

closures and implementing a plan for reopening. The total preliminary award was \$290,578, with \$41,548 transferred to Monument Academy and \$19,545 to St. Peter Catholic School.

The Aug. 24 meeting featured the passage of the aforementioned policies, an update on the back-to-school plan including contingency plans in the event of suspected COVID cases and ensuring safety for all through health screening, facial coverings, division of elementary students into small cohorts to limit contact with large groups of students, and a continuing partnership with superintendents of other nearby districts and health officials.

Nutritional services update

Stacey Baker, director of Nutritional Services, gave an update on activities in her department during the spring closure and for the coming year. At the time of the closure in March, all food on hand was donated to Tri-Lakes Cares.

During the period March 30 to May 22, the district distributed free lunch and breakfast to all individuals 18 and under. The district was reimbursed for these meals by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Summer Food Service Program.

In the coming school year, the price of meals will be increased by 10 cents. Elementary students will pick up their food at the door of the kitchen in their school. Middle and high school students will be served in a line with social distancing in place. There will be no self-serve salad bars or microwaves and all meals will be pre-bagged, boxed, or trayed. Menus will be limited until it can be determined how many students will purchase meals.

In the event of an emergency closure, the department has bags and carryout containers on hand, and it is stocking up on food for use in such an

emergency. If these meals are needed, students would be charged based on eligibility.

The board recognized Finance Manager Marcy Studtmann and Chief Financial Officer Shanna Seeley for receiving the Association of School Business Officials Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the Comprehensive Annual Report for the fiscal year 2019.

The board also thanked Kathy Nemeika for her service as secretary to the board from August 2018 to the present.

COVID-19 outbreak at Bear Creek

The district announced an outbreak of COVID-19 at Bear Creek Elementary School beginning on Aug. 28. An outbreak is defined as two or more positive cases in non-household members with symptom onsets within a 14-day window.

The students diagnosed are being kept at home until they are no longer infectious. Those who were in close contact with them are instructed to stay home for 14 days after exposure. Parents of the students involved have been notified.

According to El Paso County Public Health, no one else is required to quarantine, and therefore the school is not closed.

The Board of Education of Lewis-Palmer District 38 meets at 6 p.m. on the third Monday of each month at the district's Learning Center, 146 Jefferson St., Monument. The next meeting will be on Sept. 21. Seating is extremely limited due to social distancing, but each meeting is livestreamed on the district's Facebook page.

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a Schuck Communities Inc. request to create a subdistrict within Triview as a means of funding infrastructure for its Conexus development west of I-25. Triview approved the Schuck request at its July board meeting, and the initiative must be brought before voters. See www.ocn.me/v20n8.htm#tvmd for more information about the ballot initiatives.

Triview is a Title 32 special district in Monument that provides road, landscaping, and parks and open space maintenance, and water and wastewater services to Jackson Creek, Promontory Pointe, Sanctuary Pointe, and several commercial areas. See <https://triviewmetro.com/districtMap> for a map of district boundaries.

The Aug. 18 agenda (corrected) and board packet may be accessed via https://triviewmetro.com/assets/documents/board/agenda/2020/Agenda_RegularMeeting_2020-08-18.pdf and https://triviewmetro.com/assets/documents/board/agenda/2020/BoardPacket_2020-08-18_web.pdf, respectively.



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