

tic pace and that it is important for parents and educators to take this into account.

She enumerated the achievements of this district in its accreditation with distinction, multiple years on the Advanced Placement Honor Roll (four of the past five years), and graduation rate.

Lewis-Palmer's faculty is all highly qualified with over 60 percent holding a master's or doctoral degree, she said.

Brofft also enumerated such programs as gifted education, special needs education, the Transitions program for students through age 21, the homeschool enrichment academy, and concurrent enrollment, which allows students to attend local colleges while also attending high school.

Brofft reported that STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) programs are now offered at all grade levels, and there is a growing vocational program for students who do not wish to pursue a four-year post-graduate degree.

The quality education offered by the district prepares students to be productive citizens of the community and supports high property values, she said.

The Long Term Planning Committee is considering such aspects as the value and viability of buildings, capacity of the facilities, physical security, energy efficiency, and community demographics.

A new district safety

and security plan that will include support for mental health and peer support is being emphasized.

Brofft said that this is the first year in which each site created its own budget with an effort to maintain current class sizes and workloads.

Board of Education Liaison John Magerko praised DAAC for its administration of a recent candidate forum and spoke of his priorities during his tenure on the school board. He has chosen not to run for re-election. He asked that community members

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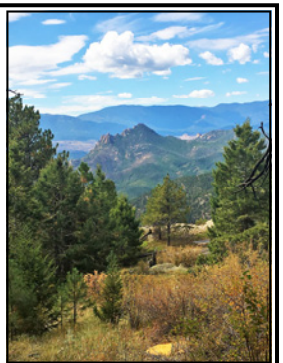
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