stressed that district officials must be aware of developments in manufacture of drugs and said that possession of paraphernalia with or without drugs is forbidden.

Foster also said that the policy is in effect during school sponsored outings such as field trips or away games.

Assessment report

Director of Assessment and Gifted Education Lori Benton and Director of Curriculum Sheila Beving reviewed the development of Colorado standards and the assessments used to measure achievement. They enumerated the various tests in use to measure achievement and indicated that, although specific assessments are required by the state, each district develops its own curriculum.

Benton reviewed such recent changes as the introduction of post-secondary and workforce readiness, vertical and horizontal connections to ensure complete coverage of subject matter without duplication, and the intention for students to be able to speak about and understand subject matter and original sources.

Benton also said that the school and district performance frameworks are being reviewed and may be altered to include gifted populations as a separate group.

Brofft said that the results of last spring's assessments in social studies and science will be released in October.

Brofft also expressed concern at the level of disinformation about the use of Common Core standards in the curriculum and said that the district should communicate with the community about the value of assessments in general and de-emphasize Common Core in the discus-

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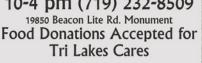
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Student count and budget report

Assistant Superintendent Cheryl Wangeman reported that on opening day the district had 112 students fewer than projected. Neighboring districts reported a similar decline in student population.

Wangeman said that one strong point in the district

Wangeman said the budget is being reviewed to determine what adjustments can be made to compensate for the lack of revenue due to the lower student count. She said that some capital improvements may be delayed and reminded the board that the district must wait to see how much revenue will come from the specific ownership

Change in board governance

The board voted to rescind the use of a policy governance

After action report on crisis response

deaths of two Palmer Ridge High School students in a traffic accident. She said that she was pleased with the process of notification and said that there was a great team effort on the part of both high school principals and other staff and counselors from this and neighboring districts to allow students to get the help they needed and time for



is the growth of the Home School Academy, which now serves grades K through 8 and has grown by the equivalent of 13 students over last year.

model and to adopt a school board governance system.

Brofft reported on the district's response to the recent



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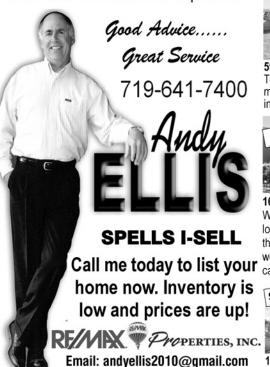
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