



The Takeaway

Tuesday, August 5, 2025

Welcome to “The Takeaway,” your weekly source for news and updates from across the district.

If you have a news item or update to share, we’d love to hear from you. [Send your ideas our way](#), and we’ll do our best to include them in a future issue.

New this year! All Points of Pride, including “High Fives” and school celebrations will appear in Mapleton’s new, biweekly community newsletter, *“Ignite: Stories with Spark.”* **Look for the first issue in your inbox on Wednesday, Aug. 27!**

[Share your good news!](#)

[Send a “High Five”!](#)

Past issues of all our employee newsletters are available [on our website](#).

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Mapleton News

Get your Mapleton gear!

The [Mapleton spirit wear store](#) is back for a limited time! Starting tomorrow, Wednesday, Aug. 6, staff can order casual Mapleton gear, including polos, sweaters, vests, and T-shirts.

The online store will close on Sunday, Aug. 18, at 11:59 p.m. Orders will be delivered approximately 2–3 weeks after the store closes.

Don't miss your chance to stock up on this year's gear!

Take a look at [this year's offerings](#).

Get your Mapleton Spirit Gear!

New employee assistance program, AllOne Health

AllOne Health EAP is an employer-sponsored program, available at no cost to Mapleton employees and all members of employee households, including dependent children up to age 26, whether or not they live at home. Services are confidential, and requests can be made 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by phone or online live chat.

To access Services:

- Call: 970-242-9536 or 1-877-679-1100
- Visit: www.triadeap.com
- Code: cebt

Learn more about [employee health and wellness resources](#).

New license renewal requirements for teachers and special service providers

As of June 30, 2025, Colorado educators renewing a Professional Teacher License or a Special Service Provider (SSP) License must now meet new professional development requirements. These include 10 contact hours focused on topics such as behavioral health, inclusive education, and laws related to students with disabilities.

If you've worked in Mapleton in recent years, you may have already earned qualifying hours through previous professional development sessions. Mapleton is working to provide re-licensure letters and offer additional training opportunities throughout the 2025–26 school year.

Please take a moment to [carefully review the new professional development requirements for renewing a Professional Teacher License and a Special Service Provider License with the Colorado Department of Education](#) ([HB 20-1128](#) and [HB 20-1312](#)).

If you have questions, contact [A.J. Staniszewski](#) for support.

New License Renewal Requirements - Learn More!

Attention Classified staff! Join Mapleton's Classified Council to be a voice for your team!

Be a voice for your school or department by joining Mapleton's Classified Council.

Classified Council Representatives attend quarterly meetings to share updates, discuss important topics, and represent the voices of classified staff in their school or department. They help communicate key information—like policy or procedure changes—and bring questions, ideas, and concerns back to the Council. They also support their teams by helping explain interpretations of the [Classified Handbook](#).

Each school or department is invited to select one **Classified Council Representative** and one **alternate** to help strengthen communication across the district. Please work with your principal or department head to make your selections by **Friday, Aug. 15**. The first meeting will be held in September.

Once selected, please send the names of your representative and alternate to [Melodie Mull](#).

News from Assessment and Accountability

2025–26 Assessment calendar

The District Assessment calendar for the 2025-26 school year is now available. Please review the schedule [using this link](#).

This is a live document, so be sure to bookmark the link. Any updates or changes will be made directly in this version. You can also find the calendar in the [School and District Leadership SharePoint site](#) under the “Quick Links” section.

Introducing the Mapleton Document Chat tool

Do you have questions about things like Mapleton Board policy, Colorado state law, or internal documents?

The Mapleton Public Schools Document Chat tool is here to help. Designed for district administrators, this AI-powered resource can answer questions using only the documents Mapleton has provided—such as Board policies, employee agreements, and internal help guides. Simply type your question, and the chatbot will search approved resources to find the answer.

[Watch this video](#) for an overview of how it works.

News from Information Technology

Windows 11 upgrades nearing completion!

With Microsoft Windows 10 soon reaching its end of life, the Information Technology team has been working hard to upgrade all district Windows devices to Windows 11. The project is now about three-quarters complete, with the remaining devices scheduled to be upgraded by October.

Staff using a Windows device who have not yet been upgraded can expect to hear from the team soon. Thank you for your continued support as this important transition is completed.

Improving cellular coverage at the Global Campus

The Technology team partnered with an implementation vendor this summer to install cellular signal boosters at the Global Campus. A similar project was completed earlier this year at the Skyview Campus with positive results. Enhanced cellular coverage supports campus safety by helping ensure mobile devices function reliably in emergency situations.

Change/reset your WebEx calling voicemail PIN

Have you forgotten your voicemail PIN? Have no fear, for you have the ability to reset your PIN on your own. [Please follow these instructions](#).

Back up your files to OneDrive

As we kick off the school year, there is no better time than now to make sure that your files are being backed up to your OneDrive. Please remember to make sure your files are being saved to your Documents folder and [simply follow the instructions on this link](#) to make sure your files are backed up.

News from Teaching and Learning

New Teacher Induction: K–2 foundational skills professional development

All teachers who are new to Mapleton and/or new to teaching K–2 literacy, including special education teachers, are invited to attend a collaborative professional learning session focused on foundational skills and the science of reading.

Date: Wednesday, Sept. 4

Time: 4–6 p.m.

Location: Administration Building (7350 Broadway, Denver, 80221), Trail Ridge Room

During this session, teachers will:

- Learn about Mapleton’s common practices for teaching foundational reading skills
- Explore the phonics lesson plan format, including how it supports the application of phonics concepts through multiple, meaningful practice opportunities
- Understand the need for daily decodable text in both whole-group and small-group instruction

This is a valuable opportunity to deepen your understanding, connect with fellow K–2 educators, and gain tools to support strong literacy instruction in your classroom. Please RSVP by emailing [Karla Gruenwald](#).

Teaching and Learning SharePoint updates

A portion of the [Teaching and Learning SharePoint](#) has been reorganized to make it easier to find key resources. Staff can now access Priority Standards, Quarterly Pacing Guides, Unit and Lesson Planning Resources, and Curriculum Resources (Vendor Resources) under Rigorous Curriculum Design and Intentional Planning.

The [Instructional Design Team](#) page includes support documents for IDTs and Data-Driven Instruction.

The [Literacy Resources page](#) offers primary literacy materials and support documents for Benchmark Advance K–5.

Assessment-related resources can be found by clicking the arrow next to “[Assessment](#).”

Additional pages include “[English Language Development](#)” (ELD) and “[Gifted and Talented](#)” (GT), among others.

Staff are encouraged to take a few moments to explore the [updated SharePoint](#) and discover the many resources available to support instruction.

District Interim Assessment Information

District Interim Assessment resources are now available on the [Assessment](#) page of the Teaching and Learning SharePoint (click the arrow next to “Assessment,” then select “District Interim Assessments”).

This section includes information about administering the assessments, dates, pacing guides (same as under Quarterly Pacing Guides), and Interim Assessment data analysis information.

Most importantly, there is a link to the Content Review links for the Interim Assessments. Right now, there are only Quarter 1 links. These are for teacher and administrator content review ONLY and are NOT to be shared with students, as they are semi-secure, and are the actual questions on the assessments. These links will not be active once testing begins.

For questions about where to find something on the Teaching and Learning SharePoint, or about Interim Assessments, please do not hesitate to contact [Veronica Shea](#) in Teaching and Learning, ext. 1064.

"Nuts and Bolts" – News from Operations

Summer projects prep schools for a safe start

While school buildings were quiet this summer, the Facilities team was hard at work behind the scenes to ensure a smooth and safe start to the new year. Here are just a few of the projects completed across the district:

- Floors were stripped and waxed
- HVAC coils were cleaned and air filters were replaced
- Fire alarms and safety systems were tested
- Electrical outlets were installed, and minor upgrades were completed

Quick tip: When hanging items on classroom walls, please use putty, painter's tape, or mounting tabs. These options help prevent damage to paint and drywall and keep classrooms looking their best year after year.

Thank you for helping keep our schools clean, safe, and ready for learning!

New work order system coming soon! A new work order system designed to improve communication and streamline maintenance requests will be here soon! Stay tuned for more details!

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, Aug. 6 - Opening Day - All Staff

Wednesday-Thursday, Aug.6-7 - Professional Development Days

Friday, Aug. 8 - Instructional Planning Day

Monday, Aug. 11 - Teacher Work Day

Tuesday, Aug. 12 - First Day of School for 1st-6th, 7th, 9th, and Kinders last names A-K, North Valley

Wednesday, Aug. 13 - First Day of School for 8th, 10th-12th, and Kinders last names L-Z

Wednesday, Aug. 13 - Board Study Session, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 27 - Board Business Meeting, 6 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 1 - Labor Day - All district offices closed

[Skyview Wolverines Athletics Calendar](#)

[District Performing Arts Calendar](#)

“Ignite: Stories that Spark” Call for Submissions

Let's brag about it! Is something happening in your school that you would love to highlight or “show off?” We know you are awesome, so let's celebrate it! Please submit a paragraph and pictures detailing your good news to communications@mapleton.us.

Email: communications@mapleton.us

Website: <https://www.mapleton.us/>

Location: [7350 Broadway, Denver, CO 80221, USA](#)

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