



DISTRICT MISSION

... Ensure that each student is empowered to achieve his or her dreams and contribute to his or her community and world ...

BOARD PURPOSE

Providing highly effective governance for Mapleton's strategic student achievement effort.

CORE ROLES

*Guiding the district through the superintendent
Engaging constituents
Ensuring effective operations and alignment of resources
Monitoring effectiveness
Modeling excellence*

2021 - 2022

FOCUS AREAS

*Student Achievement
Exceptional Staff
Character Development
Learning Environment
Communication
Community Involvement
Facilities Management
District Image*

BOARD MEMBERS

*Mallory Boyce
Cindy Croisant
Terry Donnell
Daisy Lechman
Thomas Moe*

SUPERINTENDENT

Charlotte Ciancio

Mapleton Public Schools Board of Education

Regular Meeting
Administration Building

December 14, 2021
6:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Board Business
 - 5.1 Board Study Comments
6. What's Right in Mapleton
7. Public Participation
8. Approval of Minutes
 - 8.1 Approval of November 16, 2021, Board Meeting minutes
 - 8.2 Approval of December 1, 2021, Board Retreat minutes
 - 8.3 Approval of December 3, 2021, Special Board Meeting minutes
9. Report of the Secretary
10. Consent Agenda
 - 10.1 Personnel Action, Policy GCE/GCF – Ms. Branscum
 - 10.2 Personnel Action – Contract approval, Policy CBD – Ms. Ciancio
11. Focus: Student Achievement
 - 11.1 Graduation Rates, Policy CBA/CBC – Mr. Fuller
12. Focus: Communication
 - 12.1 Fiscal Year 2021 Audit Presentation, Policy DIE - Mr. Janak
13. Focus: Community Involvement
 - 13.1 DAAC Update, Policy AE – Mr. Fuller
14. Discussion of Next Agenda
15. Superintendent's Comments
16. Board Committee Update
17. School Board Discussion/Remarks
18. Next Business Meeting Notification – Tuesday, January 25, 2022
19. Adjournment

Welcome to a meeting of the Mapleton Public School Board of Education!

The Board's meeting time is dedicated to addressing Mapleton's mission and top-priority focus areas. "Public Participation" is an opportunity during the business meeting to present brief comments or pose questions to the Board for consideration or follow-up. Each person is asked to limit his or her comments to 3 minutes. If you are interested in helping Mapleton's efforts, please talk with any member of the district leadership team or call the district office at 303-853-1015. Opportunities abound. Your participation is desired.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

President Cynthia Croisant called the meeting of the Board of Education – Mapleton Public Schools to order at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at the Administration Building Boardroom.

2.0 ROLL CALL

Cynthia Croisant - President	Present
Steve Donnell - Treasurer	Present
Daisy Lechman – Asst. Secretary/Treasurer	Present
Tom Moe - Vice President	Present
Sheila Montoya - Secretary	Present

3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Croisant led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: By Mr. Donnell, seconded by Ms. Montoya, to approve the Board Agenda dated November 16, 2021, as presented.

AYES: Ms. Croisant, Mr. Donnell, Ms. Lechman, Mr. Moe, and Ms. Montoya.

Motion carried: 5-0

5.0 BOARD BUSINESS

5.1 Board Recognition/Comments

Mr. Moe thanked Ms. Montoya and Mr. Donnell for their 8 years of service on the Board of Education. He said that he was very appreciative of them volunteering their time and sharing their wisdom.

Ms. Croisant said that Ms. Montoya and Mr. Donnell had impacted her life. She said that she appreciated what they brought to the Board and to the community during their years of service.

Mr. Donnell said it had been a great honor to serve on the Board and he would look back at this time with fond memories.

Ms. Montoya said that she was grateful for her time on the Board and honored to have served the students, staff, and community. She said that she appreciated the friendships formed, the support of her family, and the Mapleton community.

5.2 Certification of Election Results

Mr. Crawford, the District Designated Election Official, reported that Terry Donnell had been elected by acclamation to a four-year term representing District A on the Board of Education; Mallory Boyce had been elected by acclamation to a four-year term representing District C; Thomas Moe had been elected by acclamation to a four-year term representing District E, beginning November 16, 2021, and confirmed their seats on the Board of Education. Mr. Crawford reported that Daisy Lechman has been elected by acclamation to a two-year term representing District B, beginning November 16, 2021.

MOTION: By Mr. Moe, seconded by Ms. Lechman, to approve the Certification of Election Results, as presented.

AYES: Ms. Croisant, Mr. Donnell, Ms. Lechman, Mr. Moe, and Ms. Montoya.

Motion carried: 5-0

RECESS TO HONOR BOARD MEMBERS 6:13 p.m., reconvened at 6:24 p.m.

5.3 Oath of Office

The Honorable Don Quick, 17th Judicial District Chief Judge, administered the Oaths of Office to elected Board members Terry Donnell, Mallory Boyce, Daisy Lechman, and Thomas Moe.

5.4 Election of Board Officers

MOTION: By Mr. Moe, seconded by Ms. Boyce, to nominate the following slate of officers: President – Ms. Croisant, Vice President – Mr. Moe, Secretary – Ms. Lechman, Treasurer – Ms. Donnell, and Assistant Secretary/Treasurer – Ms. Boyce

AYES: Ms. Boyce, Ms. Croisant, Ms. Donnell, Ms. Lechman, and Mr. Moe.
Motion carried: 5-0

5.5 Resolution to Authorize Use of Facsimile Signatures

MOTION: By Mr. Moe, seconded by Ms. Lechman, to approve the resolution authorizing the consent to use facsimile signatures of the Board of Education.

AYES: Ms. Boyce, Ms. Croisant, Ms. Donnell, Ms. Lechman, and Mr. Moe.
Motion carried: 5-0

5.6 Confidentiality Compliance Affidavit

MOTION: By Ms. Lechman, seconded by Mr. Moe, that the Board comply with all confidentiality requirements and restrictions as required by Colorado law.

AYES: Ms. Boyce, Ms. Croisant, Ms. Donnell, Ms. Lechman, and Mr. Moe.
Motion carried: 5-0

6.0 WHAT'S RIGHT IN MAPLETON

Dr. Brown said that What's Right in Mapleton would celebrate the outgoing Board of Education members, Sheila Montoya and Steve Donnell. He said that they also would welcome the new members, Mallory Boyce and Terry Donnell. A video was shown with well wishes and messages from Board members.

7.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Luke Baker, Academy High School teacher, shared his concerns about Covid protocols in the District.

8.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: By Ms. Lechman, seconded by Mr. Moe, to approve the minutes as stated on the Board Agenda dated November 16, 2021: 8.1 Board Meeting minutes of October 26, 2021, and 8.2 Board Study minutes of November 9, 2021, as presented.

AYES: Ms. Boyce, Ms. Croisant, Ms. Donnell, Ms. Lechman, and Mr. Moe.
Motion carried: 5-0

9.0 REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

None

10.0 CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: By Mr. Moe, seconded by Ms. Boyce, to approve Agenda item 10.1 Personnel Action, and 10.2 Adoption of Policies, as stated on the Board Agenda dated November 16, 2021.

AYES: Ms. Boyce, Ms. Croisant, Ms. Donnell, Ms. Lechman, and Mr. Moe.
Motion carried: 5-0

11.0 FOCUS: STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

11.1 Seal of Biliteracy

Ms. Ansley requested that the Board adopt the Seal of Biliteracy as presented by the Colorado Department of Education's standard requirements.

MOTION: By Mr. Moe, seconded by Ms. Boyce, to approve the adoption of the Seal of Biliteracy, as presented.

AYES: Ms. Boyce, Ms. Croisant, Ms. Donnell, Ms. Lechman, and Mr. Moe.
Motion carried: 5-0

11.2 Project LIFT & Project LIFTING Higher – Progress Report

Mr. Crawford provided an update on the Project LIFT/LIFTING Higher to the Board. He said that the Executive Team took on the role of "Core Change Team", working with the University of Virginia's Partnership for Leaders in Education program.

Board members thanked Mr. Crawford for the update and said that they see new energy and excitement from the staff participating in the program. In addition, they thanked the Executive Team for their work and leadership.

12.0 FOCUS: COMMUNICATION

12.1 Interest Rate Reduction – BEST Program

Mr. Janak said the State Treasury had determined that a school district could reduce its interest rate by having the Board of Education approve a resolution reducing the BEST program bond rate from 4.082% to 1.825%.

MOTION: By Ms. Boyce, seconded by Ms. Lechman, to approve the resolution to reduce the interest rates on the State Treasury's BEST program bonds, as presented.

AYES: Ms. Boyce, Ms. Croisant, Ms. Donnell, Ms. Lechman, and Mr. Moe.
Motion carried: 5-0

12.2 Colorado Connection Academy Update

Mr. Crawford reviewed the relationship with Connections Education L.L.C. to provide the option of an on-line school as part of the District's choice portfolio. However, developments over the past three years have made this contractual arrangement somewhat less valuable to the District. District administration is working with legal counsel to ensure a smooth termination to the contractual relationship.

13.0 DISCUSSION OF NEXT AGENDA

Ms. Croisant said agenda items for the December 14 Board meeting would include the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Audit presentation and a District Accountability Advisory Committee update.

14.0 SUPERINTENDENTS COMMENTS

During the Superintendent's report, Superintendent Ciancio:

- Said that it was bittersweet to thank departing members and welcome new members.
- Thanked Mr. Donnell and Ms. Montoya for their years of service on the Board. She said that she felt blessed to have served with great board members to accomplish the work of the District.
- Congratulated the new Mapleton Board and said that they had already accomplished a lot in their first meeting together.
- Said that she is looking forward to the next years working together.

15.0 BOARD COMMITTEE UPDATE

Mr. Moe said that the Mapleton Education Foundation (MEF) would meet on November 17. He said that the Foundation Board is working hard to keep improving the annual Gala. He said that they reviewed the budget. Mr. Moe said that the new Foundation website had launched and encouraged everyone to check out the new site. In addition, Mr. Moe announced that a new Legacy Association is being formed and is focused on the alumni of Mapleton. Watch for more information on this group.

Ms. Croisant said that Rocky Mountain Risk (RMR) would meet November 17 to review audits for the insurance group.

16.0 SCHOOL BOARD DISCUSSION / REMARKS

Ms. Boyce thanked Mr. Donnell and Ms. Montoya for their years of service. She said that she is excited to begin serving on the Board of Education.

Ms. Croisant thanked Mr. Donnell and Ms. Montoya and welcomed new members, Ms. Boyce and Mrs. Donnell. She said that she is excited to work with this team.

17.0 NEXT MEETING NOTIFICATION

The next Board Business meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 14, 2021, at the Administration Boardroom.

18.0 ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Croisant noted the Board would meet in a staff debrief session following the business meeting.

The Board motioned to adjourn at 7:05 p.m.

Cynthia Croisant, Board President

Daisy Lechman, Board Secretary

Members of The Board of Education – Mapleton Public Schools, met in a full-day Board retreat and team development session on Wednesday, December 1, 2021, at The Broadmoor Hotel, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Present:

Mallory Boyce – Asst. Sec./Treasurer	Present
Cindy Croisant – President	Present
Terry Donnell – Treasurer	Present
Daisy Lechman – Secretary	Absent
Tom Moe – Vice President	Present

To provide support and information to new members, the Board of Education discussed the following:

- How is the District organized and who are the people?
- Why is it important to consider the “people” of the District?
- What is the personnel cycle – or “roadmap”?
- How are staff evaluated?
- What are the Employee “Agreements” and when are they considered?
- What is the role of the Board?

No official Board action was taken at the meeting.

Cynthia Croisant, Board President

Daisy Lechman, Board Secretary

Submitted by Jayna Burtner, Recording Secretary for the Board of Education

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

President Cindy Croisant called the special meeting of the Board of Education – Mapleton Public Schools to order at 8:19 a.m. on Friday, December 3, 2021, at The Broadmoor, Main Mezzanine.

2.0 ROLL CALL

Mallory Boyce – Asst. Sec./Treasurer	Present
Cindy Croisant – President	Present
Terry Donnell – Treasurer	Present
Daisy Lechman – Secretary	Absent
Tom Moe – Vice President	Present

3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: By Mr. Moe, seconded by Ms. Boyce, to approve the Agenda, as presented.

AYES: Ms. Boyce, Ms. Croisant, Ms. Donnell, and Mr. Moe.
Motion carried 4-0

4.0 COMMUNICATION

4.1 Mill Levy Certification

Mr. Crawford requested that the Board adopt the General Fund mill levy and the Bond Redemption Fund mill levy.

MOTION: By Mr. Moe, seconded by Ms. Boyce, to adopt the General Fund mill levy of 35.702 mills; and the Bond Redemption Fund mill levy of 13.738 mills, for a total levy of 49.440.

AYES: Ms. Boyce, Ms. Croisant, Ms. Donnell, and Mr. Moe.
Motion carried 4-0

5.0 ADJOURNMENT

The Board motioned to adjourn at 8:28 a.m.

Cindy Croisant, Board President

Daisy Lechman, Board Secretary

Submitted by Jayna Burtner, Recording Secretary for the Board of Education

Memo

TO: Charlotte Ciano, Superintendent
FROM: Erica Branscum, Deputy Superintendent, Talent Management
DATE: December 9, 2021

Policy: Professional Staff Recruiting and Hiring, Policy GCE/GCF
Report Type: Decision Making (Consent)
SUBJECT: Personnel Action

Policy Wording: The Board of Education for Mapleton Public Schools directs the Superintendent to develop and maintain a recruitment program designed to attract and hold the best possible personnel.

Decision Requested: The Office of Human Resources recommends following personnel information to be approved by Board Action at the regular meeting on the December 14, 2021.

CLASSIFIED STAFF

<u>NEW EMPLOYEES</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>HIRE DATE</u>	<u>REASON</u>
Faustin, Andrew	Apprentice Mechanic	Transportation	12/06/2021	New Hire
Guerra Rosales, Azucena	Accounting Specialist	Business Services	12/06/2021	New Hire
Ibarra-Montenegro, Angela	Substitute Preschool Para	Preschool	12/10/2021	New Hire
Macias, Jacqueline	Sp.Ed. Paraprofessional	Trailside	11/15/2021	New Hire
Riscos, Karina	Executive Secretary	School & Community Engagement	11/22/2021	New Hire
Townsend, Melina	Substitute Preschool Para.	Preschool	11/17/2021	New Hire

<u>RESIGNATIONS/TERMS</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TERM DATE</u>	<u>REASON</u>
Byerly, Lois	Instructional Paraprofessional	Explore	12/02/2021	Resignation
Kramer, Katelyn	Instructional Paraprofessional	Clayton	12/14/2021	Resignation
Lucero, Cathy	Bus Driver	Transportation	12/10/2021	Resignation
Madrid, Cindy	Bus Driver	Transportation	11/19/2021	Resignation
Mitchell, Monica	Preschool Paraprofessional	Trailside	11/19/2021	Resignation
Tapia, Javier	Bus Driver	Transportation	11/19/2021	Resignation

CLASSIFIED REQUESTS

Jayna Burtner, Senior Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Assistant to the Board of Education, is requesting to retire effective December 31, 2021.

LICENSED STAFF

<u>NEW EMPLOYEES</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>HIRE DATE</u>	<u>REASON</u>
Mehrenberg, Yishaya	Special Education	MESA	12/01/2021	New Hire
Mohamed, Aubrey	Speech Language	Explore	11/29/2021	New Hire
Pinto, Matthew	Spanish	Academy	11/29/2021	New Hire

<u>RESIGNATIONS/TERMS</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TERM DATE</u>	<u>REASON</u>
Aguilar, Yasmin	1st Grade	Welby	12/17/2021	Resignation
Hebert, Maci	Special Education	Mapleton Online	12/03/2021	Resignation
Hirsch, Sara	Science	York	12/17/2021	Resignation
Kelly, Megan	MS Math	Clayton	11/16/2021	Resignation
Martinez, Teresa	Spanish	GLA	12/17/2021	Resignation
Moran, Antonio	Social Studies	MEC	12/17/2021	Resignation
Mottel, Kimberly	MS ELA	Clayton	11/18/2021	Resignation
Stewart, Emily	Special Education	Achieve	12/17/2021	Resignation
Williams, Mason	MS Science	Achieve	11/19/2021	Resignation
Zhou, Ning	MS Math	GIA	11/19/2021	Resignation

LICENSED REQUESTS

John Videtich, Math Teacher at North Valley School for Young Adults, is requesting to retire effective December 17, 2021.

ADMINISTRATION STAFF

<u>NEW EMPLOYEES</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>HIRE DATE</u>	<u>REASON</u>
<u>RESIGNATIONS/TERMS</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TERM DATE</u>	<u>REASON</u>

ADMINISTRATION REQUESTS

No requests at this time

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS/OTHER ON CALL

ADDITIONS

Davis, Gracie
Hale, James
LaGuardia, Julie
Turner, Emily
Vann, Gwendola
Wilson, Deborah

DELETIONS

Blankenship, Walter

LEAVE REQUESTS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATES</u>
Diehl, Rebecca	12/07/2021 – 12/31/2021
Martin, Kimberly	11/08/2021 – 12/10/2021
Paiz, Adrienne	11/29/2021 – 12/06/2021
Sandstrom, Sherrill	01/03/2022 – 04/11/2022
Sejnoha, Bennie	11/08/2021 – 12/10/2021
Shill, Erin	11/29/2021 – 12/07/2021
Smith, Mary	12/09/2021 – 01/28/2022
Vigil, Francine	11/30/2021 – 01/03/2022

LEAVE REQUESTS DENIED

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATES</u>
Menke Cordova, Stephanie	01/03/2022 – 05/27/2022

Memo

TO: Board of Education, Mapleton Public Schools
FROM: Charlotte Ciano, Superintendent
DATE: December 14, 2021

Policy: Sr. Deputy Superintendent's Contract, Policy CBD
Report Type: Decision Making
SUBJECT: Addendum to Sr. Deputy Superintendent's Contract

Policy Wording: Policy CBD requires the Board to secure the employment of a superintendent through an explicit contractual agreement which meets the requirements of state law and protects the rights of both the Board and the Superintendent.

Policy Interpretation: This policy is interpreted as requiring Board of Education approval of the Sr. Deputy Superintendent's employment contract.

Decision Requested: Approval is requested for the addition of an addendum to the employment contract for the Sr. Deputy Superintendent, as presented.

Memo

TO: Charlotte Ciano, Superintendent
FROM: Brian Fuller, Executive Director of Accountability
DATE: December 14, 2021

POLICY: Qualifications/Powers and Responsibilities of Superintendent, Policy
CBA/CBC
REPORT TYPE: Informational
SUBJECT: Dashboard Report – Graduation Data

Policy Wording: The Superintendent shall provide necessary reports to the Board as directed.

Policy Interpretation: This policy is interpreted to include updates to the Board on graduation and dropout rates calculated as part of the required End of Year report submitted to the Colorado Department of Education annually each December.

Report: Each Fall, Colorado school districts submit student data to the Colorado Department of Education to indicate which school students ended the year enrolled in and denote if the student graduated. This annual End of Year report is used to calculate Graduation rates for the district and individual schools.

Graduation Data:

Each year, the Colorado Department of Education collects and publishes graduation data. Graduation data is posted by CDE each January. The Colorado Department of education will publicly release the data presented this evening on January 11th, 2022.

Graduation data are reported for four different timeframes. Data are reported for the 4-year on-time rates and 5-, 6- and 7-year graduation rates.

Definition of the Four-Year, On-Time Graduation Rate:

For the Class of 2021, the definition would be, "The number of students receiving a diploma in four years or less who entered ninth grade during the 2017-18 school year."

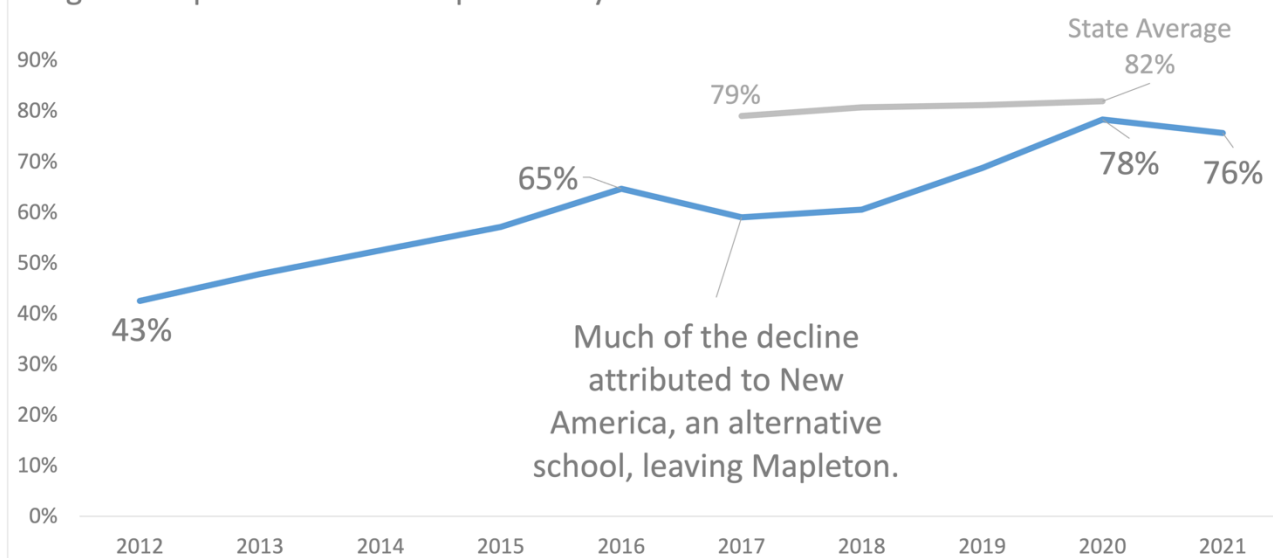
It is important to note that the data reported for the 4-, 5-, 6- and 7-year rates are all looking at different student cohorts (the classes of 2021, 2020, 2019, and 2018 respectively).

The 4-year on-time graduation rate for the class of 2021 was 75.6% which was down 2.7% from the previous year. Mapleton has had a continuous upward trend with respect to the 4-year on-time graduation rate, as you can see in the chart below, where the graduation rate has improved from 43% for the class of 2012 to 78% for the class of 2020. The State

average for the 4-year On-Time graduation rate was 82% in 2020. State averages for 2021 will be released on January 11th, 2022.

On-Time Graduation Rates Hold Steady in 2021

Long Term Upward Trend of Improved 4-year Graduation Rates



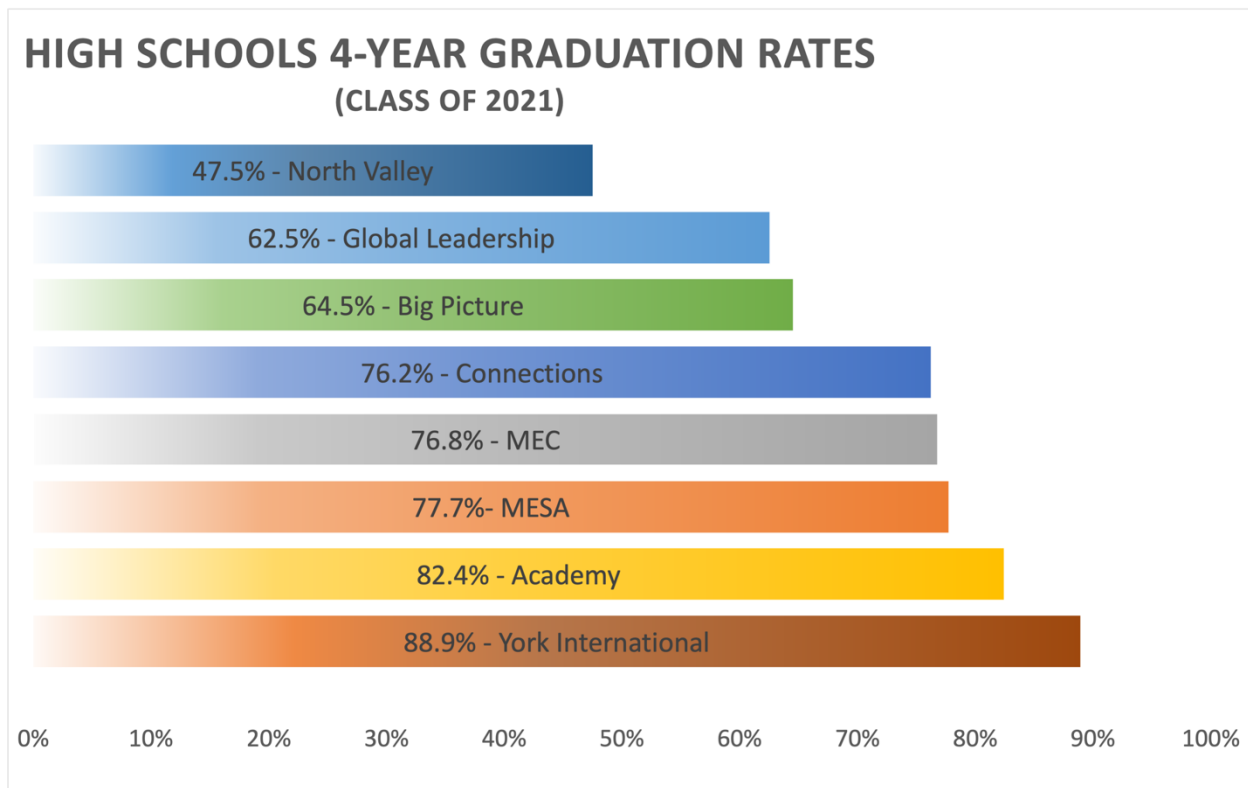
As mentioned earlier in the report, graduation data is also reported for the 5-, 6- and 7-year rates. The 5-year rate would be reporting the graduating class of 2020 and include their four-year on-time graduates as well as any students who graduated the following year (students who began 9th grade with the class of 2020 but ended up graduating with the class of 2021). The table below has Mapleton's graduation rates and calculated graduation rates for Mapleton Public School with school exclusions. The highest graduation rate in the "District Overall" row will be used for school and district accountability purposes. If school and district accountability reports are generated next year, Mapleton will have an 82.5% graduation rate (5-year rate) reported for accountability purposes.

2022 District Performance Framework Graduation Rate

	Class of 2021	Class of 2020	Class of 2019	Class of 2018
	4-year	5-year	6-year	7-year
District Overall	75.6%	82.5%	78.9%	72.6%
District without Connections	75.2%	85.8%	85.5%	82.5%
District without North Valley	77.2%	84.2%	79.7%	75.3%
District without Connections and North Valley	77.9%	89.2%	87.6%	90.1%

In addition to the district's overall graduation rate data, graduation data is reported at the school level. The calculations work the same as for the district calculations, however, it is important to note that the last school a student attended is where the data is reported, regardless of how long the student was enrolled in that school.

The chart below shows the 4-year on-time graduation rate for schools serving high school students in Mapleton. The data show the 4-year graduation rates for Mapleton High Schools range from 47.5% to 88.9% for the class of 2021.



For accreditation purposes, schools can also use their "best" graduation rate. The table below indicates the 4, 5, 6, and 7-year graduation rates for each school for this current year. The table is not showing historical trends but the "best" graduation rate for the past four graduating classes. Each school would use the highest graduation rate in the table below for school accountability purposes. For example, if School Performance Frameworks are issued in August of 2022, Academy High School would have used their 7-year graduation rate of 92.7%, whereas York International would have used their 5-year rate of 98.5%.

Graduation Rates				
	Class of 2021	Class of 2020	Class of 2019	Class of 2018
	4-year	5-year	6-year	7-year
Academy High School	82.4%	85.4%	86.3%	92.7%
Big Picture College and Career Academy	64.5%	79.5%	82.6%	66.7%
Colorado Connections Academy	76.2%	77.6%	69.9%	62.4%
Global Leadership Academy	62.5%	88.5%	81.3%	84.6%
Mapleton Early College High School	76.8%	92.2%	92.7%	88.7%
Mapleton Expeditionary School Of The Arts	77.7%	89.2%	82.6%	90.3%
North Valley School For Young Adults	47.5%	62.9%	66.7%	42.1%
York International	88.9%	98.5%	98.3%	90.7%

Summary:

Graduation rates in Mapleton Public Schools have increased over the past ten years and show an overall positive improvement trend. The four-year on-time graduation rate for Mapleton Public Schools in 2021 dropped from 78.3% to 75.6%, a 2.7% decline from the previous year. As a point of reference, the State average 4-year graduation rate has not yet been released for this current set of data. The state 4-year graduation rate for the class of 2020 was 81.9%, roughly four percentage points higher than Mapleton's graduation rate in 2020. While Mapleton has not yet achieved a 4-year graduation rate matching the state average, the upward trend in graduation rates over time is a positive indicator. Additional analysis to compare graduation trends to state graduation trends will be conducted once state graduation rates have been released.

Memo

TO: Charlotte Ciano, Superintendent
FROM: David Janak, CFO
DATE: December 14, 2021

Policy: Annual Audit, Policy DIE
Report Type: Informational
SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2021 Audit Presentation

Policy Wording: The Board shall engage an independent auditor licensed to practice in Colorado, who is sufficiently knowledgeable in government accounting, to conduct the annual audit. The independent auditor shall audit the District's financial statements, related records, documents, and activities and then report their findings to the Board.

Policy Interpretation: This policy is interpreted as the Board will be informed of and participate in the selection of an independent auditing firm

Report: The annual audit has been completed. The Adams Group reviewed the district's financial statements and performed the single audit on the Student Nutrition program. The team was led by Eric Miller. The site visit was conducted in person for 1 week in October, site work was also completed with the Student Nutrition team.

The audit has resulted in an unqualified opinion. The Adams Group has made several important recommendations to the accounting system. These recommendations did not rise to the level of a formal finding. The board packet includes the draft financial statements. No changes are anticipated, staff is working to complete CDE data report and provide the Adams Group with the Auditor's Verification letter. This will be completed prior to the winter break.

Decision Requested: District administration recommends that the Board of Education accept the findings of the auditing firm.

Memo

TO: Charlotte Ciancio, Superintendent
FROM: Brian Fuller, Executive Director of Accountability
DATE: December 14, 2021

Policy: Accountability/Commitment to Accomplishment, Policy AE
Report Type: Monitoring
SUBJECT: DAAC Report

Policy Wording: In accordance with State law, the Board shall appoint a School District Accountability Committee. The District Accountability Advisory Committee (DAAC) shall have those powers and duties prescribed by State law. The Board and the DAAC shall, at least annually, cooperatively determine the areas of study, in addition to budget preparation, that the DAAC shall provide input, and on which it may make recommendations to the Board.

Policy Interpretation: This policy is interpreted to include monthly updates to the Board regarding the proceeding of DAAC meetings.

Decision Requested: District administration is providing this report for information only. No decision is requested this evening.

Report: In December, 12 members of DAAC convened to learn about upcoming events in Mapleton and began to complete the DAAC review of the Mapleton Student Behavior Handbook.

The meeting began by welcoming everyone and briefly discussing everyone's plans over the holidays as an ice breaker activity. The meeting then entered the district updates portion of the meeting with the DAAC being provided updates on current events in the district. The events discussed included the community survey that was released in November, the new Performing Arts School on Broadway, and an update on the recent calendar changes for late starts and the middle school summit. DAAC members were encouraged to respond to the district survey if they had not yet had the chance to respond.

DAAC members then shifted their focus onto the primary topic for the evening, the second review session of the Student Behavior Handbook. Members were given time to read sections of the document and then share a summary of the sections they read. DAAC members were able to ask questions, provide comments on a JamBoard, and have open discussions on the various sections of the behavior handbook. DAAC members will summarize the questions and comments at our next meeting in January. DAAC members overall, especially those who have been on the committee for a few years, found the document much easier to read than previous versions.

The next DAAC meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 18th, 2021, from 4:30 to 6:00 P.M. as an online meeting using the Microsoft Teams platform. Additional meeting dates will be added if and when DAAC participants request additional time to understand and comment on specific topics.