

*Board of Education
Mesa County Valley School District 51*

Agenda

May 20, 2025

Board of Education Business Meeting (Revised)

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 Haitz, President
District D – Mr. Will Jones, Vice
President District E – Ms. Angela Lema,
Secretary

SUPERINTENDENT

Board of Education Business Meeting (Revised)

5:00 PM

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence/Roll Call
2. Agenda Approval
3. Meeting Minutes and Summary Approval
 - A. April 1, 2025 Board Work Session
 - B. April 15, 2025 Board Business Meeting
 - C. April 18, 2025 Board Special Meeting
 - D. April 21, 2025 Board Special Meeting
4. Recognitions
 - A. "I Voted" Sticker Contest Winners
 - B. National History Day Qualifiers for National Competition
 - C. Colorado Student Media Association Award Winners
 - D. Future Business Leaders of America State Winners & National Qualifiers
 - E. Family, Career & Community Leaders of America State Winners & National Qualifiers
5. Board Reports
 - A. Good Things
 - B. Committee/Activity Updates
6. D51 Happenings and Celebrations
7. Superintendent's Report
 - A. Budget Update
8. Audience Comments
9. Consent Agenda
 - A. Licensed & Administrative Personnel Actions
 - B. Contract Non-Renewal Personnel Action
 - C. Gifts
10. Business Items
 - A. Resolution to Approve Reallocation of \$5,000,000 to Enhance Safety & Security at CHS
11. Board Open Discussion
12. Future Meetings
 - A. May 27, 2025, Virtual Meeting, 5:00 p.m., Board Special Meeting
 - B. June 3, 2025, Harry Butler Board Room, 5:00 p.m., Board Work Session
 - C. June 17, 2025, Harry Butler Board Room, 5:00 p.m., Board Business Meeting
13. Adjournment
14. Expulsion Report

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.

Will Jessica Selby, Layla Lesjak, and Jacob Walden please join me at the front of the room?

The Mesa County Elections Office held its annual "I Voted" Sticker Contest, designed to showcase the creative talent of 1st through 12th-grade students in Mesa County while fostering a sense of civic pride and community engagement.

More than 150 students submitted their designs, and Mesa County Election Judges had the tough job of narrowing it down to 16 finalists. From there, the community stepped in to vote for their favorites—and we're proud to share that three of the winning designs came from D51 students!

Jessica Selby, 5th Grade, Thunder Mountain Elementary

Layla Lesjak, 8th Grade, Redlands Middle School

Jacob Walden, 7th Grade, Independence Academy

Their awesome designs will be featured on the "I Voted" stickers during this year's election season—a fun and creative way to celebrate civic engagement!

The Board of Education and Superintendent Dr. Hill would like to recognize these talented students on not only their creativity and artistic talents but also their active participation in being civically engaged at a young age. We look forward to seeing your designs featured on this year's "I Voted" Stickers!

Would Madeline Palomares, Karlie Temple, Claire Miley, and Madeleine Davis please join me at the front of the room?

National History Day in Colorado is a challenging, hands-on social studies and literacy program that helps students learn real-world skills like research, critical thinking, and communication. Through project-based learning, students take a deep dive into topics, analyze sources, and draw meaningful conclusions, helping them prepare for success in school and beyond.

This year, the top two projects in each category at the State Competition earned a chance to compete at Nationals—and four D51 students are heading there in June!

Orchard Mesa Middle School students Karlie Temple took 1st place for her individual documentary, Claire Miley earned 1st for her individual website, and Madeleine Davis placed 2nd in the individual exhibit category. Maddie Palomares from Independence Academy also won 1st place in the Junior Individual Performance category.

These students spent countless hours researching, asking big questions, and telling meaningful stories from the past. Along the way, they built skills that will serve them well far beyond the classroom. They're not only passionate learners but also thoughtful, well-rounded individuals who understand just how much history shapes the world around us.

The Board of Education and Superintendent Dr. Hill would like to congratulate all four students on this well-deserved achievement and wish you the best of luck as you compete on the national stage next month!

Would the students and advisors present from the GJHS Orange & Black Newspaper please join me at the front?

The Grand Junction High School student newspaper, the Orange & Black, earned a record-breaking 19 awards in this year's Colorado Student Media Association "Best of Colorado 2025" contest. This statewide competition had more than 1,300 entries and recognizes the best in student journalism—print, online, and broadcast.

Now in its 107th year of publication, the Orange & Black is still going strong. This year's awards include four first-place wins and recognition in areas like breaking news, design, podcasting, photography, and reviews—showing the wide range of talent and hard work from the student team.

A huge part of this success is thanks to the leadership of senior Editor-in-Chief Marie Calkins, along with co-managing editors Serenity Schmidt and Lila Mottram. Their dedication, along with that of the entire student team, raised the bar and set a new record for awards won by the publication in recent years—surpassing the previous high of 11.

Highlights include:

- **Marie Calkins** – First in Single Page Print Design and recognized in eight total categories
- **Lila Mottram** – First in Breaking News Coverage and recognized in two categories
- **Serenity Schmidt** – First in News-Feature Photo and co-winner in Podcast
- **Eli Schultz** – First in Critical Review and recognized in multiple other categories
- **Desmond Danso, Lincoln McQuade, Woody Zehnder, Abigail Young, Ramona Ripple, Freya Corbin** – Also among the award-winning contributors

Their work not only showcases creativity and skill but also reflects the dedication, collaboration, and real-world journalism experience these students are gaining through the program, under the steadfast leadership of GJHS Teacher and Newspaper Advisor Steve Fox.

The Board of Education and Superintendent Hill are proud to recognize these talented student journalists and congratulate them on their record-breaking achievements. We look forward to continuing to follow the stories they share through the GJHS Orange & Black.

Would the FBLA students who qualified for the National Leadership Conference please join me at the front of the room?

At the end of April, students from all four of our high schools represented D51 at the Colorado FBLA State Leadership Conference in Denver, joining over 3,300 students from across the state. FBLA—Future Business Leaders of America—helps students build real-world skills in leadership, business, and communication. This three-day event featured more than 70 business-related competitions, workshops, and networking opportunities, allowing students to showcase their skills and connect with peers and professionals.

The students here tonight had standout performances and either placed in the top three at the State Competition, or secured a hard-earned spot for the National Conference in Anaheim this June. Their hard work, dedication, and professionalism are something to be proud of.

Alongside individual awards, Grand Junction, Palisade, and Central High Schools all earned the recognition of Gold Champion Chapter Awards, which honors local chapters for outstanding engagement and achievement throughout the year. In addition, GJHS and PHS were presented with the Peak V Award, given to high school chapters that demonstrate excellence in chapter management and member engagement.

These accomplishments reflect the commitment of our students and the invaluable support of their advisors. The Board of Education and Superintendent Dr. Hill congratulate these students on their outstanding achievements at the state level and wish them continued success at the national competition.

Grand Junction High School (GJHS):

- **Students:**
 - Aidan Innis
 - Ben Garmany
 - Alex Kirch
 - Johnathon DeJesus
 - Jon Azbell
- **Advisors:** Suzanne Dunlap

Palisade High School (PHS):

- **Students:**
 - Alivia Nicodemus
 - Hailey Shackelford
 - Ian Robison
 - Tianluo (Leo) Zhu
 - Aspen Johnson
- **Advisors:** Melissa Wright

Central High School (CHS):

- **Students:**
 - Ronan Norman
 - Michael Jones
- **Advisors:** Nichole Paniagua and Travis McCarty

Board of Education Resolution 24/25: 90

Presented: May 20, 2025

Would the students who placed at the state level and qualified for the National Competition for the Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America, and their advisors please join me at the front of the room?

In April, these students competed in the State FCCLA Competition. FCCLA, or Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America, is a student-led organization that focuses on family and consumer sciences, education, leadership development, and community service.

At the 2025 Colorado FCCLA State Leadership Conference, over 1,500 students from across the state participated in various competitive events, workshops, and leadership activities. District 51 was well represented, with more than 40 students from Grand Junction, Palisade, and Fruita Monument High Schools attending the conference. These students showcased their skills in areas such as entrepreneurship, fashion construction, public policy advocacy, and more.

Notably, 13 students from Palisade High School and one student from Grand Junction High School qualified for the National Leadership Conference in Florida, this July.

Palisade High School's FCCLA chapter received the Gold Chapter of Merit Award, recognizing their excellence in chapter management, member engagement, and program involvement throughout the year. Additionally, Advisor Amanda Talley received the FCCLA Adviser of the Year Award, celebrating her outstanding leadership, dedication, and contributions to the success of her students and the PHS FCCLA Chapter.

The Board of Education and Superintendent Dr. Hill congratulate all participating students and advisors for their dedication and achievements at the state level. Well done!

Grand Junction High School (GJHS)

Advisors: Jen Campbell-Wilson, Kasey Jackson

- Aidan Innis
- Alyssa Johnston
- Felicia Martinez
- Paiten Brown
- Kambelle Hotard
- Cassidy Posta
- Kaydence Sanislo

Palisade High School (PHS)

Advisors: Amanda Talley – Advisor of the Year

- Katarina Weber
- Lauren Spriggs
- Hailey Shackelford
- Katelyn Spalding
- Kirra Trousdale
- Addison Fox
- Lucas Lopes
- Chloe Cummings
- Kathryn (Katy) Arcady
- Ricky Fernandez
- Ian Reuchon
- Violet Gray
- Kai Ruebush
- Olivia Talley
- Teygan Spetter
- Lynessa Asplund
- Kennedy Stephen
- Gabrielle Spriggs
- Piper Wesolowski
- Alayah Craig
- Marilee Beauregard
- Makayla Trousdale
- Ana Lopes
- Iris Rath
- Delaney Stevens
- Logan Gandy
- Ella Grako
- Alexis Porter

Fruita Monument High School (FMHS)

Advisors: Kimberlee Weber

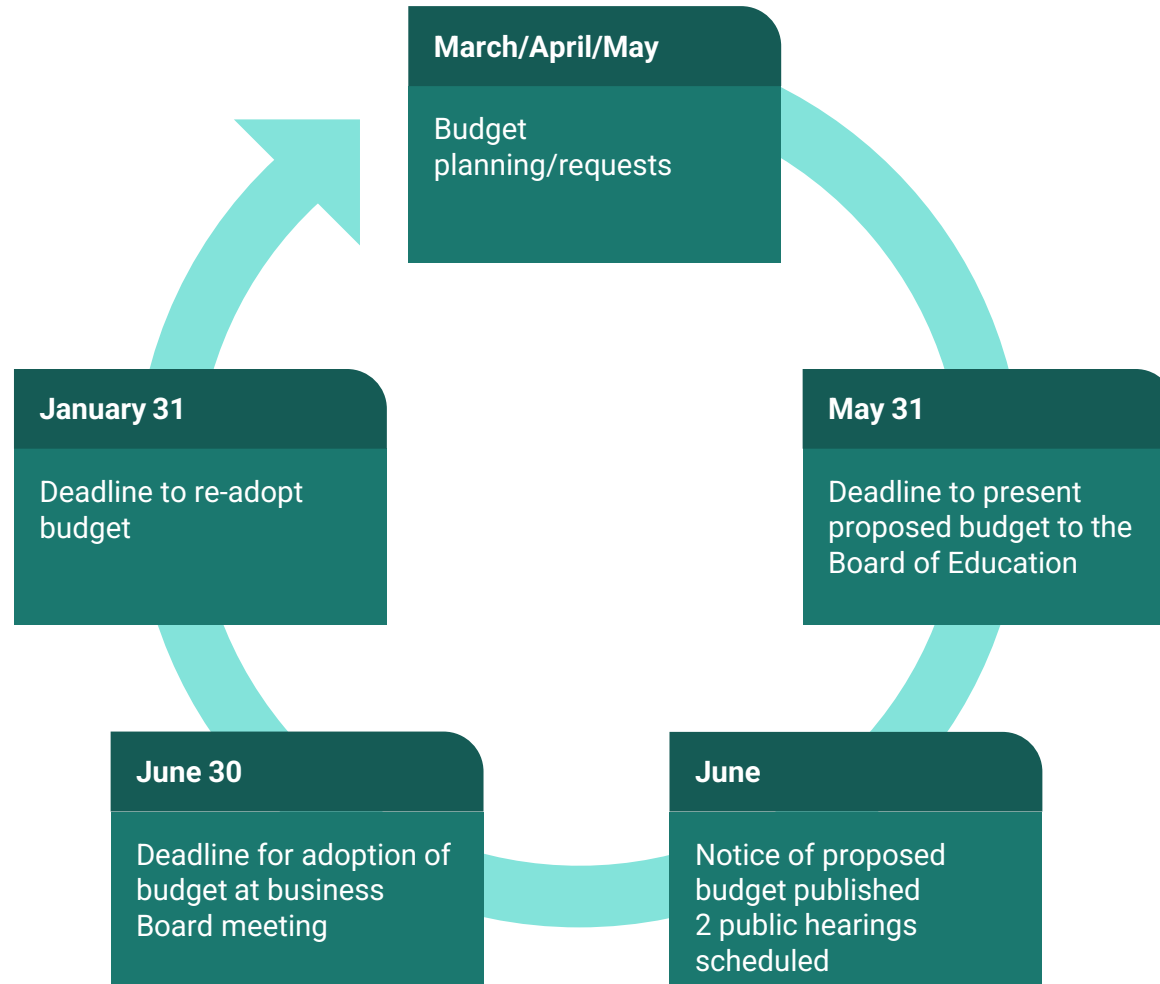
- Michael Deroche
- Gabriel Deroche
- Zoey Smelser
- Greta Martin
- Madison Rehburg

BUDGET UPDATE

May 20, 2025



Budget Timeline



School Finance 2025-2026

- Funding concerns began with the Governor's proposal in November 2024 that would have resulted in a \$9.5M cut to D51 through the elimination of student count averaging
- Lawmakers worked diligently to balance a \$1.2B State deficit while beginning the implementation of the new student-focused funding formula passed last session, and rejecting the outright elimination of count averaging

Final legislative decisions around school funding carry good and bad news for public education — the state will spend more money on education next year than this year, allocating more than \$10 billion to schools for the 2025–26 school year. However, the amount going to schools is about \$16 million less than what lawmakers promised last year

-The Colorado Sun

School Finance 2025-2026

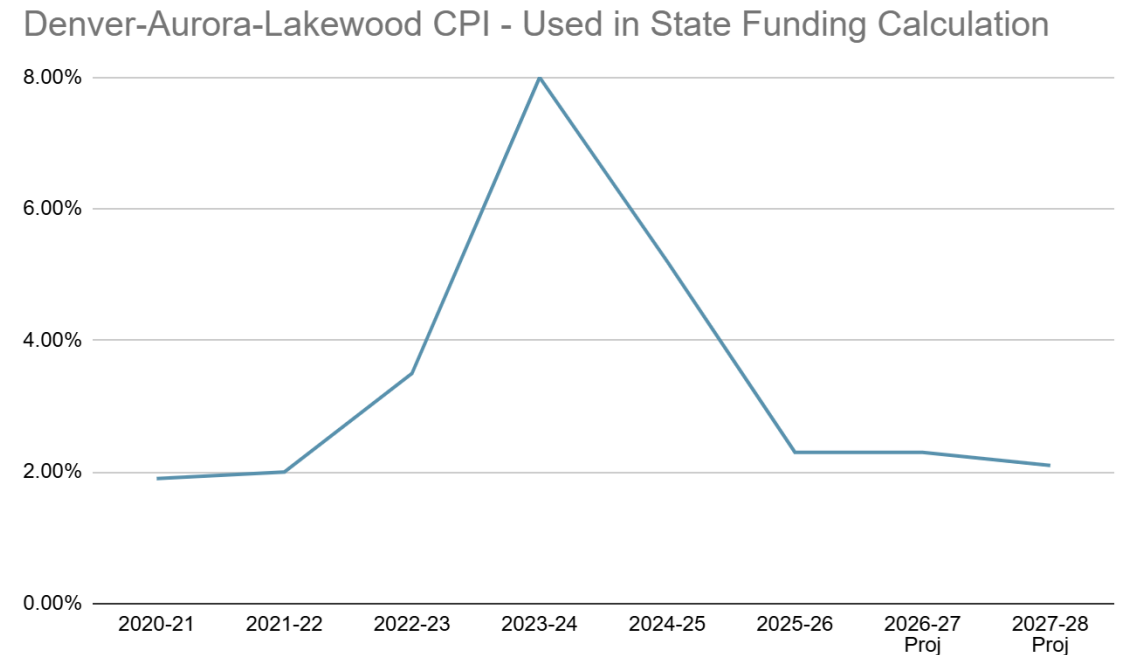
- The compromise:
 - New formula will begin implementation in 2025-2026
 - Phase-in period was extended from 6 years to 7 years
 - Student count averaging will be 4 years (currently 5)
 - Hold harmless provisions were reduced
 - Districts were held harmless only to current year funding levels
 - Proposed 2026-2027:
 - Hold harmless will only guarantee current 2024-2025 funding
 - Student count averaging will reduce to 3 years (or introduction of a TBD “Smoothing Factor”) if implementation of new formula continues

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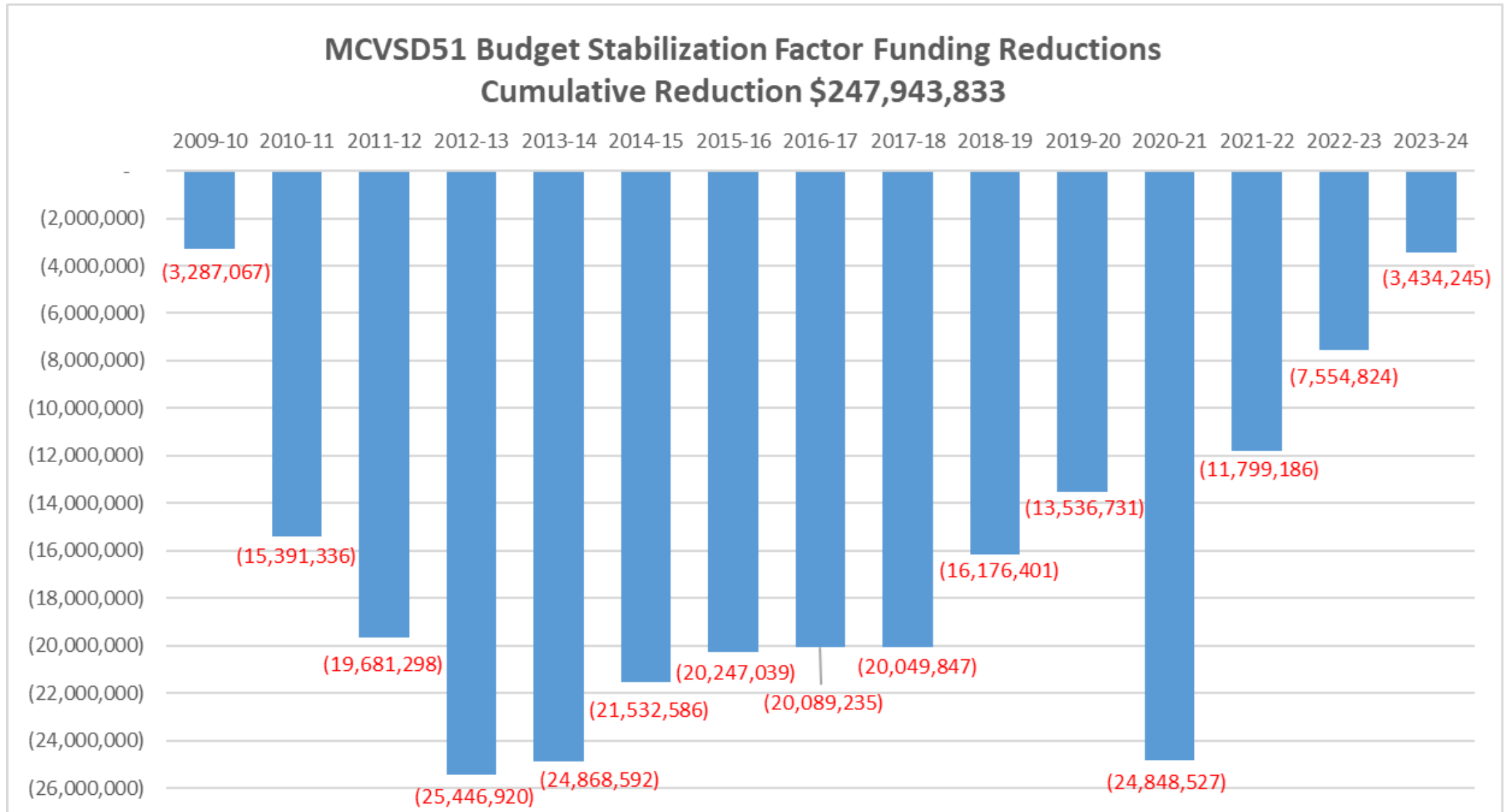
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Inflation

- State formula based on a point in time, for Denver-Aurora-Lakewood Consumer Price Index
- State used 2.3% inflation in funding calculations



15 Years of Budget Stabilization Reductions



School Finance 2025-2026 Anticipated Revenue

	Per Pupil Revenue	Funded Pupil Count	\$ Funding
2024-2025 Re-Adopted Budget	\$10,752.86	19,849.60	\$213,439,970
2025-2026 Proposed School Finance Act	\$11,181.85	19,185.10	\$214,524,910
Increase/(Decrease)	\$428.99 (+4%)	-664.50 (4 year averaged, -3.3%)	\$1,084,940 (+0.5%)

Notes:

- Overall K-12 Student count decline projected at 483 students, before averaging calculations

Other General Fund Sources of Funding/ Revenue Adjustments

- State Categoricals: Special Education, Vocational, ELPA, Transportation, and Small Attendance Center
Total Combined Categorical Anticipated Revenue Increase: +\$319,239
(Estimate based on Statewide Increases)
- Projected Interest Revenue Increase: +\$1,500,000
- Projected Federal ROTC Reimb Increase: +\$3,733
- **Total Revenue Adjustments, including School Finance Act +\$2,907,912**

Additional Savings-Expenditure Adjustments

Savings from Elementary Closures (Incl. staffing net addtl bus routes) Clifton: \$555,196, 6.59 SSE, 2 routes; Nisley: \$684,732, x 7.39 SSE, 1 route; Scenic: \$1,121,678, 11.9 SSE, 1 route	\$2,361,606
Net Savings from other systemic staffing reductions	\$919,296
Gateway School anticipated cost savings	\$438,398
End of Trane lease payments (Energy Performance Contract-Final Partial Year Pymts)	\$477,226
Move 3 Mental Health Therapist FTE to Medicaid Funding	\$344,603
Reduce 2 Secondary Inst Coach FTE, replace w/1 K-12 Elevate Coach FTE (Net 1 FTE reduction)	\$121,572
End of transitional GMI stipends, as negotiated in current agreement	\$93,362
Reduction to District-level intervention budget (Contracts true-up)	\$80,000
CTE School budgets (Tied to 5% of State reimbursement)	\$19,175
Reduction to grant writing contracted service budget (added in 2024-2025)	\$12,000
Savings from Reductions to Expenditures	\$4,867,238

Expenditure Additions-Contractual/Required

District Share Increase (Employer share of medical premiums-Increase at open enrollment)	\$2,871,022
Estimated contractual increase for transportation	\$1,728,812
PPR/MLO transfers to charter schools (Increase to PPR, +55 student FTE)	\$1,122,351
Budget true-up to current costs, salary/benefits	\$674,113
Budget true-up to current costs, concurrent enrollment	\$380,000
Projected increase to utilities	\$132,688
Contractual increase, lobbyist contracted service	\$12,000
Increase Expenditures/Transfers	\$6,920,986

District Share - Health Insurance

\$2,871,022 Increase to District contribution

- Increasing costs in hospital prices, pharmacy benefits, etc. Even with recent updates to our pharmacy provider, health insurance premiums will increase 17.8% starting January 1, 2026
- Increase to both district share (the amount paid by the district to help offset premiums) and employee share (the amount paid by the employee towards elected coverage)
- District providing the majority of the cost increases for each tier

	Current Monthly Premium	2026 Monthly Premium	Increase to District Share	Increase to Employee Share
Employee Only	739.00	870.54	131.54	0.00
Employee + Child(ren)	1,222.70	1,440.34	152.35	65.29
Employee + Spouse	1,477.99	1,741.07	157.85	105.23
Employee + Family	1,921.39	2,263.40	284.27	57.74

Priority Budget Additions

(No formal budget request process due to budget constraints)

Strategic Plan: Robust and Aligned Options - Taylor Elementary PYP (0.5 Coordinator, \$25k PL, \$25k Spanish Resource (1x), \$4k application fee (1x))	\$102,640
Additional transfer to Physical Activities (Fund 23) due to transportation contract/officiating cost increases	\$50,000
Market reviews approved by Compensation Oversight Committee	\$57,357
Career Center Staffing (0.5 School Counselor/0.5 Work Based Learning position change to 1.0 School Counselor - addtl 10 days @ 0.5)	\$5,174
Increase Expenditures/Transfers	\$215,171

General Fund Recap

Expenses currently exceed revenues, base budget scenario pending any negotiated financial items

Budgeted Use of Reserves in Current 2024-2025 Budget	(\$810,733)
New Revenues: PPR, Categoricals, ROTC, interest earnings	\$2,907,912
Budget Savings: School Closures, staffing changes, and other reductions	\$4,867,238
Less: Required Expenditure/Transfer Adjustments (Health insurance, transportation, utilities, etc.)	(\$6,920,986)
Less: Priority Budget Additions Robust Options: Taylor Elementary PYP, CC staffing, athletic travel/official cost increases, Compensation Oversight approved market reviews)	(\$215,171)
Net: Use of Reserves (Continue to work towards a balanced budget)	(\$171,740)

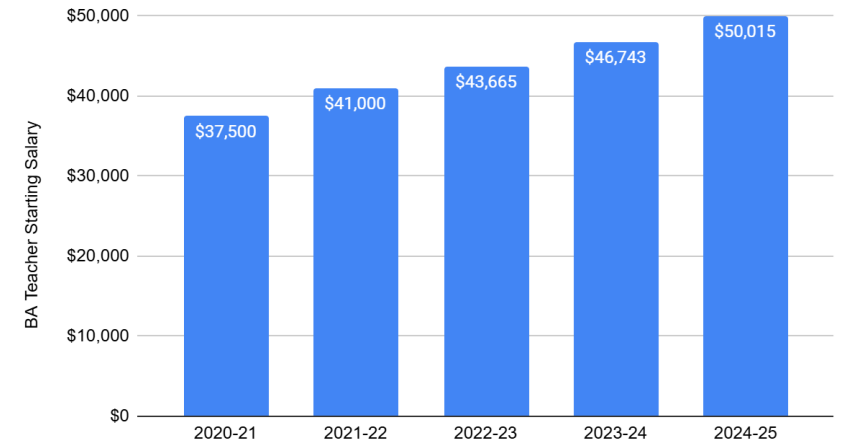
Revenue	\$249,253,697
Less: Total Expenditures/Transfers	\$249,425,437
Result of Operations/Use of Reserves	(\$171,740)

Anticipated Ending Reserves, 6/30/2026	\$63,992,333
Less: Non-Spendable Inventories and Restricted TABOR Reserves	(\$8,519,525)
Less: Committed Reserves equal to 20% of Expenses	(\$49,885,087)
Anticipated Unassigned Reserves, 6/30/2026	\$5,587,721

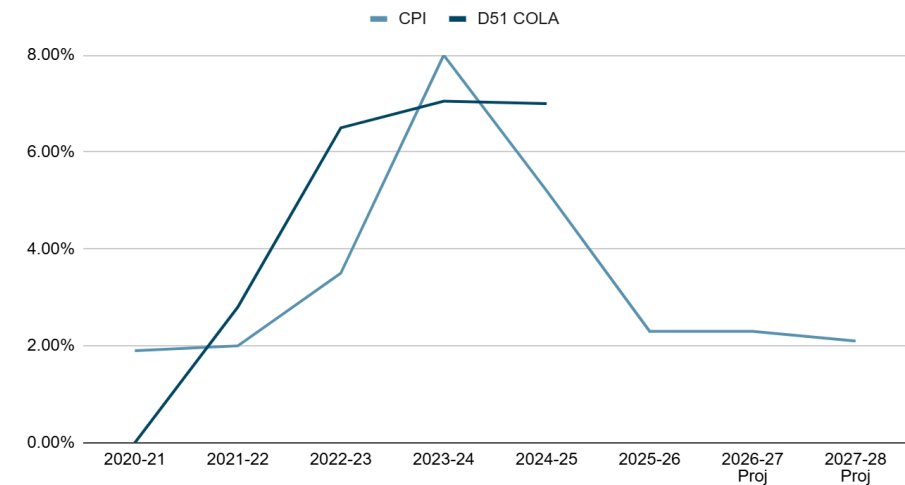
Consumer-Price-Index and Recent Pay Increases

- Starting teacher salary has increased over 33% since 2020-21
 - From \$37,500 to \$50,015
- Average teacher salary has increased by 38% since 2020-21
 - From \$50,921 to \$70,340
 - Re-implementation of compensation for educational lanes in 2023-24
- Despite reduced funding from declining enrollment, D51 has provided Cost-of-Living adjustments that cumulatively have outpaced CPI increases provided by the State since 2020-21

BA Teacher Starting Salary



Denver-Aurora-Lakewood CPI - D51 Cost-of-Living Pay Adjustments

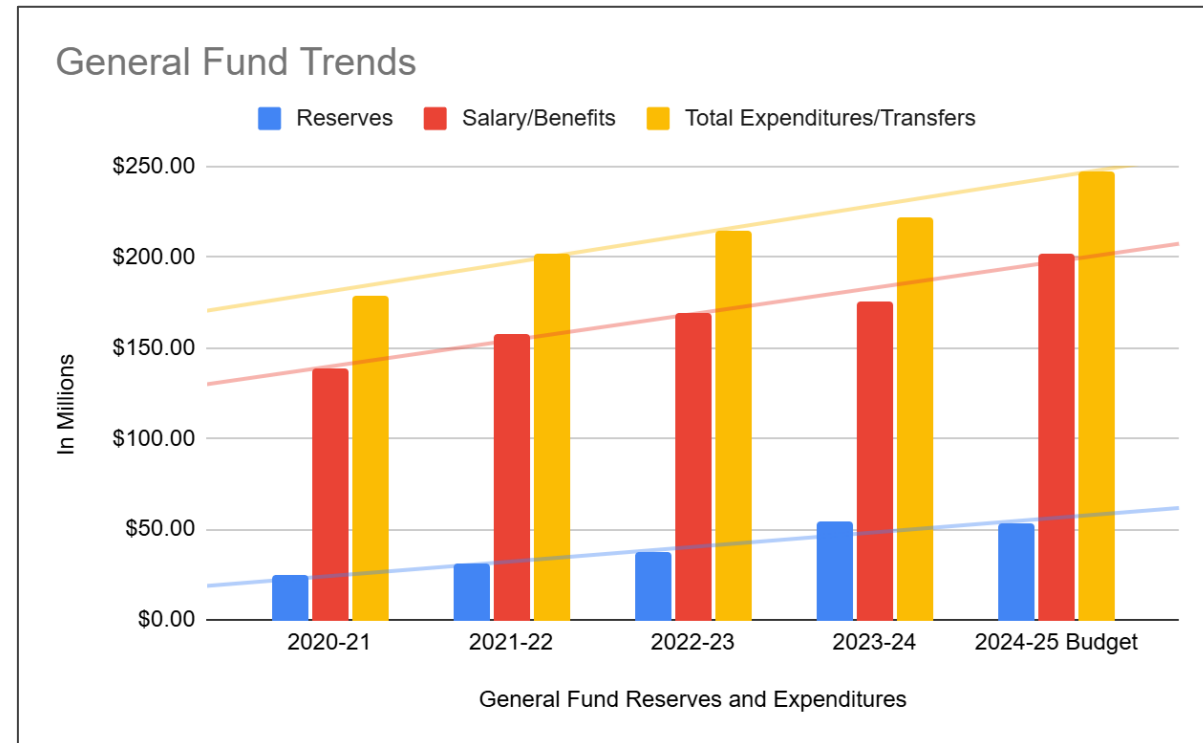


General Fund Reserves

Why are reserves important?

Reserves play a critical role in ensuring the financial health and stability of school districts, allowing districts to fulfill their educational mission effectively while weathering financial challenges.

- Salary/benefit costs have increased from \$139 million to \$202 million since fiscal year 2021, and account for nearly 82% of the 2024-25 general fund budget
- Total expenditures/transfers have increased from \$179 million to \$247 million since fiscal year 2021
- Committed/Unassigned Reserves are budgeted to increase from 14% to 22% of expenditures/transfers since fiscal year 2021. **Gains were made without limiting available General Fund dollars.**

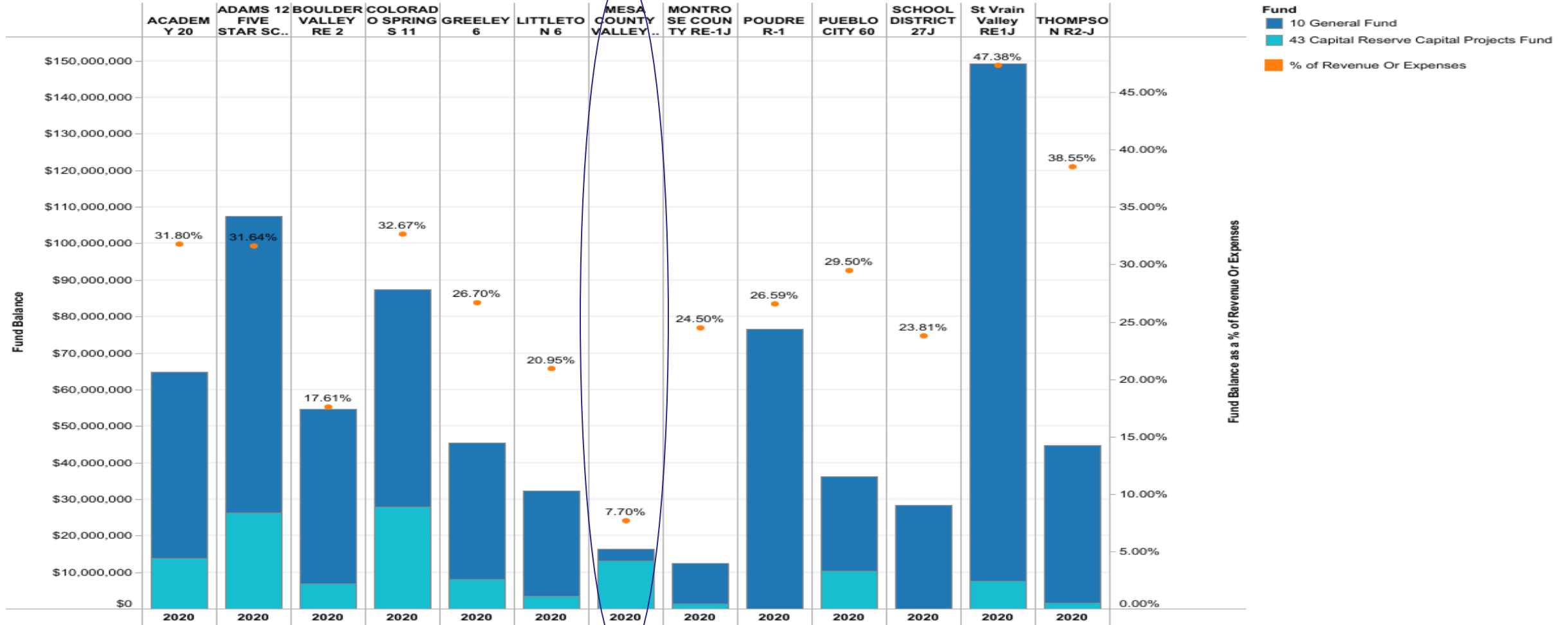


General Fund Reserves

Where we were....FY 2020. Reserves less than 1/2 that of the next lowest peer district

Fund Balance by Fund and Percentage

Shown as a % of Expense
 District(s): ACADEMY 20, ADAMS 12 FIVE STAR SC., BOULDER VALLEY RE 2 and 10 more
 % of Revenues or Expenses reflects selected funds only
 Source: Colorado Department of Education

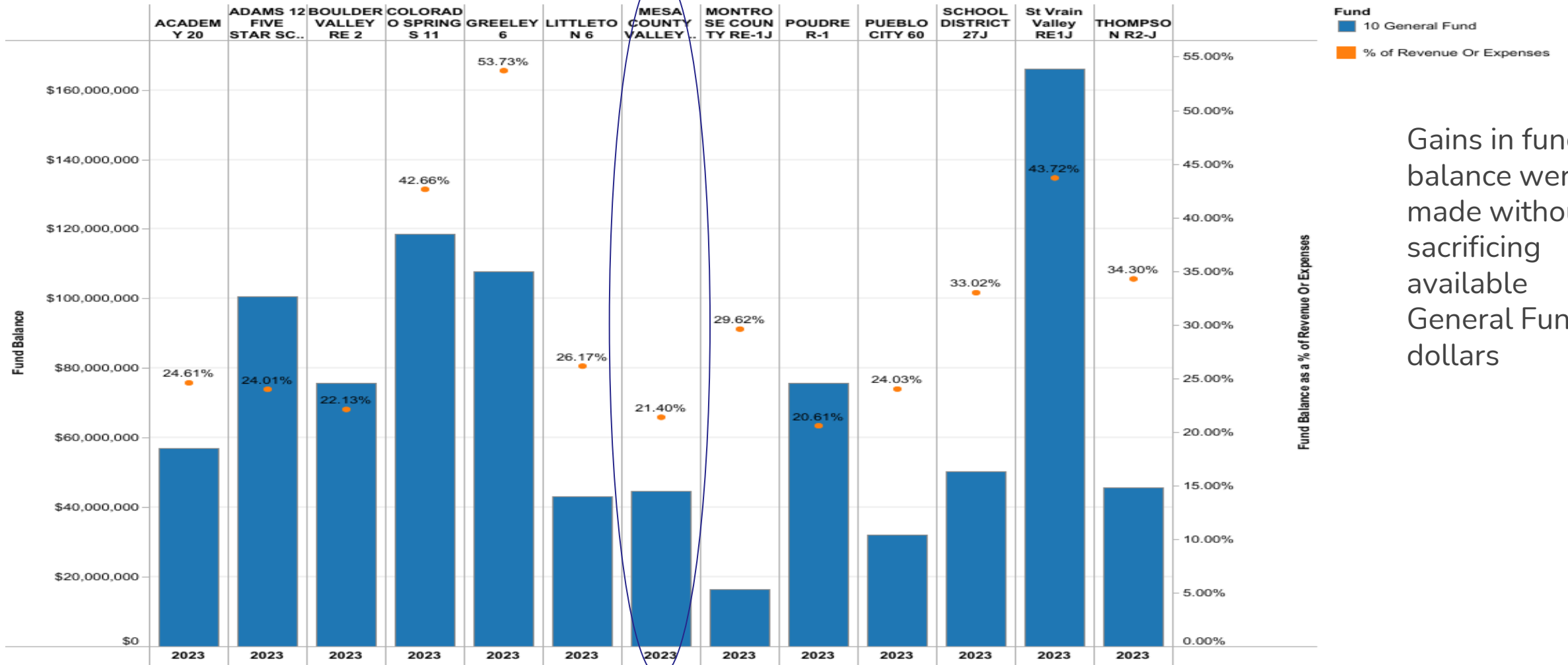


General Fund Reserves

Where we are now....FY 2023. Still second from lowest in % of expenses held in reserves among peer districts

Fund Balance by Fund and Percentage

Shown as a % of Expense
 District(s): ACADEMY 20, ADAMS 12 FIVE STAR SCHOOLS, BOULDER VALLEY RE 2 and 10 more
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Gains in fund balance were made without sacrificing available General Fund dollars

Recent Cost Savings Measures

- East Middle School Closure \$1.6M
- Fruita 8/9 School Closure \$2.1M
- Elementary School Closures \$2.4M
- Central Office Reductions \$1.4M

Reductions total \$7.5M in ongoing avoided costs

- Committed to continuing to identify areas for budget savings
 - All non-school based position vacancies will be reviewed prior to re-hire

Future of School Finance

- When fully implemented, the new finance formula will improve funding levels in D51 by providing additional funding based on student factors
- In the short term, changes to student count averaging are projected to outpace any gains from the new finance formula
- 2026-27:
 - Proposed change to reduce student count averaging to 3 years
 - Current hold harmless funding provisions could revert funding back to 2024-25 levels, equating to a \$1m funding cut in 2026-27
- Ongoing projected declines in student enrollment

Other Pressures

- Federal grant allocations have not yet been received
 - Title I expected to be received soon
 - Other grant allocations not expected until mid-late June
 - Significant reductions to several Federal grants are proposed going forward
 - Funding uncertainties for Healthy School Meals for All Program
 - Funding inadequacies for Universal Preschool Program
- The District currently supports nearly \$33M in salary and benefits from funding sources other than Fund 10 - Reductions to any of these funding sources could impact Fund 10
- **Fund 10 is the only back-stop to cover shortages in other funding sources**

Next Steps

- **Negotiations with MVEA ongoing**
- **Presentation of Proposed 2025-26 Budget** **May 27th**
 - Required by State statute to present a proposed budget by May 31st
 - Budget document will be available at the District office and on D51 transparency page after May 27th presentation
- **Notice of proposed budget will be published in the newspaper**
 - 2 public budget hearings in June
- **Adoption of budget resolutions** **By June 30th, as required by State statute**

BUDGET UPDATE

May 20, 2025





Mesa County Valley School District 51

Licensed and Administrative Personnel Action

Board of Education Resolution 24/25: 87

Presented: May 20, 2025

Name	Location	Assignment	Effective Date
Retirements			
SANDERS, KATHLEEN F	LINCOLN OM	SP ED-SSN	5/22/2025
WELLS, MIKE J	CAREER CENTER	CONSTRUCTION	5/22/2025
Resignations/Termination			
ARLEDGE, TRACY MARIE	CENTRAL	PRINCIPAL	6/24/2025
BOOK, REBECCA L	NISLEY	GRADE 2	5/22/2025
BOSTROM, SHANNON M	BTK	SPEECH/LANGUAGE SPECIALIST	5/22/2025
CASEBIER, PATRICIA CAROLINE	PEAR PARK	GRADE 5	5/22/2025
COLEMAN, JENI DANA	ROCKY MOUNTAIN	GRADE 2	5/22/2025
DADY, STEVEN W	FRUITVALE	PHYSICAL EDUCATION	5/22/2025
EHLERS, SHELLY R	COMPASS	SCHOOL NURSE	5/22/2025
JAMES, ANNETTE MARA	ORCHARD MESA	6TH GR LANGUAGE ARTS	5/22/2025
JAMES, JOSHUA A	ORCHARD MESA	SOCIAL STUDIES	5/22/2025
LITTLEFIELD, GERARD A	ORCHARD AVE	GRADE 4	5/22/2025
MATTHEWS, ARISHA B	CENTRAL	BUSINESS	5/22/2025
MILHOLLAND, BRANDON	CENTRAL	ASST PRINCIPAL	6/3/2025
MOEN, VICKI M	WEST	SP ED-SSN	5/22/2025
MOHLER, ELIZABETH JANE	CLIFTON	SP ED-MODERATE NEEDS	5/22/2025
MOORE, JEFFREY B	PALISADE	ART	5/22/2025
PHILLIPS, JULIANN RACHEL	ORCHARD MESA	COUNSELOR	5/29/2025
PONCE, JENNIFER NOELLE	CLIFTON	GRADE 4	5/22/2025
POWELSON, MADELIN HAILEY	POMONA	CLD-ELEMENTARY	5/22/2025
RATHBUN, JILL L	BTK	SPEECH/LANGUAGE SPECIALIST	5/22/2025
SEGER, LANE A	CAREER CENTER	HEALTH OCCUPATIONS	5/22/2025
SIMPSON, STEPHEN L	PALISADE	MATHEMATICS	5/22/2025
SMARDO, ELIZABETH BRINN	SCENIC	GRADES K-1	5/22/2025
WATSON, JON H	FMHS	ATHLETIC DIRECTOR	6/3/2025
WHITE, ADRIANNA D	PEAR PARK	GRADE 3	5/22/2025
WHITE, MEGAN K	BTK	SPEECH/LANGUAGE SPECIALIST	5/22/2025
Leave of Absence			
NONE AT THIS TIME			
New Assignments (Transfer/New Hires)			
ASHTON, SUZANNE A	CHIPETA	GRADE 4	7/31/2025
BOSSOW, GINA M	LINCOLN OM	GRADE 1	7/31/2025



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Licensed and Administrative Personnel Action

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CORKERN, SHELLY B	REDLANDS	SP ED -MODERATE NEEDS	7/29/2025
COWLES, KENNEDY R	FRUITVALE	GRADE 5	7/31/2025
CREWS, DANIELLE M	ORCHARD AVE	GRADE 4	7/31/2025
DEVENCENTY, JOURDAN K	GJHS	SP ED-SSN	7/29/2025
EDWARDS, DANA L	COMPASS	CLD COACH	7/21/2025
EMILSSON, JOHN H	GRAND MESA	ASST PRINCIPAL	7/15/2025
ESPARZA-SANCHEZ, JESSICA	DUAL IMMERS ACD	COUNSELOR	7/29/2025
GIBB, SARA B	BTK	SPEECH/LANGUAGE THERAPIST	7/31/2025
HEFFER, LYDIA E	ORCHARD MESA	SCIENCE	7/31/2025
HOFFA, AUDREIA L	WEST	SCIENCE	7/31/2025
JEZIORKOWSKI, DEAN	DYC	INTERVENTIONIST	7/31/2025
JOHNSON, ANDREA L	FRUITA MS	8TH GR SCIENCE	7/31/2025
JOHNSON-HIATT, EMILY K	BOOKCLIFF	SP ED -MODERATE NEEDS	7/29/2025
KOON, STEPHEN J	FRUITVALE	PHYSICAL EDUCATION	7/31/2025
KRUEGER, ELLY	DUAL IMMERS ACD	KINDERGARTEN	7/31/2025
LIGGINS, KASSIDY A	GJHS	MATHEMATICS/SCIENCE	7/31/2025
MARSH, ABIGAIL LOUISE	TOPE	GRADE 5	7/31/2025
MORGAN, BRENDA A	CHATFIELD	GRADE 4	7/31/2025
PAMPLIN, MARCO L	GJHS	SP ED-SEVERE NEEDS AUTISM	7/29/2025
PRITCHARD, KENDRA A	R-5/BMS	CLD	7/31/2025
ROTTE, SHELLY M	GJHS	DEAN OF STUDENTS	7/15/2025
SMITH, SIMONE I	BTK	PSYCHOLOGIST INTERN	7/22/2025
WHITESIDE, DESTINY R	ORCHARD AVE	SP ED -MODERATE NEEDS	7/29/2025
WIGGIN, GABRIELLE R	BTK	OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST	7/30/2025
WILSON, KIMBERLY M	MT GARFIELD	SOCIAL STUDIES	7/31/2025
WISE, ALISA M	BOOKCLIFF	CLD	7/31/2025
Return from Leave			
NONE AT THIS TIME			

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 Amy Navarette, Assistant Secretary
 Board of Education

Temporary, Part-Time and Full-Time Probationary Teacher/Counselor/Administrator Contract Non-Renewal

ABEYTA, AARON E
ARNOLD, CALLE PENE
BELL, ANASTASIA JESSALEE
BROWN, KATHY E
CHANDLER, REBECCA L
CHRISTENSEN, JASON K
COSBY, LUCAS SAMUEL
DANNER, MARK E
DENTON, LINDSEY L
FIERRO, GIANA
GRIFFEE, SONYA C
HAGADORN, JAY T
HESS, CHELSIE A
KENT, DARIA D

MARSHALL, LYNDON D
MILLS, KANDIS N
ORTIZ, DANIELLE M
PENINGTON, PAMELA J
PINEDA, SERGIO J
REITHINGER, BRIGITTE K (.5 reduction only)
RENTIE, VICTORIA L
SCRANTON, CALE BRYCEN
SCROGGINS, TANIALL AILISE
SEARS, BRITTANY N
THOMAS, DUANE L
WELROCK, VICTORIA NICOLE
WIDDICOMBE, KATIE
YOUNG, MCKENNA P

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Donor	Bank of Colorado
Gift	Cash
Value	\$200
School/Department	Career Center HOSA Future Health Professionals

Donor	JC Gonzalez Concrete Construction LLC
Gift	Cash
Value	\$700
School/Department	GJHS Girls Golf Team

Donor	North Peak, Inc.
Gift	Cash
Value	\$500
School/Department	GJHS Girls Golf Team

Donor	Enviro Land Management
Gift	Cash
Value	\$250
School/Department	GJHS Girls Golf Team

Donor	MNK Properties LLC
Gift	Cash
Value	\$110
School/Department	GJHS Girls Soccer Team

Donor	Nicolas J. and Katharine N. Snell
Gift	Cash
Value	\$81
School/Department	GJHS Girls Soccer Team

Donor	Mesa Optical Lab, LLC
Gift	Cash
Value	\$500
School/Department	GJHS Girls Soccer Team

Donor	Michael K. Orcutt & Megan Elizabeth Fromm
Gift	Cash
Value	\$1200
School/Department	GJHS Orange & Black Newspaper

Donor	Janet K. Osborn
Gift	Cash
Value	\$324
School/Department	GJHS Mock Trial T-shirts

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Donor	GJHS Booster Club Bingo Account
Gift	Cash
Value	\$1200
School/Department	GJHS poms for pom-poms

Donor	First Presbyterian Church
Gift	Cash
Value	\$1500
School/Department	Grand Mesa Middle School for Wolf Den donation closet

Donor	The Rock Shop
Gift	Soil for raised garden beds
Value	\$488.98
School/Department	Grand Mesa Middle School Garden Club

Donor	Jeanie Lafrenierre
Gift	Cash
Value	\$50
School/Department	Mesa View Elementary School Lego League donation

Donor	Lily Payan
Gift	Cash
Value	\$25
School/Department	Mesa View Elementary School Lego League donation

Donor	Fairway Independent Mortgage Corp.
Gift	Cash
Value	\$500
School/Department	Mesa View Elementary School Lego League donation

Donor	Hi Fives Robotics
Gift	Cash
Value	\$1500
School/Department	Mesa View Elementary School Lego League donation

Donor	Western Slope Driving Institute
Gift	Cash
Value	\$500
School/Department	Mesa View Elementary Lego League Chicken Hawks donation

Donor	Maren Kempton
Gift	½ Violin w/case
Value	\$200
School/Department	D51 Music Education department

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Donor	970 Excavation Inc.
Gift	Equipment and Labor
Value	\$3000
School/Department	Palisade High School Baseball Team

Donor	Roop Excavating LLC
Gift	Cash
Value	\$500
School/Department	Palisade High School Girls Soccer Team

Donor	Munro Companies, Inc.
Gift	Cash
Value	\$1000
School/Department	Palisade High School Girls Soccer program

Donor	Judith J. Vanderleest & Andy W. Kelley
Gift	Cash
Value	\$500
School/Department	Palisade High School Girls Soccer program

Donor	El Rey Mexican Food LLC
Gift	Cash
Value	\$200
School/Department	Palisade High School Newspaper program

Donor	Fruita Consumers Co-op Assn.
Gift	Cash
Value	\$150
School/Department	Palisade High School Newspaper program

Donor	Colorado Mesa University
Gift	Cash
Value	\$250
School/Department	Palisade High School Newspaper program

Donor	Brumelle Insurance Agency Inc.
Gift	Cash
Value	\$1000
School/Department	Palisade High School Interact Club

Donor	ProSpace Interiors
Gift	Cash
Value	\$100
School/Department	Palisade High School Interact Club

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Donor	Ridgeline Fitness Institute, Inc.
Gift	Cash
Value	\$500
School/Department	Palisade High School Interact Club

Donor	Alpine Bank
Gift	Cash
Value	\$250
School/Department	Palisade High School Interact Club

Donor	B & B Electric, Inc.
Gift	Cash
Value	\$300
School/Department	Palisade High School Interact Club

Donor	Palisade Sunrise Rotary Club
Gift	Cash
Value	\$500
School/Department	Palisade High School Interact Club

Donor	Vinlands 79 LLC
Gift	Cash
Value	\$50
School/Department	Palisade High School Interact Club

Donor	Craig Corp, DBA: Better Homes & Gardens Real Estate
Gift	Cash
Value	\$200
School/Department	Palisade High School Interact Club

Donor	VC Gutter Work Inc.
Gift	Cash
Value	\$100
School/Department	Palisade High School Track Team

Donor	Holly Perry
Gift	Cash
Value	\$100
School/Department	Palisade High School Track Team

Donor	Mason D. & Tara J. Stauffer
Gift	Cash
Value	\$100
School/Department	Palisade High School Track Team

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Donor	Maria Betancourt
Gift	Cash
Value	\$100
School/Department	Palisade High School Track Team

Donor	Sally & William Stratford Deford
Gift	Cash
Value	\$100
School/Department	Palisade High School Track Team

Donor	Christina P. & Scott Ausband
Gift	Cash
Value	\$75
School/Department	Palisade High School Track Team

Donor	Red Rock Hyundai
Gift	Cash
Value	\$500
School/Department	Palisade High School Track Team

Donor	Mark & Sheila Zipse
Gift	Cash
Value	\$1000
School/Department	R-5 High School Yearbook and/or Hunger Project

Donor	First United Methodist Church
Gift	Cash
Value	\$500
School/Department	R-5 High School Sweet Success Banquet

Donor	Power Equipment Company
Gift	Cash
Value	\$200
School/Department	Taylor Elementary School for SSN students during Special Olympics

Donor	Drywall by DIAZ LLC
Gift	Scenic swag bags
Value	\$540
School/Department	Wingate Elementary School

Donor	Pritzl Family, Nathan & Kathleen Pritzl
Gift	Cash
Value	\$100
School/Department	Wingate Elementary School Playground donation

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Donor	Donors Choose
Gift	Cash
Value	\$1843.08
School/Department	Fruitvale Elementary School for various classroom furniture

Donor	Donors Choose
Gift	Cash
Value	\$116.94
School/Department	Grand Mesa Middle School Math Class supplies

Donor	Donors Choose
Gift	Summer Brain Quest Books
Value	\$487
School/Department	Orchard Avenue Elementary School 3 rd grade class

Donor	TUR Inc. DBA: Aaron's
Gift	Cash
Value	\$849
School/Department	Grand Mesa Middle School to purchase 3D printer

TOTAL: \$24,965.00

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 May 20, 2025.

*Amy Navarette
Assistant Secretary, Board of Education*



**Mesa County Valley School District 51
Resolution to Approve Reallocation of
\$5,000,000 to Enhance Safety and
Security at Central High School**

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WHEREAS, the School District has the opportunity to enhance the safety and security of Central High School with a design that improves the adjacency of classrooms to administrative offices, and

WHEREAS, the updated design reduces the number of buildings and entrances to better support a single point of entry strategy to align with best practices in school safety, and

WHEREAS, the School District has realized \$5,000,000 in savings from the safety and security allocation within the District’s bond program, and

WHEREAS, the use of these savings for the Central High School project remain within the overall bond authorization approved by voters, and does not exceed the total bond program budget, now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education directs the superintendent or designee to proceed with the comprehensive remodeling project at Central High School, utilizing the \$5,000,000 in savings from the District’s bond program.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Education of Mesa County Valley School District No. 51 at a regular Board Business Meeting on May 20, 2025.

*Amy Navarette
Assistant Secretary, Board of Education*

Category	High School				Middle School				Elementary School				Total		Total for previous years as of: April 30				
	24/25		23/24		24/25		23/24		24/25		23/24		24/25	23/24	22/23	21/22	20/21	19/20	18/19
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F							
100	2	1	1		2	1	1						6	2	24	5	9	13	27
200															1			1	
300																			
400	12	8	1	1	9	5	5	4					34	11	19	19	7	6	4
500	10	2	8	1	3	3			1				19	9	21	10	5	9	6
600																			
700	5		3	1	4		1						9	5					
800	1		3		2		2						3	5					
900					2		1						2	1					
VOO	3		2	1	8	2	3	1	1				14	7	32	10	11	13	17
Total	33	11	18	4	30	11	13	5	2				87	40	97	44	32	42	54

Category Description

- 100 - drug or controlled substance
- 200 - alcohol
- 300 - tobacco
- 400 - felony assault
- 500 - dangerous weapons
- 600 - robbery
- 700 - other felonies
- 800 - Disobedient/Defiant or Repeated Interference
- V00 - other violations

