

# MILL LEVY OVERRIDE & BOND UPDATE

WELCOME TO OUR SUPER SUMMER OF CONSTRUCTION

What are we doing this summer? The short answer: A LOT.

Our projects are in full swing, to build new schools and complete renovations this summer.

- Eagle Valley Elementary School, Eagle Valley Middle School and Eagle Valley High School will be completed by September 2018.
- Red Sandstone Elementary School students will move into their temporary classrooms in Maloit Park as construction moves forward on their school renovation.
- Ground breaking for Red Canyon High School–West took place in May, with completion slated for late fall 2018.



^ The demolition of the Third St. administration building gives way to unobstructed views of the new Eagle Valley Elementary School.

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# SPRING CREEK CAMPUS NOW OPEN IN GYPSUM

The Spring Creek campus, completed in May, is the new home for our Information Technology, Facilities, and Transportation departments. It will also house the Auto Shop where students can take classes in auto repair and maintenance. The main building was acquired last year and renovated to accommodate the needs of these district departments. The property is also adjacent to the new Red Canyon High School-West construction site, with a planned completion date in late fall of 2018.



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- ▶ In May, long-time Eagle County Schools Executive Assistant Missy Gerard was awarded the honor of starting the demolition of the Third St. administration building. These offices were relocated to the new Spring Creek campus in Gypsum.
- ▼ Construction of the high school auto shop, technology, facilities, and transportation departments was completed in May.



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## EAGLE VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- ▶ Brand new elementary school providing 74,000 square feet of innovative learning space, serving over 400 students
- ▶ Unique, award-winning design maximizing views and natural light, which encourages higher learning performance



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- ▶ Workers weld the final steel beam into place of the new Eagle Valley Elementary School in Eagle. The beam was signed by students, staff, and school board members.

## EAGLE VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

- ▶ Major interior and exterior renovation
- ▶ Enhanced, state-of-the-art learning environment
- ▶ Separate learning communities for each grade level
- ▶ New, high-quality athletic fields



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## BETTER, BRIGHTER SCHOOLS

Eagle County Schools has completed a retrofit of approximately 16,000 interior light fixtures in nine schools, the district office, and transportation facility. By replacing old, outdated lighting with LED lights, the district estimates it will save over 1.4 million kilowatt hours in 2018. This will result in savings of over \$130,000. The new lights are more pleasing to the eye, and every light is attached to a dimmer and occupancy sensor.

Eagle County Schools will complete an upgrade of the Battle Mountain High School gymnasium lighting, and will retrofit over 200 parking lot and exterior lights in the spring of 2018.



## SECURITY IS TOP PRIORITY

More than \$6.3 million of bond funding has been invested in new security at all of our school buildings. The security upgrades include:

- 1) Secure entryways and vestibules
- 2) Door badging systems
- 3) Electronic door monitoring
- 4) Video cameras and surveillance systems

## RED SANDSTONE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RENOVATION

The improvements planned for Red Sandstone Elementary School (RSES) will enlarge classrooms to accommodate an additional 80 students from its current capacity of 247. The renovation also includes new computer labs, refurbishing of the gym, cafeteria, kitchen and stage areas, plus a new elevator, windows, safety and security enhancements, roof replacement, and improvements to the bus parking and parent drop off.

Red Sandstone parking structure, the first net new parking to be constructed in Vail since 1990, will provide 40 parking spaces for teachers and staff, plus 120 spaces for the public. Crews broke ground on the parking structure in April; construction will start on RSES after school ends in May. Completion is slated for March 2019 for the school, and the parking structure will be completed in time for the 2018-2019 ski season.



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▲ Red Sandstone Elementary School parking garage ground-breaking

## EAGLE VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

- ▶ Major interior and exterior renovation and expansion
- ▶ Advanced learning spaces for science, technology, engineering, math (STEM) and career skills programs
- ▶ New health sciences and athletic training facilities
- ▶ Private counseling and special education spaces
- ▶ Health Sciences and Hospitality center with 92-person lecture hall and eight commercial and residential kitchen stations



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## SPRING CREEK CAMPUS

- ▶ New offices for district operations, including technology, facilities, and transportation departments
- ▶ Maintenance facility for school buses and district vehicles
- ▶ Auto shop facility serving students at both Eagle County Schools and Colorado Mountain College



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## RED CANYON HIGH SCHOOL-WEST

- ▶ New, 12,500 square foot high school with collaborative and flexible learning spaces
- ▶ Board of Education meeting location and staff training facility



# MILL LEVY OVERRIDE



THE \$8 MILLION MILL LEVY OVERRIDE, PASSED BY VOTERS IN 2016, PROVIDES FUNDING FOR CRITICAL OPERATING NEEDS.

**How The Money Is Being Spent:**

- ▶ Raised teacher, educational and support staff salaries by 10 percent.
- ▶ Restored and expanded counseling, art, music and physical education in all schools.
- ▶ Provided extended-day preschool.
- ▶ Provided one-on-one technology in classrooms and labs.
- ▶ Upgraded outdated technology equipment.
- ▶ Purchased new school buses and maintenance vehicles.
- ▶ Hired a dedicated technology staff person to oversee and manage security improvements at all schools.

**Technology Funding**

- ▶ \$600,000 in Mill Levy Override funds were spent in 2017 to upgrade computer labs with 565 Mini Macs and provide high-quality, state-of-the-art devices, such as Chromebooks and iPads, for students.

**Early Childhood Education**

- ▶ Mill Levy Override dollars allocated for Preschool Plus have provided extended-day care through 5:00 p.m. each day, as well as summer programming.

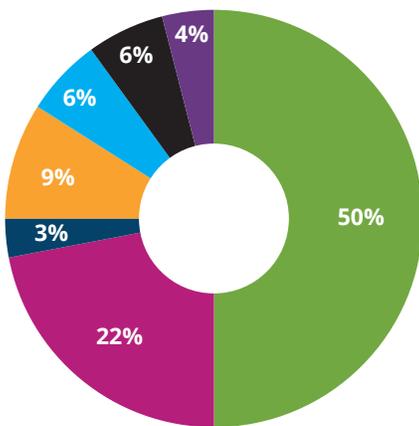
**School Buses and Other Equipment**

- ▶ The district has purchased three 77-passenger school buses and replaced high mileage maintenance vehicles and equipment, ultimately saving money on maintenance and repairs moving forward.

**Accountability Provisions**

- ▶ The Mill Levy Override will sunset in seven years. If the district sought to extend the Mill Levy Override, it would need to obtain voter approval.
- ▶ In the event the state funds its obligations to public schools, the Mill Levy Override would be reduced by a commensurate amount.
- ▶ None of the Mill Levy Override proceeds go toward senior district administration salaries.
- ▶ A citizen oversight committee was established to review the use of proceeds each year.

**WHERE THE MILL LEVY OVERRIDE FUNDS GO**



- Attract/Retain Quality Teachers & Staff
- Restore Staffing/Programs
- Books/Materials
- Instructional Technology
- Early Childhood Education
- Maintenance
- Transportation

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