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Mesa County Federal Mineral Lease District Awarded Caprock Academy \$50,000 Safety & Security Grant

Grant supported campus safety upgrades and emergency preparedness initiatives

Grand Junction, CO – January 26, 2026 - Caprock Academy was awarded a \$50,000 Safety and Security Program grant from the Mesa County Federal Mineral Lease District (MCFMLD) as part of the district's 2025 grant cycle. The grant was awarded in October 2025 and supported key improvements designed to enhance campus safety, strengthen emergency preparedness, and provide a more secure learning environment for students, staff, and families.

Through this grant, Caprock Academy implemented a series of safety enhancements, including upgraded staff communication systems, additional automated external defibrillators (AEDs) with child and infant pads, expanded security camera coverage, increased classroom door visibility, and protective upgrades to campus windows and perimeter areas.

Caprock Academy was one of five Mesa County organizations selected to receive funding during the 2025 grant cycle, which awarded a total of \$348,781 to projects addressing local community needs. The Mesa County Federal Mineral Lease District reinvests federal mineral lease revenues into initiatives that promote positive social and economic impact throughout the region.

“This grant allowed us to take meaningful steps to further strengthen campus safety and emergency readiness,” said Chance Ballegeer, Director of Safety & Security at Caprock Academy. “We are grateful for MCFMLD’s commitment to supporting schools and investing in the well-being of students and staff across Mesa County.”

Funding for MCFMLD grants originated from federal mineral lease payments distributed through the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) and allocated to counties and districts impacted by federal mineral leasing activity.

Caprock Academy appreciates the Mesa County Federal Mineral Lease District’s continued investment in community safety and its support of proactive measures that help schools maintain secure, well-prepared campuses.

About Caprock Academy

Caprock Academy is a tuition-free, public K–12 charter school located in Grand Junction, Colorado. Grounded in a classical education model, Caprock Academy emphasizes rigorous academics,

character development, and personal accountability, preparing students to succeed in college, career, and life. Learn more at www.caprockacademy.org.

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