



## DISTRICT MISSION

*... Guarantee that each student achieves his or her dreams and contributes enthusiastically to his or her community and the world ...*

## BOARD PURPOSE

*Providing highly effective governance for Mapleton's strategic student achievement effort.*

## CORE ROLES

*Guiding the district through the superintendent  
Engaging constituents  
Ensuring effective operations and alignment of resources  
Monitoring effectiveness  
Modeling excellence*

## 2008-2009

### FOCUS AREAS

*Student Achievement  
Exceptional Staff  
Character Development  
Learning Environment  
Communication  
Community Involvement  
Facilities Management  
District Image*

## BOARD MEMBERS

*Cindy Croisant  
Craig Emmert  
Patrick Flores  
Norma Frank  
Ray Garcia*

## SUPERINTENDENT

*Charlotte Ciancio*

# Mapleton Public Schools Board of Education

Regular Meeting  
Administration Building

June 30, 2009  
6:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Agenda
5. What's Right in Mapleton
6. Public Participation
7. Approval of the June 16, 2009, Board Meeting Minutes
8. Report of the Secretary
9. Consent Agenda
  - 9.1 Personnel Action, Policy EL 4.2 – Ms. Kane
10. Focus: Exceptional Staff
  - 10.1 Administrative Assignments, Policy EL 4.2 – Ms. Ciancio
11. Focus: Communication
  - 11.1 Budget Adoption, Policy EL 4.4 – Mr. Herman
  - 11.2 Use of Fund Balance, Policy EL 4.4 – Mr. Herman
  - 11.3 Technology Lease, Policy EL 4.3 – Mr. Herman
  - 11.4 Summer Learning Opportunities, Policy EL 4.8 – Mrs. Kapushion
  - 11.5 BEST Update, Policy EL 4.8 – Mr. Brown
  - 11.6 District Shutdown Week, Policy EL 4.8 – Ms. Ciancio
12. Discussion of Next Agenda
13. Superintendent's Comments
14. Board Committee Update
15. School Board Remarks
16. Next Meeting Notification – Tuesday, August 25, 2009
17. Adjournment

### ***Welcome to a meeting of the Mapleton Public School Board of Education!***

*The board's meeting time is dedicated to addressing Mapleton's mission and top-priority focus areas.*

*"Public Participation" is an opportunity during the business meeting to present brief comments or pose questions to the board for consideration or follow-up. Each person is asked to limit his or her comments to 3 minutes.*

*If you are interested in helping Mapleton's efforts, please talk with any member of the district leadership team or call the district office at 303-853-1015. Opportunities abound.*

*Your participation is desired.*

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

President Norma Frank called the meeting of the Board of Education – Mapleton Public Schools to order at 6:06 p.m. on Tuesday, June 16, 2009, at the Administration Building.

**2.0 ROLL CALL**

Norma Frank - President	Present
Cindy Croisant – Vice President	Present
Patrick Flores – Secretary	Present
Craig Emmert – Treasurer	Present
Ray Garcia – Assistant Secretary/Treasurer	Present

**3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mrs. Frank led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** By Ms. Croisant, seconded by Mr. Emmert, to approve the agenda as presented.

AYES: Ms. Croisant, Mr. Emmert, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Garcia, and Mr. Flores  
Motion carried 5-0

**5.0 WHAT’S RIGHT IN MAPLETON**

Ms. Ciancio introduced Senator Michael Johnston, previously Director of Mapleton Expeditionary School of the Arts. She said that he is the last of our founding fathers of the small schools project. He will be leaving us for his Senate seat for the State of Colorado. The Board presented him with gifts to commemorate his time in Mapleton. Mr. Johnston thanked the Board and Ms. Ciancio for their support and courage.

**RECESS:** 6:20 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

**6.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

**7.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** By Mr. Emmert, seconded by Mr. Garcia, to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2009, Board meeting.

AYES: Ms. Croisant, Mr. Emmert, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Garcia, and Mr. Flores  
Motion carried 5-0

**8.0 REPORT OF THE SECRETARY**

None.

**9.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION:** By Ms. Croisant, seconded by Mr. Emmert, to approve Agenda items as stated on the Board Agenda dated June 16, 2009: 9.1 Personnel Action; 9.2 Finance Report for May, 2009; and 9.3 School Resource Officer Contract.

AYES: Ms. Croisant, Mr. Emmert, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Garcia, and Mr. Flores  
Motion carried 5-0

**10.0 FOCUS: STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**

10.1 Curriculum Adoption-Apex Learning

Mrs. Kapushion said that administration is requesting approval from the Board for the instructional materials entitled Apex Learning Courseware. These materials have been on display for public review and comment for the past month. No comments or feedback have been received.

**MOTION:** By Ms. Croisant, seconded by Mr. Flores, to approve the Apex Learning Courseware instructional materials as presented.

AYES: Ms. Croisant, Mr. Emmert, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Garcia, and Mr. Flores  
Motion carried 5-0

10.2 Curriculum Adoption-Financial Literacy

Mrs. Kapushion said that administration is requesting approval from the Board for the instructional materials entitled NEFE High School Financial Planning Program. These materials have been on display for public review and comment for the past month. No comments or feedback have been received.

**MOTION:** By Mr. Emmert, seconded by Mr. Garcia, to approve the NEFE High School Financial Planning Program instructional materials as presented.

AYES: Ms. Croisant, Mr. Emmert, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Garcia, and Mr. Flores  
Motion carried 5-0

10.3 Review of Instructional Materials

Mrs. Kapushion requested the Board's review of Science education for Public Understanding Program (SEPUP) for grades 6-8. SEPUP is a hands-on modules and student texts developed through the College of Science at the University of California at Berkeley. The curriculum information will be put on public display and final approval will be requested at the August 25, 2009, Board meeting.

**11.0 FOCUS: EXCEPTIONAL STAFF**

11.1 Classified Contract Ratification

**MOTION:** By Mr. Flores, seconded by Mr. Emmert, to approve the Meet and Confer for the 2009-2010 agreement between the Mapleton Classified Employees and the Mapleton Public School's Board of Education as presented at the June 16, 2009, Board meeting.

AYES: Ms. Croisant, Mr. Emmert, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Garcia, and Mr. Flores  
Motion carried 5-0

**12.0 FOCUS: COMMUNICATION**

12.1 Proposed Budget Presentation

Mr. Herman explained that Colorado law governing school district budget policies and procedures requires that "the Proposed Budget shall be submitted to the board at least thirty days prior to the beginning of the next fiscal year" (22-44-108(1)(c) C.R.S.). The Proposed Budget for fiscal year 2010 is submitted to the Mapleton Board of Education at their regular meeting held on May 26, 2009. The proposed appropriation for each fund is listed below:

General Fund .....	\$46,049,100
CPP Preschool/Kindergarten Fund .....	1,386,995

Governmental Grants Fund.....	5,969,250
Capital Reserve Fund .....	3,530,800
Insurance Reserve Fund.....	497,140
Bond Redemption Fund .....	2,956,175
Food Service Fund.....	\$2,156,775

**Total FY 2010 Budget Appropriation ..... \$62,546,235**

Mr. Herman gave his presentation on the fiscal year 2010 budget. Final adoption of the budget will be considered at the regularly scheduled board meeting on June 30, 2009. A complete copy of the proposed budget is available at the District main office.

12.2 Fund Balance Reconciliation

Mr. Herman said that under state law, school districts are required to “prepare an itemized reconciliation between the fiscal year end fund balances based on the budgetary basis of accounting used by the school district and the fiscal year end fund balances based on the modified accrual basis of accounting.” Although Mapleton Public Schools already uses a modified accrual basis for its budget setting, the following report is prepared to ensure the Board of Education is kept fully informed of the district’s current financial status.

The following table details any variances between the budgeted beginning fund balance and the actual beginning fund balance for fiscal year 2009. These figures are represented on the basis of generally accepted accounting principles, and do reflect the accrued salaries liability for the months of July and August.

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Budgeted Beginning Fund Balance FY 09</b>	<b>Audited Beginning Fund Balance FY 09</b>	<b>Variance Actual to Budget</b>
General	\$4,333,300	\$4,333,304	\$4
CPP Fund	71,730	71,730	\$0
Insurance Reserve	28,800	28,793	(\$7)
Capital Reserve	434,800	434,804	\$4
Bond Redemption	1,189,150	1,325,746	\$136,596
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$6,057,780</b>	<b>\$6,194,377</b>	<b>\$136,597</b>

All fund balances were adjusted to match the audited fund balance in the supplemental budget process. The budgeted Bond Redemption Fund balance was lowered in anticipation of under-collections of tax revenue over the course of FY 2009.

12.3 Acceptance of Equipment Assistance Grant

Mr. Herman said that Nutrition Services Director, Paula Cockwell, submitted a competitive grant application requesting a total of \$89,000 in kitchen equipment. This equipment includes new dishwashers at several sites to replace original equipment, and new convection ovens – again replacing original 50-year-old equipment. The District received word on June 5 that we were awarded \$84,900 toward our grant request.

Policy requires board approval for grant acceptance in excess of \$50,000. District administration requests permission to accept these funds from the Colorado Department of Education.

**MOTION:** By Ms. Croisant, seconded by Mr. Emmert, to approve the acceptance of an \$84,900 grant from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act as presented.

AYES: Ms. Croisant, Mr. Emmert, Mrs. Frank, Mr. Garcia, and Mr. Flores  
Motion carried 5-0

**13.0 DISCUSSION OF NEXT AGENDA**

Mrs. Frank said that on the next agenda we have the formal budget adoption and administrative assignments.

**14.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS**

Ms. Ciancio said she wanted to thank the classified group for their cooperation in the meet and confer around accepting the salary freeze for next year. She will be bringing a proposal for a district wide shutdown to the next Board meeting and will be asking for approval in August. Staff will be doing the same amount of work in five less days. Ms. Ciancio said that administration submitted the BEST application grant to the state. It is a \$50 million grant so we will be bringing it to you in August if we are awarded it. Just a reminder that our Board retreat is scheduled for August 7-9.

**15.0 BOARD COMMITTEE UPDATE**

**Mr. Flores** said that the Mapleton Education Foundation finished up their strategic planning on June 2 with Dr. Kirby. He also did a tasting for the caterer for the Gala which was delicious. He participated with the post-secondary counselor group helping at Camp 2013. They had 55 eighth grade students participate this year.

**Mr. Emmert** said that the BOCES director resigned and is moving to California. The new director, Hank Hahn, is being recommended to the Board to be hired from Colorado Springs.

**16.0 SCHOOL BOARD REMARKS**

**Mrs. Frank** said that graduation was wonderful and a highlight that she looks forward to every year.

**17.0 NEXT MEETING NOTIFICATION**

The next Board meeting is scheduled at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 30, 2009, at the Administration Building.

**18.0 ADJOURNMENT**

The Board motioned to adjourn at 8 p.m.

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Norma Frank, Board President

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Patrick Flores, Board Secretary

# Memo

TO: Charlotte Ciancio, Superintendent  
FROM: Jamie Kane, Executive Director of Professional Services  
DATE: June 25, 2009

**Policy:** Treatment of Staff (EL 4.2)  
**Report Type:** Decision Making (Consent)  
**SUBJECT:** Personnel Action

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**Policy Wording:** The Superintendent shall neither cause nor allow organizational circumstances for staff, including employees, independent contractors and volunteers that are unfair, undignified, disorganized or unclear.

**Policy Interpretation:** This policy is interpreted to require district administration to seek Board approval for changes to district staffing.

**Decision Requested:** The Office of Human Resources recommends the following personnel information to be approved by Board Action at the regular meeting of June 30, 2009.

## CLASSIFIED STAFF

<u>NEW EMPLOYEES</u>	<u>POSITION/FACILITY</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>	<u>REASON</u>
Painter, Jessica	Special Ed. Para./Achieve Academy	8/12/2009	New Hire
Reagan, Tess	ELL Para./Achieve Academy	8/12/2009	New Hire

<u>RESIGNATIONS/TERM.</u>	<u>POSITION/FACILITY</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>	<u>REASON</u>
No requests at this time			

### CLASSIFIED REQUESTS

Dawn Yugel, Special Education Paraprofessional at Global Leadership Academy, is requesting a family medical leave of absence from May 7, 2009 to May 29, 2009.

## CERTIFIED STAFF

<u>NEW EMPLOYEES</u>	<u>POSITION/FACILITY</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>	<u>REASON</u>
Abel, Kathleen	Second Grade/Clayton	8/3/2009	New Hire
Beach, Michael	Elem. Content Teacher/Achieve	8/3/2009	New Hire
Bowen, Heather	Sixth Grade/Valley View	8/3/2009	New Hire
Bruns, Laura	Math/Science/York International	8/3/2009	New Hire
Cooper, Shannon	First Grade /Clayton	8/3/2009	New Hire
Estrada, Erick	First Grade/Adventure	8/3/2009	New Hire
Haan, William	Math Teacher/Global Leadership	8/3/2009	Re-Hire
Hart, Joshua	Art Teacher/Skyview Academy	8/3/2009	New Hire
Herrmann, Kathryn	Third Grade/Clayton	8/3/2009	New Hire
Lanning, Mark	Sixth Grade/Meadow	8/3/2009	New Hire
Linares-Molina, Nuria	Math Teacher/Skyview Academy	8/3/2009	New Hire
Machiorletti, Danielle	Second Grade/Explore Elementary	8/3/2009	New Hire
McCormick, Alicia	Music/Technology/York International	8/3/2009	New Hire
Meister, Tara	Humanities/MESA	8/3/2009	New Hire
Motz, Kelly	Orchestra/District Wide	8/3/2009	New Hire
Nigrelli-Doyle, Lisa	.5 Art Teacher/York International	8/3/2009	New Hire
Reese, Gary	P.E./Interventionist/Enrichment	8/3/2009	New Hire
Villa, Mark	Life Skills/York International	8/3/2009	New Hire
Wohadlo, Jennifer	Language Arts/Global Leadership	8/3/2009	New Hire

<u>RESIGNATIONS/TERM.</u>	<u>POSITION/FACILITY</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>	<u>REASON</u>
Callahan, Rhonda	Second Grade/Clayton Partnership	6/23/2009	Resignation
Guerrieri, Natalie	First Grade/Global Leadership	6/19/2009	Resignation
Harrington, Robin	Spanish/York International	6/15/2009	Resignation
Johnston, Michael	Director/MESA	6/16/2009	Resignation
Mayo, Azalea	Second Grade/Global Leadership	6/22/2009	Resignation
Monroe, Amber	Math Teacher/MESA	6/23/2009	Resignation
Sinclair, Richard	Director/Global Leadership Academy	6/11/2009	Resignation

**CERTIFIED REQUESTS**

No requests at this time

**SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS**

**ADDITIONS**

**DELETIONS**



# Memo

TO: Board of Education  
FROM: Charlotte Ciancio, Superintendent  
DATE: June 16, 2009

**Policy:** Treatment of Staff (EL 4.2)  
**Report Type:** Decision Making  
**SUBJECT:** Administrative Assignments

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**Policy Wording:** The Superintendent shall neither cause nor allow organizational circumstances for staff, including employees, independent contractors and volunteers that are unfair, undignified, disorganized or unclear.

**Policy Interpretation:** This policy is interpreted to require district administration to seek Board approval for changes to district staffing

**Decision Requested:** The Superintendent recommends the following administrative plan for the 2009-2010 school year:

Highland Montessori School	School Director	Rhonda Ronczka
Adventure Elementary	School Director	Erica Branscum
Enrichment Academy	School Director	Billy Wright
Explore Elementary	School Director	Kevin King
Achieve Academy	School Director	Jim Hamilton
Clayton Partnership School	School Director	Sue Lin Toussaint
Meadow Community School	School Director	Lisa Marchi
	Asst. Director	Tara Donaldson
Monterey Community School	School Director	Cyndee Little
Valley View	School Director	Susan Gerhart
York International	School Director	Johnny Terrell
	Asst. Director	Laura Nelson
Global Leadership Academy	School Co-Director	Landus Boucher
	School Co-Director	Dave Sauer
	Asst. Director	Patrick Flores
Skyview Academy	School Director	John McKay
Mapleton Expeditionary Learning	School Director	Kathryn Dieck
School of the Arts	Asst. Director	Dave Fulton
Mapleton Early College	School Director	Sarah Abramson
Welby New Technology	School Director	Jon Mann
North Valley Young Adult School	School Director	Elaine Curcurio
Director, Special Education		Diane Blumenschein
Director, Assessment		Karla Kohman
Director, Learning Services		Mike Crawford
Director, Learning Services		Karla Allenbach
Director, Learning Services		Susie Daniels

Director, Instructional Technology  
Director, Transportation  
Director, Operations  
Director, Business Services  
Assistant Superintendent  
Executive Director, Professional Services  
Chief Communications Officer  
Chief Operations Officer

Curtis Lee  
Jennifer Hussey  
Paul Frank  
Shae Hendershot  
Jackie Kapushion  
Jamie Kane  
Damon Brown  
Don Herman

# Memo

TO: Charlotte Ciancio, Superintendent  
FROM: Don Herman, Chief Financial Officer  
DATE: June 24, 2009

**Policy: Financial Planning and Budgeting (EL 4.4)**  
**Report Type: Decision Preparation**  
**SUBJECT: Budget Adoption FY 2010**

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**Policy Wording:** Financial planning or budgeting for any fiscal year or part thereof shall not deviate materially from District Ends priorities or risk fiscal jeopardy, and shall not fail to be derived from a multi-year plan.

**Policy Interpretation:** This policy is interpreted as requiring district administration to seek Board approval for the annual budget adoption.

**Decision Requested:** District administration requests adoption of the proposed budget.

The Board of Education of each school district shall adopt an appropriation resolution at the time it adopts the budget. The appropriation resolution shall specify the amount of money appropriated to each fund; except that the operating reserve authorized by section 22-44-106(2) shall not be subject to appropriation for the fiscal year covered by the budget, and except that the appropriation resolution may, by reference, incorporate the budget as adopted by a board of education for the current fiscal year.

The amounts appropriated to a fund shall not exceed the amount thereof as specified in the adopted budget. (1C.R.S. 22-44-107).

General Fund .....	\$46,049,100
CPP Preschool/Kindergarten Fund.....	1,386,995
Governmental Grants Fund .....	5,969,250
Capital Reserve Fund .....	3,530,800
Insurance Reserve Fund .....	497,140
Bond Redemption Fund .....	2,956,175
Food Service Fund .....	\$2,156,775

**Total FY 2010 Budget Appropriation..... \$62,546,235**

Be it resolved by the Board of Education of Mapleton Public Schools, in Adams County, Colorado, that the amounts shown in the schedule above be appropriated to each fund as specified in the "Adopted Budget" for the ensuing fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010.

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Signature, Board President (1C.R.S. 22-44-110(4))

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Date of Budget Adoption

# Memo

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TO: Charlotte Ciancio, Superintendent  
FROM: Don Herman, Chief Operations Officer  
DATE: June 24, 2009

**Policy:** Financial Planning and Budgeting (EL 4.4)  
**Report Type:** Decision Preparation  
**SUBJECT:** USE OF FUND BALANCE REPORT

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**Policy Wording:** Financial planning or budgeting for any fiscal year or part thereof shall not deviate materially from District Ends priorities or risk fiscal jeopardy, and shall not fail to be derived from a multi-year plan.

**Policy Interpretation:** This policy is interpreted as requiring district administration to observe all fiscal rules and regulations set out by the Colorado Department of Education and Colorado Revised Statute.

**Decision Requested:** District administration requests Board approval for use of fund balance as set forth in this document.

Colorado state law states: "If any portion of the beginning fund balance is used to cover expenditures, interfund transfers, or reserves, a specific resolution must be adopted by the local board of education authorizing the use of that portion of the beginning fund balance in the school district's budget. The resolution shall specify at a minimum:

- The amount of the beginning fund balance to be spent under the budget.
- The purpose for which the expenditure is needed.
- The district's plan to ensure the use of beginning fund balance will not lead to an ongoing deficit.

*General Funds:* The projected beginning fund balance for the General Funds is \$4,759,990. The majority of this fund balance is used to fund reserves in the General Fund, CPP Fund and Insurance Reserve Fund (\$4,671,005). The district has also budgeted \$10,750 in transfers to the Food Service Fund. The remaining fund balance (\$78,235) is distributed throughout the district budget to fund line items in which the actual yearly cost is not certain (utilities, substitute teacher salary/benefits, audit adjustments, maintenance supplies/materials, etc.)

*Capital Reserve Fund:* The projected beginning fund balance for the Capital Reserve Fund is \$369,400. All of this fund balance is used to fund reserves.

*Bond Redemption Fund:* There is no plan to spend any Bond Redemption fund balance under the current district budget. All of the fund balance is currently used to fund reserves.

*Food Service Fund:* There is no plan to spend any Food Service fund balance under the current district budget. All of the fund balance is currently used to fund reserves.

# Memo

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TO: Charlotte Ciancio, Superintendent  
FROM: Don Herman, Chief Financial Officer  
DATE: June 24, 2009

**Policy: Financial Condition and Activity (EL 4.3)**  
**Report Type: Decision Preparation**  
**SUBJECT: Technology Equipment Financing**

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**Policy Wording:** The Superintendent shall neither cause nor allow the development of fiscal jeopardy or a material deviation of actual expenditures from Board priorities established in District Ends policies.

**Policy Interpretation:** This policy is interpreted as requiring district administration to seek Board approval for any leases entered into by the District.

**Decision Requested:** District administration is requesting the Board approve technology equipment financing in the amount of \$680,686.46.

In FY 2001, District voters approved a mill levy override to provide, among other things, funding to refresh the District's technology systems on a regular basis. The last such refresh occurred five years ago. That lease has been retired and the District is recommending another lease to fund another round of technology replacements.

The funding will go toward two major technology elements: LCD projectors and document cameras for every classroom and outfitting all schools with building-wide wireless access. The lease is split into two terms – a 3 year term for the projectors and cameras and 5 years for the wireless access. The lease is structured with a wrap-around so that the payments remain steady at the same lease payment we've had for the past five years.

The District committed to its voters that we would use the mill levy funds to keep our technology systems up-to-date for our students. After much planning and discussion, this selection of equipment was chosen to best meet the needs of the instructional programs at all sites.

The District chose Wells Fargo Public Financing to fund the lease, after a competitive quote process. Lease contracts are being prepared and reviewed by District legal counsel. With Board approval, the District will continue to move forward with this financing, for a final approval upon completion of the funding.

# Memo

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TO: Charlotte Ciancio, Superintendent  
FROM: Jackie Kapushion, Assistant Superintendent  
DATE: June 24, 2009

**Policy:** Communication and Support of the Board of Education (EL 4.8)

**Report Type:** Incidental

**SUBJECT:** Summer Learning Opportunities for Mapleton Students

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**Policy Wording:** The superintendent shall not fail to inform and support the Board in its work.

**Policy Interpretation:** This policy is interpreted to include information on summer learning opportunities provided for Mapleton students.

**Decision Requested:** This report is being presented for information and discussion. No formal Board action is required.

**Report:** The purpose of this report is to give information to the Board regarding summer learning opportunities for students. These opportunities are based on student needs and interests in the following areas:

- Core content standards attainment for students in grades 9-12
- Challenging learning experiences for gifted and talented students for students in grades 2-7
- Pre-Collegiate Summer Camp for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students
- Math and Science experiences on college campuses for students in grades 6-12

**High School Extended Learning Options:**

The opportunity to recover credits is available to all 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students during June and July, with priority enrollment being given to current juniors and seniors.

Recovery coursework is being offered in-district and started on June 1, 2009. Ninety-eight students have registered for 1-2 courses in the following content areas:

- English Composition
- English Reading
- Math
- Social Studies
- Spanish

These courses are being offered at MESA for students who need trimester credit and at Welby New Technology High School for students who need quarterly credit. Students pay \$100 for each .5 credit course. District transportation is not being provided.

**Gifted and Talented Summer Camp:**

Fifty-six gifted and talented (GATES) students in grades 2-7 attended a one-week summer camp from June 2-9, 2009 at York International School. This year's camp offered the following workshop choices to students:

- Digital Storytelling
- Magic of Flight (Wings Aviation Science Program)
- Twisting Our Favorite Stories (Fractured Fairy Tales)
- Solar Energy
- Mask Making
- Experience Japan

This camp, which has been offered for 5 years, provides an opportunity for GATES students to come together and focus on learning tailored exclusively on their needs. The camp is being funded through State gifted funds. Transportation was provided to students.

**Pre-Collegiate Summer Camp for Eighth Grade Students:**

The Pre-Collegiate Summer Camp was available to all eighth grade students and was held at York International from June 9-12, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Learning for 57 students was focused on post-secondary planning, beginning development of an individual college plan and the development of a college-going culture. Guest speakers and field trips to two college campuses were included in this experience. Ten 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students served as peer leaders for this camp.

**Rocky Mountain Middle School Math and Science Partnership:**

For a fifth year, students in grades 6-12 are taking advantage of the science opportunities funded by the National Science Foundation.

Sixty-nine district students will be participating in these camps. Forty-one students will participate in the Summer Science Institute at the Auraria Campus. Two students will participate in the residential science summer camp at Ft. Lewis College in Durango, and twenty-two students will participate in the residential science camp at Colorado State University. Transportation will not be provided.

Some of the learning topics in which students will participate include:

- Artificial Intelligence: Computing, Designing and Robotics
- Renewable Energy: Hydrogen Fuel and Cell Technology
- Clouds, Climate and Weather
- The Physics of Elitch Gardens
- CSI: Denver – Crime Scene Investigation
- GPS: Mapping the Earth

These camps also give our students experiences with being on college campuses which help build confidence for their future post-secondary endeavors.

# Memo

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TO: Charlotte Ciancio, Superintendent  
FROM: Damon Brown, Chief Communications Officer  
DATE: June 24, 2009

**Policy: Financial Condition and Activity (EL 4.3)**  
**Report Type: Incidental**  
**SUBJECT: BEST Grant Update**

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**Policy Wording:** The Superintendent shall neither cause nor allow the development of fiscal jeopardy or a material deviation of actual expenditures from Board priorities established in District Ends policies.

**Policy Interpretation:** This policy is interpreted as requiring district administration to inform the Board of any grant applications that the District has participated in.

**Decision Requested:** this information is presented for comment and review. No decision is requested at this time.

Established in 2008 with the signing of HB08-1335, Building Excellent Schools Today (BEST) provides an annual amount of funding, in the form of competitive grants, to school districts, charter schools, institute charter schools, boards of cooperative educational services and the Colorado school for the deaf and the blind. BEST funds can be used for the construction of new schools as well as general construction and renovation of existing school facility systems and structures.

Earlier this month, Mapleton Public Schools requested BEST funds to support improvements to Mapleton's failing facilities. These improvements have been outlined in a three phase facilities plan.

For the first phase, the district recommends utilizing BEST grant to reorganize and "right size" the Skyview campus by building three replacement facilities; vacate old and unredeemable buildings and sections of buildings. This approach would allow the district to position five schools on the Skyview campus leveraging the gyms and large auditoriums for use by the entire campus.

Mapleton's aging facilities, Skyview High School (1964) and Mapleton High School (1955), are plagued with asbestos, leaky roofs and failing pipes. An example of the age and deteriorated infrastructure is the pool located on the Skyview Campus which was condemned in 2008 after corrosion of steel reinforcement caused structural failure. Air quality, security and accessibility in the buildings are poor. Mechanical, electrical, and plumbing maintenance repairs/improvements are significant. Complete renovations of existing Skyview High School building and Old Mapleton High School building exceed a 70% replacement cost threshold.



In this facility plan, improvements for the Skyview campus are recommended as the highest priority for the District and include:

- Relocation of students currently housed at Old Mapleton High School (Mapleton Early College) a facility built in the 1950's
- Partial demolition/renovation of Skyview High School to become the new Skyview Campus Student Center, preserving the gymnasiums, large auditoriums, performing arts and common meeting spaces
- Construction of three new buildings on the Skyview campus to accommodate five Mapleton schools:
  - Skyview Academy (grades 9-12) and Clayton Partnership (grades K-8)
  - Mapleton Expeditionary School of the Arts (grades 7-12) and Mapleton Early College (grades 9-13)
  - North Valley School for Young Adults

Under this plan, Mapleton Early College would be relocated from the light industrial area surrounding Old Mapleton High School where it currently resides to the residential area of the District, the Skyview Campus. The move will increase community accessibility for a school driven by learning internships and on-the-job experiences, and lower transportation costs. Students at Mapleton Early College will have better access to academic resources and extracurricular activities. The future commuter rail stop, planned to be located adjacent to the campus will provide students with easy access to internships, jobs and education/learning opportunities throughout the metro area. The District plans to eventually abandon the Old Mapleton High School site. The structure does not meet education requirements and does not support the type of learning taking place at Mapleton Early College. In addition, it is a significant financial burden due to its deteriorated condition.

Skyview Academy would vacate the deteriorating classroom wing at the existing Skyview building and relocate to a new facility shared with Clayton Partnership School. Mapleton Expeditionary School of the Arts (MESA) will also vacate the deteriorating classroom wing at the existing Skyview building and relocate to a new facility on the Skyview Campus shared with Mapleton Early College (MEC).

The Clayton Partnership School will relocate to a new facility at the Skyview Main Campus to accommodate the student population. Highland Montessori will relocate to the current Clayton site. The Clayton site can accommodate the Montessori style of learning with little to no modifications.

The facility for North Valley School for Young Adults, a specialized school for students at risk of not graduating, will open for the 2009-2010 school year in the current Skyview High School. The school will serve 17-20 year old young adults who are in danger of dropping out of school or who have dropped out of school already.

The District identified more than 500 students at risk of dropping out or who have already dropped out of the Mapleton system prior to graduation between 2005 and 2009. Because of facility constraints at the unimproved Skyview site, North Valley will only be able to accommodate 100 students during the first year.

By renovating the current Skyview Campus to accommodate five small schools, Mapleton will:

- Meet the educational needs of all five previously identified schools
- Share the two existing gyms between all five schools (1,866 students)
- Share the existing large auditorium between all 17 schools in the District
- Maximize efficiency while simultaneously constructing buildings that maintain a low square foot per student ratio

Mapleton Public Schools has requested BEST matching funding for Phase 1 of the Mapleton Public Schools Facilities Plan. This initial request addresses 25% of District-wide deficiencies and supports the District's mission and Reinvention Plan.

The phase one facility needs totals are \$50,594,027. If the proposal is approved through the BEST grant process, the Colorado Department of Education would match 59 percent of the total amount.

Superintendent policy requires board approval for grants in excess of \$50,000. Should the grant be funded, administration would return to the Board for permission to accept the funds. This information is presented for comment and review. No decision is requested at this time.

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TO: Board of Education  
FROM: Charlotte Ciancio, Superintendent  
DATE: June 22, 2009

**Policy:** Communication and Support of the Board of Education (EL 4.8)  
**Report Type:** Decision Preparation  
**SUBJECT:** DISTRICT SHUTDOWN WEEK

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**Policy Wording:** The superintendent shall not fail to inform and support the Board in its work.

**Policy Interpretation:** This policy is interpreted to require district administration to seek Board approval for changes to the district calendar.

**Decision Requested:** This report is being presented for information and discussion. No formal Board action is required at this time.

At the Board meeting on June 30, 2009, administration will discuss the best week for a district wide shutdown and give options for the Board to consider. Final approval for the shutdown week will be requested at the Board meeting on August 25, 2009.