

**MA high school** (cont. from page 1)  
2019 with a ninth-grade class and half of a 10th-grade class and increase population each year thereafter.

Another planned feature of the new school is that juniors and seniors will either serve an internship in the community or create a Capstone project

(long-term investigative projects culminating in a presentation or performance to demonstrate their conclusions and presented to a panel).

Davis said MA has developed relationships with the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, Pikes Peak Community College, and Grand Canyon University to offer students classes that will earn college credit. MA also hopes to train its own teachers to qualify as adjunct professors so that classes taught on site can earn such credit.

When asked about the level of participation by MA in standardized testing, Griffin said the school is now stressing the PSAT test and uses the NWEA (Northwest Education Association) tests at all levels.

When asked about potential locations for the school, Griffin said they had considered locations in School District 49 and Douglas County, but decided to remain in District 38, favoring a district-owned 70-acre property at the intersection of Highways 83 and 105.

Regarding staffing, Griffin said that the staff will consist primarily of teachers at the master's level.

When asked about financing, Griffin

said that the construction and financing of the school would be done through the sale of bonds.

Griffin said the new school may not be appropriate for all current MA students. For example, high-powered athletes would benefit from the exposure offered by the two larger high schools. The school is also likely to be too small to support a marching band.

Students from other high schools can choose to attend MA, but current MA students will have priority.

DAAC Co-chair Anne-Marie Hasstedt said the Board of Education would hear the presentation on Oct. 12 and offer a final opportunity for public comment at its Nov. 16 meeting.

Hasstedt called for the creation of a subcommittee to review the application and report back to the DAAC in November.

**Regular meeting**

During its regular meeting, DAAC approved the nomination of Deborah Goth as co-chair of the committee.

Superintendent Karen Brofft reported that the theme of the 2017-18 school year is "Through Their Eyes and in Their Shoes." She commented that the lives of students pass at a very fran-



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