>12/16/25</u>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Deny	Superintendent	
Board of Education Action:	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Denied	Board President	

# East Educational Services Center (1) (1) (1)


Final Audit Report

2025-12-10


Created:	2025-12-09
By:	Lindsay Davis Martin (ldavisma@d51schools.org)
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**Mesa County Valley School District 51  
Resolution to Approve Reallocation of  
\$3,000,000 from Priority Improvement  
Projects(PIP) savings to Fund Improvements  
at Fruita Monument High School**

Board of Education Resolution: 25/26: 39

Presented: January 6, 2026

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WHEREAS, the School District has identified critical facility, safety, and programmatic improvement needs at Fruita Monument High School to better support students, staff, and instructional programming, and

WHEREAS, these improvements include relocating the weight room into the main building to improve supervision and student safety, enhancing safety and security through campus enclosure and site improvements, upgrading Career and Technical Education (CTE) spaces, and removing all modular classroom buildings from the campus, and

WHEREAS, the proposed scope also includes the purchase of additional new furniture necessary to support newly renovated and reconfigured instructional and support spaces, and

WHEREAS, the School District has realized approximately \$4,500,000 in savings from Priority Improvement Projects (PIPs) completed during the summer of 2025, and

WHEREAS, the reallocation of \$3,000,000 of these savings to Fruita Monument High School will allow the District to address long-standing facility needs while remaining within the overall bond authorization approved by voters and without exceeding the total bond program budget, now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education directs the superintendent or designee to reallocate \$3,000,000 from Priority Improvement Project (PIP) savings to fund the identified improvements at Fruita Monument High School, including building modifications, safety and security enhancements, CTE improvements, modular removal, and associated furniture purchases.

*I certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Education of Mesa County Valley School District No. 51 at a Board Business Meeting on January 6, 2026.*

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*Amy Navarette  
Assistant Secretary, Board of Education*