Retired High School Update

September 18, 2017

Primary Objectives: The abatement and demolition of the building with public safety as our top priority, and to complete the project in the most cost effective method for the taxpayers of Montezuma County.

<u>Primary Demolition Contractor</u>: Iron Mountain Demolition – Colorado Springs, CO (reserves all salvage rights).

<u>Primary Abatement Contractor:</u> Colorado Hazard Control – Denver, CO

<u>Environmental Consultants and Plan Design:</u> Abby Environmental – Westminister, CO & Western Technologies – Durango CO.

Owner's Representative: Jim Ketter

- Phase One: abatement and demolition was completed last March, April, May, and June. This phase of the project included the removal of all asbestos (pipe fittings, auditorium ceiling, sheetrock, floor tile) and the mercury flooring material in the auxiliary gym. It also included the demolition of the 1979 addition (auxiliary gym and four classrooms). The funding used for this was the BEST Grant funds of \$418,000.
- Phase Two: The second phase will require up to 85,000 square feet of cinder block to be removed in a controlled fashion, or the surface of the block to be hydro-blasted in order to remove a primer material that has 3% 5% asbestos in it. The plan submitted to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) last July requested a controlled demolition of non-friable material. The school district and contractors have been contacting CDPHE since the plan was submitted for feedback and updates. As of this time, CDPHE has not ruled on the friability issue or determined if a controlled demolition plan will be accepted. If the plan is not accepted by CDPHE, the school district will then likely proceed with the hydro-blasting of the cinderblock surfaces in order to remove all hazardous material prior to demolition.

- **Phase Three:** Site restoration for future use with no hazardous material remaining on the site.
- <u>Timeline:</u> The school district and contractors are waiting for approval of a plan for demolition from the CDPHE and once this is granted, the project will proceed to Phase Two, the abatement and demolition of the remaining building.