



Above: Due to intense August rains, the No Name Creek culvert disintegrated, creating a 9-foot deep hole on Old Denver Road. Monument Public Works had to close a portion of the roadway to make emergency repairs. During the closure, someone moved the temporary barricades across the road during the night and could have been seriously injured if the road completely collapsed and they drove over it. Workers realized the entire culvert has collapsed, so the road will be closed again at some point to replace the pipe. *Photo by Allison Robenstein.*

ment and reviewing social media accounts. Bishop suggested the board repeat the online survey in which members could rate the candidates to determine who would be interviewed. Clark said she had previously found this method to be unprofessional and didn't respect the online format. The board directed Bishop to send them the salary range and job description for its review.

New school superintendent presents state of D-38

Somers, a Colorado native and Palmer High School graduate, was hired as the D-38 superintendent on April 8. See www.ocn.me/v19n5.htm#d38. He told BOT members the district had just welcomed almost 7,000 students for their first day of school that morning and noted the district has a new slogan called One Team, Our Team intended to show everyone has value.

In his "high-level" presentation, he

each step. Coopman suggested there wasn't full board involvement or communication during the town manager hiring process. See [https://www.ocn.](https://www.ocn.me/v18n11.htm#mbot)

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Clark asked Bishop to fully vet all candidates by doing background checks, verifying previous employ-

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D38 will ask Tri-Lakes community to fund a new elementary school

- WHAT:** D38 will place a \$28,985 million **Single Purpose Bond question** on the 2019 ballot asking the Tri-Lakes area voters to fund a new elementary school.
- WHY:** Area **growth** continues. Lewis-Palmer Middle School is at **capacity** and some elementary schools are nearing capacity. According to Metrostudy, D38 is expected to enroll an additional 693 students in the next 5 years and an additional 1539 students in 10 years.
- HOW:** If voters approve this bond, it would be **cost neutral** for an average Tri-Lakes area homeowner (\$400,000) due to D38's decreasing debt on PWES and PRHS, more homes in the area creating a larger tax base, increased assessed valuation of area homes, and a fiscally responsible bond debt structure. An average area business (\$400,000) owner's monthly investment would be approximately \$35.
- WHERE:** A new elementary school would be built on **D38 land west of Bear Creek Elementary School**. (BCES would be converted back to a middle school and once again fill the role of D38's second middle school serving grades 6-8. Elementary schools would return to serving grades pK/K-5.)
- WHO:** Students, teachers, and this community **all benefit** from a top-notch education system. Homes in neighborhoods with quality schools sell for up to 25% more than surrounding areas (September 2018, <https://www.metrostudy.com/top-school-districts-see-higher-home-prices/>).

