

Board of Education Mesa County Valley School District 51

Agenda

September 15, 2026

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

Provide clear, effective, and strategic governance that is student and community-centered so that each and every student will be engaged, equipped, and empowered each and every day.

ESSENTIAL BOARD ROLES

- **Guide** the District through the superintendent
- **Communicate** and uphold the strategic vision of the district
- **Hold** the district accountable for making progress toward strategic outcomes
- **Ensure** alignment of resources and structures
- **Represent** the interests of the community while prioritizing student success across the district

BOARD'S CORE, DRIVING VALUES

- Proactive and prepared
- Respectful and professional
- Focused on student success
- Accountability with integrity
- Cohesive and committed

BOARD MEMBERS

District A – Mr. José Luis Chávez,
President

District B – Mrs. Barb Evanson

District C – Mrs. Andrea Haitz, Secretary

District D – Mrs. Kaci Cole

District E – Mrs. Vicki Woods,
Vice President

SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Brian Hill

Board of Education Business Meeting

4:00 PM

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Agenda Approval
3. Executive Session
- 3.A. Pursuant to Section 24-6-402(4)(b), Colorado Revised Statutes, for conference with legal counsel for the purpose of receiving advice on specific legal questions regarding charter schools.
4. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence 5:00 p.m.
5. Meeting Minutes and Summary Approval
- 5.A. August 4, 2026 Board Work Session Minutes
- 5.B. August 18, 2026 Board Business Meeting Minutes
6. Recognitions
- 6.A. Constitution Day Proclamation
7. Board Reports
- 7.A. Good Things
- 7.B. Committee/Activity Updates
8. D51 Happenings and Celebrations
9. Superintendent's Report
- 9.A. Schneider Electric Update
- 9.B. Administrative Relocation Update
10. Audience Comments
11. Consent Agenda
- 11.A. Personnel Actions
- 11.B. Gifts from the Public
- 11.C. Grants
12. Business Items
- 12.A. Julie Armbruster Legacy Garden at STEAM @Tope Elementary School
- 12.B. Mr. Bailey's Outdoor Classroom at STEAM @Tope Elementary School
13. Future Meeting Agenda Items
14. Future Meetings
- 14.A. October 6, 2026 Board Work Session, Harry Butler Board Room, 5:00 p.m.
- 14.B. October 20, 2026 Board Business Meeting, Harry Butler Board Room, 5:00 p.m.
15. Adjournment
16. Expulsion Report as of August 31, 2026

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS; MEETING RULES

Adopted: September 14, 2021

Revised: November 19, 2024

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: 26/27: 15

Presented: September 15, 2026

WHEREAS, on September 17, 1787, the Constitution of the United States was signed, establishing the framework of our government and safeguarding the fundamental rights and liberties that define our nation; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution remains a living document that continues to guide and inspire the principles of liberty, justice, and equality for all Americans; and

WHEREAS, Constitution Day provides an opportunity for all citizens to reflect on the significance of the Constitution, to learn more about its enduring impact, and to reaffirm their commitment to the values it represents; and

WHEREAS, schools, organizations, and communities across the country are encouraged to observe Constitution Day with educational programs, activities, and discussions that strengthen our understanding of the Constitution and its role in shaping our nation's history and future; and

WHEREAS, it is our responsibility as American citizens to honor and uphold the United States Constitution, to engage actively in our constitutional republic, and to ensure that the rights and freedoms guaranteed by this historic document are preserved for future generations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mesa County Valley School District 51 Board of Education and Superintendent Dr. Hill proclaim September 17, 2026, as Constitution Day. We encourage our D51 community to read, reflect upon, and participate in activities that deepen appreciation for the principles and ideals it represents.

Cost Savings Program Update

Presented By: Clint Garcia, Eddie Mort, Caleb Shinn

September 14, 2026

Agenda

| Project Overview

| State Energy Program Timeline

| Lighting Improvements

| HVAC Improvements

| Savings & Rebates

| Timeline

Life Is On

Schneider
Electric



Reducing Costs and Improving Classrooms

Scope of Work

- LED Retrofits
- HVAC Replacements
- Energy Procurement Optimization
- Long-Term Support
 - Asset Planning, Energy Mgmt., Grants

Project Benefits

- Improved Lighting Systems
 - Optimized lighting quality
 - Reduced maintenance
 - Aesthetic and technology modernizations
- Modernized Heating & Cooling Systems
 - Enhanced comfort control and air quality
 - Improved system reliability and efficiency
- Significant Operational Cost Reduction & Capital Cost Avoidance

Results

This project enables Mesa County Valley School District 51 to tackle pressing deferred maintenance issues while also improving classrooms districtwide at no cost to the taxpayer. The mechanical system upgrades in this project position D51 to shift from reactive to proactive maintenance, reduce operational costs, and create better learning environments through improved classroom comfort.

\$14.5M

Invested into D51
Schools & Facilities

**Budget
Neutral**

School Improvement
Project

500+

Students Involved
in Various STEM
Activities

State Energy Program Timeline

D51

Design Process

Site inspections, energy auditing and analysis, collaborative scope development and prioritization, scope design & engineering

Late 2024 – Fall 2025



Project Approval

Project approval by D51

Board of Ed

December 16, 2025



Finalize Project

Finalize costs, savings and scope. Technical review by State Energy Office. Preparation of funding

November - December 2025



Project Construction

Implementation of facility improvement and cost savings measures

Spring 2026 – Spring 2027

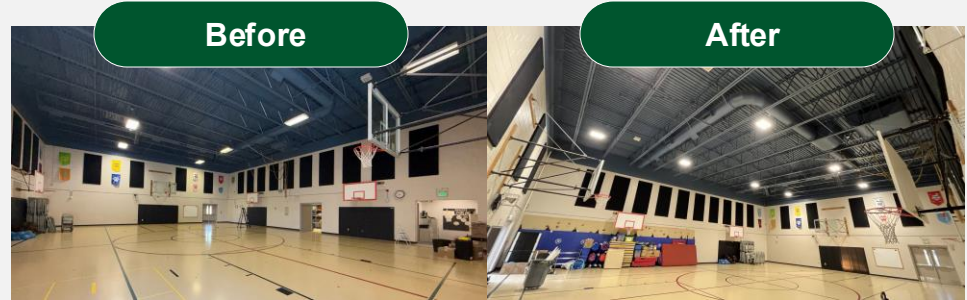
Lighting Improvements

Scope of Work Completed as of September 1, 2026

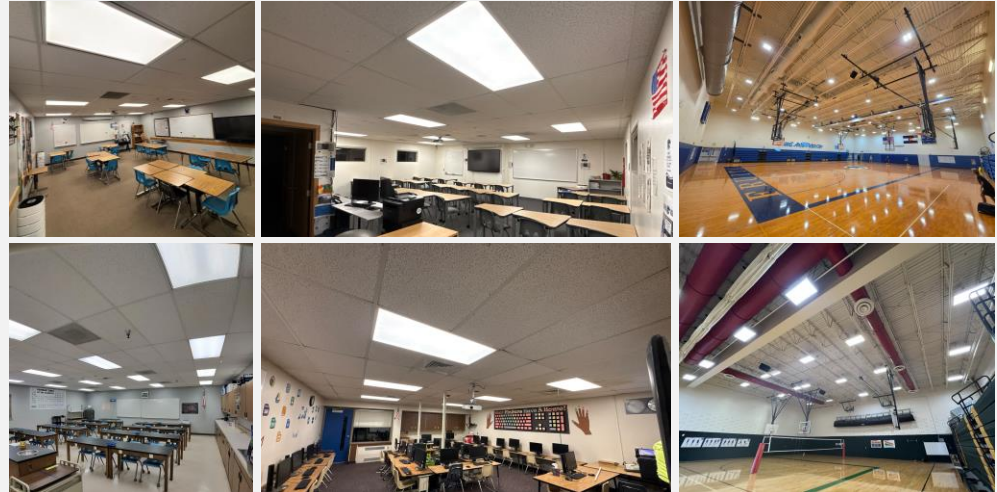
- Swapping inefficient bulbs for efficient LEDs
- Meets 'State Fluorescent Lighting Ban'
- Light levels optimized
- Custom solution for D51's needs
- 20,000 bulbs across the district

Sites:

- Redlands MS
- Shelledy ES
- Fruita Monument HS



Completed Spaces



HVAC Improvements

Scope of Work Completed as of September 1, 2026

- 60 Mechanical Units Being Replaced
- Increased occupancy comfort and improved learning environment

Sites:

- West MS
- Dos Rios ES
- Pomona ES
- DIA/Riverside
- Thunder Mtn ES
- Rocky Mtn ES



D51 Energy & Facility Improvement Program Overview



Improved Lighting Systems

- Optimized lighting quality
- Reduced maintenance
- Aesthetic and technology modernizations

Modernized Heating & Cooling Systems

- Enhanced comfort control and air quality
- Improved system reliability and efficiency

Financial Leverage

- Operational Cost Reduction
- Capital Cost Avoidance

\$300,863

Guaranteed Annual Energy Savings

\$250,000

Estimated rebates

TBD

Future grant funding

Key Program Elements

Solves Challenges related to 'Clean Lighting Act'

'Budget Neutral' Project

Surplus Savings directed towards Deferred Maintenance

Timeline through M&V



Educational Services Center at East



Finalizing two-phase consolidation project

September 15, 2026

Site Consolidation

- Consolidate BTK, Emerson and Compass into one district-owned center
- EMS was rated an “F” facility for educational use, but not for admin use.
- Improve collaboration and access to administrative services
- Use the BTK and Emerson property sales to offset project costs
- Eliminate the Compass lease and its recurring annual expense

THREE LOCATIONS CONSOLIDATED

BTK

Under Contract

Emerson

Property listed for sale

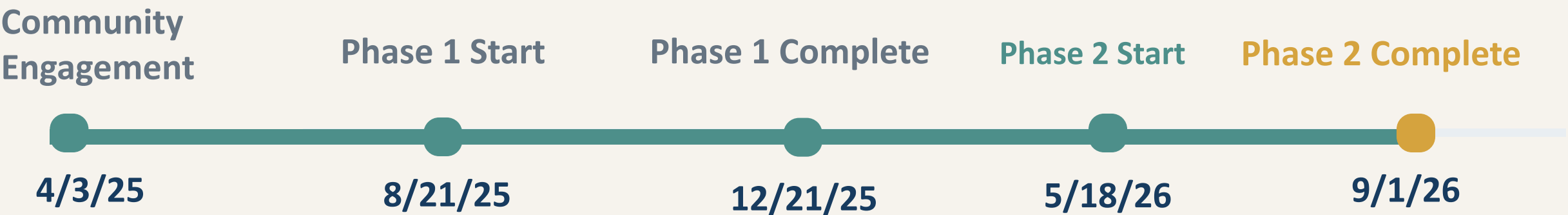
Compass

Lease eliminated

Educational Services Center at East

One district-owned administrative center

East Project Timeline



Phase 2 Moving Dates

Date	Team
Sept - 8,9,10	Student Services
Sept - 14,15	CTE Team Assessment
Oct - 9,12,13	BTK
Nov - 18,19, 20	Emerson

Funding and Budget Allocation

- Original project budget totaled \$7,591,322
- Paid from District Capital Project funds
- No bond funds were used for this project

BUDGET ALLOCATION

PHASE 1

\$749,740

PHASE 2

\$6,841,582

TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET

\$7,591,322

Actual Costs

The project is tracking below budget

\$7,591,322

ORIGINAL BUDGET

\$ 6,687,722

CURRENT FORECAST

\$903,600

PROJECTED UNDER
BUDGET

On time • Under budget

Net Project Cost

\$950,000

BTK PROPERTY SALE

\$1,700,000

EMERSON PROPERTY
LISTING PRICE

\$154,826

COMPASS — FIRST-YEAR
SAVINGS

\$903,600

PROJECT SAVINGS

\$5,800,000

Deferred Maintenance
Costs

\$3,882,896

TOTAL ESTIMATED
NET PROJECT COST

Exterior



Before and After

Library | Office's



Before



After

Before and After

Cafeteria | Training Room



Before



After

Before and After

Main Hallway



Before



After

Before and After

Room 210 | Offices



Before



After

Before and After

Room 208 | Offices



Before



After



Questions

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Licensed and Administrative Personnel Actions

Name	Location	Assignment	Effective Date
Retirements			
None at this time.			
Resignations/Termination			
CARROLL, ROSARIO D	FRUITVALE	SPED - SSN (LIFE)	8/28/2026
LOUGHRAN, EDWARD	CHATFIELD	GRADE 1	8/26/2026
SKILLICORN, ERICA L	WINGATE	KINDERGARTEN	8/21/2026
Leave of Absence			
BEAUCHAMP, HEIDI R	WEST	MATHEMATICS	9/2/2026
New Assignments (Transfer/New Hires)			
BAUGHMAN, JOLYNN KAY	SUMMIT PROGRAM	SPED - SNB (SOAR)	8/3/2026
BROWN, KATHY E	ORCHARD MESA	TECH ED/INDUSTRIAL ARTS	8/5/2026
COLLETT, WENDY L	GRAND MESA	SPED - RESOURCE	8/3/2026
CUDO, KAYCCLYNN R	ORCHARD MESA	SPED - RESOURCE	8/3/2026
GARLAND, JENNIFER N	FRUITVALE	MUSIC	8/5/2026
GIRARDI, DENRA N	SUMMIT PROGRAM	MENTAL HEALTH THERAPIST	8/5/2026
HAYES, KRYSTAL DAWN	ORCHARD AVE	KINDERGARTEN	9/14/2026
HEINRICH, AMANDA L	BTK	EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL ED	9/8/2026
JOHNSON, JEFFREY V	GRAND MESA	PHYSICAL EDUCATION	8/5/2026
LEON TORRES, DIANA C	ED SVCS AT EAST	SOCIAL WORKER	9/8/2026
LICHTENBERG, BRITTANY A	BTK	COORD, ECE/PRESCHOOL SPED	8/24/2026
MARIN TAPIAS, CAROLINA	MT GARFIELD	FL - SPANISH	8/5/2026
MARTINEZ, STEVEN L	CENTRAL	COUNSELOR	8/24/2026
MAURICIO, MARTHA G	PALISADE	FL - SPANISH	8/17/2026
MCCOMB, WENDI MARIE	R-5	INTERVENTIONIST	8/3/2026
MCPHERSON, HEATHER LANE	TAYLOR	GRADE 3	8/5/2026
MEDVED, BROOKE N	MONUMENT RIDGE	INTERVENTIONIST	8/17/2026
MOORLAND, LAURIE M	BTK	SPEECH/LANGUAGE THERAPIST	9/2/2026
New Assignments (Non-Probationary Status Granted Through Portability)			
None at this time.			
Return from Leave			
MARIN, MOLLY R	PALISADE	SPED - MODERATE NEEDS	9/8/2026



Mesa County Valley School District 51

Personnel Actions

Board of Education Resolution 26/27: 16

Presented: September 15, 2026

Supervisory Support Staff Personnel Actions

New Assignments (Transfer/New Hires)			
None at this time.			

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 September 15, 2026.

*Amy Navarette, Assistant Secretary
Board of Education*

Board of Education Resolution: 26/27: 17

Presented: September 15, 2026

Donor	ShaleStone Inc.
Gift	Cash
Value	\$2,500
School/Department	Appleton Elementary School for Student Class Fees

Donor	ACE Timberline Hardware
Gift	Tools and Supplies
Value	\$80,200
School/Department	Career Center for Contruction, Engines, Horticulture & other classes

Donor	Dixie and Raymond E. Coca
Gift	Cash
Value	\$300
School/Department	Grand Junction High School Athletics Department

Donor	Dixie and Raymond E. Coca
Gift	Cash
Value	\$100
School/Department	Grand Junction High School Athletics Department

Donor	First Presbyterian Church
Gift	Cash
Value	\$1,500
School/Department	Grand Junction High School Boutique & Haberdashery

Donor	Sandra Nesbitt
Gift	Cash
Value	\$5,000
School/Department	Grand Junction High School Boys Soccer Team

Donor	Booster Club – Bingo Account
Gift	Cash
Value	\$3,650
School/Department	Grand Junction High School Cross Country Team

Donor	Steve and Carolyn Cyphers
Gift	Cash
Value	\$273
School/Department	Grand Junction High School Athletics Hall of Fame

Donor	Timberline Bank
Gift	Cash
Value	\$100
School/Department	Grand Junction High School Boys Soccer Team

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Donor	First Presbyterian Church
Gift	Cash
Value	\$1,500
School/Department	Mt. Garfield Middle School to purchase items for the Gator Store

Donor	Lavender Association of Colorado
Gift	Cash
Value	\$150
School/Department	Palisade High School Futures Pathways Program

Donor	CC Enterprises, Traffic Control Specialists, Inc.
Gift	Cash
Value	\$3,000
School/Department	Palisade High School Boys Soccer Program

Donor	Fruita Chiropractic
Gift	(2) one-hour massages
Value	\$170
School/Department	R-5 High School for silent auction for Golf Tournament fundraiser

Donor	Loki Outdoor Clothing, Seth Anderson
Gift	Outdoor Gear
Value	\$330
School/Department	R-5 High School for Golf Tournament Fundraiser

Donor	Donors Choose
Gift	School Learning Tools for students
Value	
School/Department	Dos Rios, Orchard Avenue & Lincoln Orchard Mesa Elementary

Total: \$101,100.20

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 September 15, 2026.

*Amy Navarette
Assistant Secretary, Board of Education*

Board of Education Resolution 26/27: 18

Presented: September 15, 2026

Grant Title	Careers in Construction Colorado (CICC) (0120)
Source	Local
Fund Number	22
Site	Central High School
Description	To promote a high school workforce development program that educates students in construction skills and techniques, including those used in carpentry, plumbing, electrical, and HVAC work.
Budget Amount	\$8,500 GJHS
Fiscal Year	26/27
Authorized Representative	Cheryl Taylor, Dir. College/Career Readiness Melanie Trujillo, CFO

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 September 15, 2026.

Amy Navarette
Assistant Secretary, Board of Education



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:

Amy Modica

Affiliation (School, Department, or Organization):

STEAM @ Tope Elementary

Contact Email:

amy.modica@d51schools.org

Contact Phone:

(916) 254-7070 ext. 65126

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:

Proposed Name:

The Julie Armbruster Legacy Garden

If memorial or tribute:

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

and created

The entire area is being designed then named.

Proposed Location:

7th street side of Tope

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):

see attached

SECTION 4 – IF NAMING AFTER AN INDIVIDUAL

Full Name:

Julie Armbruster

Relationship to the
District/Community:

Former D51 Teacher

Summary of Contributions
or Service:

Letters of Support

☐ Yes

Attached:

☐ No

Biographical Information

☐ Yes

Attached:

☐ No

SECTION 5 – COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDER INPUT

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

The obituary for Julie Armbruster



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: memorial money

Describe long-term maintenance plans or funding source:

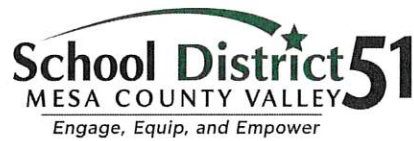
Working with Eddie Mart a landscape architect and landscapers to make sure it is low maintenance.

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:	Amy Modica	<u>Amy Modica</u>	4-23-26
Principal/Supervisor:	Summer Kennedy	<u>Summer Kennedy</u>	5/4/26
Department Director (if applicable):	Sharon Kallus	<u>Sharon Kallus</u>	5/4/26



SECTION 9 – DISTRICT REVIEW & APPROVAL

		Signatures	Date
Naming Committee Review:	☐ Approve	<u>Tammy Eret</u> Tammy Eret (May 6, 2026 12:39:16 MDT)	<u>May 6, 2026</u>
	☐ Deny	Legal Counsel	
	☐ Revise	<u>Jennifer Marsh</u> Jennifer Marsh (May 15, 2026 10:35:56 MDT)	<u>May 15, 2026</u>
		Chief Academic Officer	
		<u>Clint Garcia</u>	<u>May 15, 2026</u>
		Chief Operations Officer	
		<u>Callie Berkson</u> Callie Berkson (Aug 21, 2026 10:18:44 MDT)	<u>08/21/2026</u>
		Public Information Officer	
		<u>Shawn Marsh</u>	<u>8/31/2026</u>
		Director of Athletics	
		<u>Melissa Satter</u>	<u>5/6/2026</u>
		EHS Manager	
Superintendent Recommendation:	☒ Approve	<u>BS</u>	<u>9/1/26</u>
	☐ Deny	Superintendent	
Board of Education Action:	☐ Approved		
	☐ Denied	Board President	

SECTION 3: Purpose and Significance of the Proposed Name:

The naming of a legacy garden in honor of Julie Armbruster serves to recognize a lifetime of sustained and exemplary service to the students and families of Tope Elementary. Julie dedicated her entire professional career to this school community, consistently demonstrating excellence in teaching, a deep commitment to student growth, and a passion for fostering meaningful learning experiences. Her influence extended far beyond the classroom, shaping the culture of the school through collaboration, mentorship, and care for every child.

This proposal aligns with KDEA criteria by honoring an individual whose service was both long-standing and impactful. Julie's work reflects the highest standards of the teaching profession and represents the type of legacy worthy of permanent recognition within the district.

Additionally, the garden carries both historical and cultural significance within the school community. The space has been created through memorial contributions from colleagues, families, and community members, demonstrating a collective desire to honor Julie's life and contributions. As a STEAM-focused learning environment, it reflects her belief in hands-on, experiential education and her commitment to preparing students to think critically and creatively.

Finally, this proposal strongly aligns with the values and mission of the District by promoting student-centered learning, innovation, and community connection. Naming this space after Julie Armbruster ensures that her legacy continues to inspire future generations of students and educators, reinforcing the district's commitment to honoring those who have made a lasting and meaningful difference.

Dear Superintendent,

I am writing to respectfully submit a proposal to name a Legacy Garden at Tope Elementary in honor of Julie Armbruster.

Proposed Name:

The Julie Armbruster Legacy Garden

Rationale:

Julie Armbruster devoted a large portion of her teaching career to the students and community of Tope Elementary in Grand Junction, Colorado. She was a passionate educator who created a nurturing, engaging, and inspiring learning environment for every child who entered her classroom. Her commitment to education extended beyond academics—she fostered curiosity, creativity, and a love for learning that left a lasting impact on countless students and families.

In December 2025, Julie tragically passed away, leaving a profound void in the school community. In response, many who knew and loved her chose to honor her memory by directing memorial contributions to STEAM @ Tope Elementary. These contributions are being used to develop a legacy garden—spaces that reflect Julie's love for hands-on learning, exploration, the outdoors, and connection with students.

Naming this space in Julie Armbruster's honor would serve as a meaningful and lasting tribute to her life's work. The outdoor classroom and garden will stand as a place where students can continue to learn, grow, and explore—just as Julie encouraged every day. It will also serve as a reminder of the compassion, dedication, and joy she brought to her profession.

Biographical Information:

Julie Armbruster was a dedicated elementary school teacher who spent her entire career serving the Tope Elementary community. Known for her kindness, creativity, and unwavering commitment to her students, Julie made a lasting difference in the lives of many. She embraced innovative teaching practices and strongly supported STEAM education, helping students develop critical thinking skills and a sense of wonder about the world around them.

Julie's legacy lives on through the students she inspired, the colleagues she supported, and the community that continues to honor her memory.

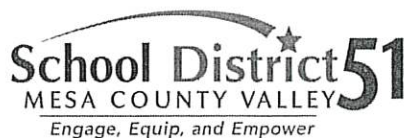
Thank you for your time and consideration of this proposal. It would be a fitting tribute to recognize Julie Armbruster in a way that reflects her passion for education and her lasting impact on Tope Elementary.

Sincerely,

Amy Modica

STEAM @ Tope Elementary

(970) 254-7070 ext 65126



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STEAM @ Tope Elementary

Affiliation (School, Department,
or Organization):

Contact Email:

Amy.Neil@d51schools.org

Contact Phone:

970 254 7070

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:

Outdoor Classroom on 7th Street

Proposed Name:

Mr. Bailey's Outdoor Classroom

If memorial or tribute:

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

plaque



Proposed Location: Outdoor Classroom on 7th Street

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- 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):

See Attached

SECTION 4 – IF NAMING AFTER AN INDIVIDUAL

Full Name: William Bailey

Relationship to the District/Community: Volunteer

Summary of Contributions or Service: _____

Letters of Support Attached: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Biographical Information Attached: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Dear Superintendent Dr. Hill,

STEAM @ Tope respectfully requests approval to name its outdoor learning space "Mr. Bailey's Outdoor Classroom" in recognition of Mr. Bailey's exceptional service and generosity to the school community.

Proposed Name:

Mr. Bailey's Outdoor Classroom

Rationale:

For more than eight years, Mr. Bailey has volunteered full time at STEAM @ Tope, contributing an extraordinary amount of time, talent, and service in support of students and staff. His sustained involvement has made him an integral part of the school community and demonstrates a remarkable commitment to public education and the students of STEAM @ Tope.

In addition to his extensive volunteer service, Mr. Bailey has made a substantial financial contribution toward the construction of the outdoor classroom, helping make this educational space possible.

The outdoor classroom will provide lasting opportunities for hands-on, interdisciplinary STEAM learning, including science investigation, environmental education, creativity, collaboration, problem-solving, and project-based learning.

Naming the space "Mr. Bailey's Outdoor Classroom" appropriately recognizes the combination of his long-standing volunteer service, generosity, and significant contribution to the educational opportunities available to STEAM @ Tope students.

This designation will serve as a lasting expression of gratitude while providing future generations of students with an example of the positive impact that service and generosity can have on a school and its community.

Community and stakeholder input

Stakeholder input considered both Mr. Bailey's more than eight years of full-time volunteer service at STEAM @ Tope and his substantial financial contribution toward making the outdoor classroom possible. Discussions also focused on the educational purpose of the space, its long-term benefit to students, and the importance of ensuring that the proposed name reflects the values and mission of the school.

School staff and community members have had opportunities to learn about the development and intended use of the outdoor classroom, including its role in supporting hands-on, interdisciplinary STEAM learning. The proposed naming recognizes not simply a financial

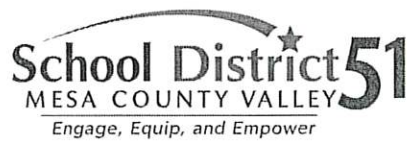
contribution, but Mr. Bailey's sustained commitment of time, service, resources, and support to the students and staff of STEAM @ Tope.

Funding and maintenance:

The Mr. Bailey's Outdoor Classroom has been intentionally designed to be a durable, low-maintenance learning space that will require minimal additional upkeep by the District.

The District will continue to maintain the outdoor classroom area as part of its regular grounds and facilities maintenance responsibilities. Importantly, the area surrounding the outdoor classroom was already being maintained by District personnel prior to the development of the classroom. Therefore, the addition of the outdoor classroom does not create a significant new area or additional grounds-maintenance responsibility for the District.

The furnishings and materials selected for the outdoor classroom were also chosen with durability and long-term use in mind. The tables are solid, heavy-duty, weather-resistant outdoor tables designed to remain in place and withstand exposure to the elements. They do not require routine moving, storage, or specialized seasonal maintenance.



SECTION 5 – COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDER INPUT

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

See Attached

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:

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:	Amy Neil	Amy Neil	8/26/26
Principal/Supervisor:	Summer Kennedy	Summer Kennedy	8/31/26
Department Director (if applicable):	Carrie Pollock	Carrie Pollock	8/31/26



SECTION 9 – DISTRICT REVIEW & APPROVAL

		Signatures	Date
Naming Committee Review:	☒ Approve	<u>Tammy Eret</u> Tammy Eret (Sep 8, 2026 16:34:41 MDT)	<u>09/08/2026</u>
	☐ Deny	Legal Counsel	
	☐ Revise	<u>Jennifer Marsh</u> Jennifer Marsh (Sep 8, 2026 16:45:12 MDT)	<u>09/08/2026</u>
		Chief Academic Officer	
		<u>Clint Garcia</u> Clint Garcia (Sep 8, 2026 17:37:29 MDT)	<u>09/08/2026</u>
		Chief Operations Officer	
		<u>Callie Berkson</u> Callie Berkson (Sep 9, 2026 14:01:33 MDT)	<u>09/09/2026</u>
		Public Information Officer	
		<u>Shawn Marsh</u> Shawn Marsh (Sep 9, 2026 14:03:07 MDT)	<u>09/09/2026</u>
		Director of Athletics	
		<u>Melissa Latta</u>	<u>9/8/2026</u>
		EHS Manager	
Superintendent Recommendation:	☒ Approve	<u>B. Hill</u> Brian Hill (Sep 9, 2026 15:44:21 MDT)	<u>09/09/2026</u>
	☐ Deny	Superintendent	
Board of Education Action:	☐ Approved		
	☐ Denied	Board President	

Tope Outdoor Classroom Naming Application

Final Audit Report

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Category Description

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 V00 - other violations

