Dana is a GoFundMe Kid Hero

As part of our social emotional curriculum, teachers work with students and talk to them about empathy and about doing for others. While we can't really take credit for this effort of compassion and selflessness, here's one example of how Bear Creek students frequently do way more than we could ever imagine.

Dana Perella has been baking cookies and selling them to raise money to help her friend, Mila, afford her gene therapy. She has baked and sold hundreds of cookies, and to date she has raised over $4000. Last week, she was one of 100 kids nationwide who won the GoFundMe Kid Hero award. The Bear Creek community is so impressed and inspired by Dana Perella!

Here she is with her check for $1000 that will go to Mila's Miracle Foundation:
BEAR CREEK CALENDAR

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**Health Room News**

Confirmed cases of the FLU are on the rise!!!

Please remember the following guidelines for keeping your child at home...

**Guidelines for Keeping Your Student Home**

- **Fever, vomiting, or diarrhea:** Your student should remain home for **24 hours after** symptoms end.

- **Colds/respiratory viruses:** Keep your student home at the beginning of a cold. This is also the time when one is most infectious and least likely to feel well enough to participate in class. When he/she feels better and no longer has a persistent cough, it is permissible to return to school.

- **Strep throat:** Your student may return to school **after taking the antibiotic for 24 hours**, feeling better, and being free of symptoms. **Your child will be sent home if he/she has a temperature of 101° or 100° accompanied by any other symptoms.**

**Take everyday preventive actions to stop the spread of germs,** (taken from the CDC website on Flu Prevention)

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it. 
  Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Germs spread this way.

- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.

- If you are sick with flu–like illness, CDC recommends that you stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone except to get medical care or for other necessities. **(Your fever should be gone without the use of a fever-reducing medicine.)**

While sick, limit contact with others as much as possible to keep from infecting them.

(Graph provided by Children’s Hospital)
Happy Holidays Everyone,

Last year PTO invested in 11 Dash and Dot Robots. I would like to share Lisa Chase’s word on how these cuties are used in the school this year.

“The week before Thanksgiving, I started working with the 3rd grade classes (70 kids), once a week with Dash and Dot robots. They are completing obstacles courses and creating and completing challenges of their own. This all sounds like fun and games (and it is :) ) but the kids are learning coding and troubleshooting, utilizing math skills like multiplication, addition, and calculating angles. They are also (perhaps more importantly) honing their teamwork skills and thinking of creative puzzles and solutions. Mr. Neiman’s first grade class has also worked with the robots in his room for a few days and I’ve worked with a few other first graders in small groups. The robots is a great way to practice math skills, interpersonal skills, and exercise some creativity!”

Evening PTO meeting!

PTO will be holding the first evening meeting of the 2017-18 school year on January 16th at 6:00pm in the fishbowl. All parents and guardians of Bear Creek students are members of the PTO. Please attend! We’d love to have your input and involvement.

Free childcare is available for those who sign up in advance. To reserve childcare, please email me before the end of January 9th.

Karin Larsson, PTO Chair
karin.f.larsson@gmail.com
Happy Holidays Bear Creek Community-

PTO is thrilled to announce two new fundraising opportunities. The first is with Shutterfly, the leader in personalized photo products, offering a wide range of photo books, gifts, home décor collections, and unlimited FREE photo storage. The second is with Tiny Prints, the leader in personalized stationery, offering luxe designs from top stationery designers. For each purchase you make from either one of these brands, **13%** will be donated to our school.

How To Support Us:

1. Go to our Storefront URL here – [hcpto.ShutterflyStorefront.com](http://hcpto.ShutterflyStorefront.com)
2. Click through to [Shutterfly.com](http://Shutterfly.com) or [Shutterfly.com/Tinyprints](http://Shutterfly.com/Tinyprints) and start shopping
3. Make a purchase

That’s it, it is that easy AND you can still use any promo’s that are being advertised on the Shutterfly site. Feel free to share this email with all your friends and family, the more people who purchase, the more our school earns.

Thank you for your efforts!

Bear Creek PTO
King Soopers Card

Use your King Soopers card for all your holiday shopping and Bear Creek earns 5%.

King Soopers cards also make a great gift to grandparents, even out of state, as long as they are Kroger stores. The back of the card lists all participating stores.

If you need another King Soopers card, they are obtainable at the front office.

Thank you for using your King Soopers Card!

The PTO wishes you a happy holiday season!

Happy New Year
Earn 5% Cashback for Bear Creek Elementary while shopping at Alfalfa’s. No need to load the card! How does the program work?

Do you shop at the local natural grocery store Alfalfa’s? If so, there’s now a very easy way to make money for Bear Creek while you shop. Apply for a Rebate/Cashback Card and get it scanned when you check out each time. 5% of your shopping payment will be donated by Alfalfa’s to Bear Creek. Yes, it’s that simple. You will be able to use other coupons/discounts as you normally do. You can make your shopping payment with cash or credit card as you normally do. The only additional step is to get the Rebate/Cashback Card scanned after making the payment. Bear Creek will receive a check from Alfalfa’s at the end of every month.

How do I get the Rebate/Cashback Card?
Please fill in this form: [http://tiny.cc/BearCreekAlfalfas](http://tiny.cc/BearCreekAlfalfas). You will be notified by email when your card is ready to be picked up at Alfalfa’s (either the Boulder or Louisville location). It will take a few business days for your card(s) to be ready.

Thank you for supporting Bear Creek!

PTO Hospitality Presents:
Classroom Sponsored Teacher Appreciation Snacks

Two Wednesdays a month classroom parents will sponsor "Appreciation Snacks" for the Bear Creek teachers and staff to express thanks for their hard work. Starting with the 5th grade, September 6th, Mrs. Ewing’s class parents will kick it off. Each classroom will have their chance during the school year to participate.

Each Job requires (3) parents from the specified classroom to provide yummy snacks on behalf of the entire classroom for approximately 15 (total of 45) teachers and staff. Snacks are dropped off before 8:30 on the specified Wednesday to the Teacher’s Lounge at Bear Creek. At the end of the day you collect your empty containers at pick up. It’s so easy!

Some items that have been a hit in the past include bagels, lox and cream cheese, egg dishes, assorted fruit and fruit salads, veggie salads and trays, and of course the sweet stuff. Please visit [https://helpatschool.org](https://helpatschool.org) to sign up. Thank you in advance for your participation!

All dates are Wednesdays, here’s the schedule:

**December 20, Mrs. Platt’s class**
- January 10, Mrs. Hill’s class
- January 24, Mrs. Jenak’s class
- February 7, Mrs. Hattendorf’s class
- February 21, Ms. Koch’s class
- March 7, Mrs. Briggs’ class
- March 21, Mrs. Norton’s class
- April 4, Mr. Neiman’s class
- April 18, Mrs. Kallio and Bulow’s classes

Contact [brigetta.stephenson@gmail.com](mailto:brigetta.stephenson@gmail.com) with questions or comments.
Our school will be participating in Share-a-Gift again this year. Share-a-Gift is an annual, all-volunteer toy collection and distribution holiday project encompassing the Boulder Valley Schools area. Last year over 600 households (1600 boys and girls, ages birth to 14) received these community donations. To be successful, Share-a-Gift needs thousands of high quality, new and used toys, games, books, and puzzles. School collections are the biggest source of toys for Share-a-Gift. This collection allows children to meaningfully participate in gift giving by sharing their own gently used or new toys with less fortunate children in Boulder county. Toys may be dropped off in the Share-a-Gift box in our school beginning the Monday after Thanksgiving, November 27th, through Wednesday, December 13th.

Thanks for sharing with your community!

If you would like to volunteer to help with this worthwhile project, please go to volunteers@shareagift.org

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**Winter Check-List for Bike Riding**

- Wear something bright – better yet: Reflective!
- Hood/hat that fits under helmet + covers ears.
- Wind-proof gloves that fit over coat sleeves.
- Wind-proof leg-wear. Do your boots work on bike?
- Does your coat expose your neck? Add scarf.
- Check for air in tires/oil on chain.
- Check tread on tire – Consider winter tires
- Check all of the above for your kid(s) too!
- Is this your work commute? You will probably return after dark - Please check lights/batteries! One white in front, one red in the back – always!

Also consider

- installing mudguards over both wheels,
- and a bell – For your own and fellow cyclists sake.
- and a chain guard.
Student Council News

Food Drive for EFFA

Student Council is having a food drive for EFAA, or Emergency Family Assistance Association. EFAA donates food and other essential supplies for those in need in Boulder and Broomfield, Colorado. Each grade is responsible for bringing a certain product.

- Kindergarten -- shampoo and laundry detergent
- First grade -- toilet paper
- Second grade -- baby food
- Third grade -- pinto, refried, or black beans
- Fourth grade -- nonperishable canned tuna or chicken
- Fifth grade -- canned soup
  (to be donated to Boulder Area Outreach for Homeless overflow)

Please help us help our community! Our drive begins Thursday, November 30th and ends Friday, January 26th. To better understand the need in our community and EFAA’s impact, please see this 2.5 minute video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q7kzGhjUw_k

Thank you for your support and collaboration as we work to support all members of our community, large and small!

SPIRIT DAY

The next Spirit Day is mustache, monocle, glasses day scheduled for next Friday, December 15th.

Buddy Bears - These spirit bear designs will hang in the front hallway through January. Students will write an intention or way in which they plan to help someone, or something.
Due to the large amount of equipment being used in our tumbling and gymnastics P.E unit we will be cancelling Jump Rope Club and Intramurals on the following days.

No Jump Rope Club on Dec. 12th

No Intramurals on Dec. 14th, 15th.

Both activities will resume on the week of Dec. 18th.

Why Exercise is cool

Kids exercise all the time without even thinking of it. Just being active, like when you run around outside or play kickball at school, is a kind of exercise. What else counts as exercise? Playing sports, dancing, doing push-ups, and even reaching down to touch your toes.

When you exercise, you're helping build a strong body that will be able to move around and do all the stuff you need it to do. Try to be active every day and your body will thank you later!

Exercise Makes Your Heart Happy

You may know that your heart is a muscle. It works hard, pumping blood every day of your life. You can help this important muscle get stronger by doing aerobic exercise.

Aerobic means "with air," so aerobic exercise is a kind of activity that requires oxygen. When you breathe, you take in oxygen, and, if you're doing aerobic exercise, you may notice you're breathing faster than normal. Aerobic activity can get your heart pumping, make you sweaty, and quicken your breathing.

When you give your heart this kind of workout on a regular basis, your heart will get even better at its main job — delivering oxygen (in the form of oxygen-carrying blood cells) to all parts of your body.

So you want to do some aerobic exercise right now? Try swimming, basketball, ice or roller hockey, jogging (or walking quickly), inline skating, soccer, cross-country skiing, biking, or rowing. And don't forget that skipping, jumping rope, and playing hopscotch are aerobic activities, too!

Exercise Strengthens Muscles

Another kind of exercise can help make your muscles stronger. Did you ever do a push-up or swing across the monkey bars at the playground? Those are exercises that can build strength. By using your muscles to do powerful things, you can make them stronger. For older teens and adults, this kind of workout can make muscles bigger, too.
PE News Cont. - Exercise Makes You Flexible
Can you touch your toes easily without yelling ouch? Most kids are pretty flexible, which means that they can bend and stretch their bodies without much trouble. This kind of exercise often feels really good, like when you take a big stretch in the morning after waking up. Being flexible means you can move your arms and legs freely without feeling tightness or pain.

Bear Creek 2018 Literary Magazine
Call for Submissions

The Bear Creek Literary Magazine is coming spring of 2018! We are calling for submissions from all writers and artists interested in submitting work. A panel of judges comprised of Bear Creek staff will select the best work to be included in the magazine.

**What:** Poetry, short stories, essays, dramatic dialogue, drawings, photos, graphics. Submissions should be completely original student works without teacher or parental input and labeled with name and grade. All written submissions should be typed and have a maximum of 500 words.

**Who:** Students may submit on their own; teachers may submit on behalf of students.

**When:** All submissions are due by February 28, 2018.

**How:** Electronically to lisa.chase@bvsd.org or via hard copy to the Bear Creek office.
Bear Creek Geography Bee

The Bear Creek Geography Bee will take place at Bear Creek on Tuesday, January 16th, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. in the Fish Bowl.

Come and cheer on the 4th and 5th graders who will be part of our School Bee!!

Norman Stamski        Kylie Duart
Will Matsumura        Oliver Kubitschek
Katie Zhou            Riley Levine
Max Hendrick          Tessa Chamberlin
Elden Graham          Laurel Brain
Lauren Payne          Jeremy Berets
Annika Jacobson       Reid Gannan
Frank Boice           Calvin Vozoff
Rose Churchill        Zachariah Nagle
Saoirse Chase         Caroline Holloway Imrie
Ethan Lonnon          Russell Baker
Ewan Kenny            Alice Rowe
Enzo Massimino        Amelie Wild
Luka Teoduru          Koby Horowitz
Aidan Wire

If you would like to help as an announcer or judge in the competition, please send me an e-mail (heidi.casey@bvsd.org) as soon as possible. We would really appreciate your help.

Heidi Casey
heidi.casey@bvsd.org
The Spelling Bee is coming!
Friday, January 19th, 1:15 PM
in the Bear Creek fishbowl

All 3rd -5th graders will take a pre-test in December. Students with the highest scores will receive notification with more information about the competition at Bear Creek and a study list. The winner of the school spelling bee will advance to participate in the Regional Bee that will be held on February 10, 2018.

We use parent volunteers to help run the spelling bee at Bear Creek. Email emily.kallio@bvsd.org if you are interested in volunteering. Thanks!
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- Lip Sync Sign Up
For over three decades, the CU Wizards program has presented FREE monthly shows that entertain and inform children about the wonders of science. Under the direction of Prof. David Nesbitt, these interactive shows are presented once a month from September through June. They are hosted by renowned University of Colorado, Boulder professors and provide a perfect start to a fun-filled weekend. The shows are geared toward children and young adults, but all are welcome!
Each program lasts about an hour and includes several lively demonstration experiments.

No reservations required. All shows are on Saturday mornings and begin at 9:30 a.m.

WHERE?
At the University of Colorado at Boulder in the Duane Physics or Cristol Chemistry buildings. There is FREE PARKING in LOTS 308 and 456. There is also parking available for a $4.00 flat fee in the Euclid parking structure. Please refer to our website for additional parking information.

SPONSORS:
- Chancellor DiStefano
- David Paddock Endowment
- George Gamow Memorial Lecture Fund
- College of Arts & Sciences
- Merrill Lynch
- CU Science Discovery Program
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- Local Wizards Fans who donate!

CU Wizards 2017-2018 Schedule:

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For more information please visit: www.colorado.edu/cuwizards
WE IMPACT
STUDENTS
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Do you know about the important work we do within our community?

HOW WE MAKE AN IMPACT

🌟 Crayons to Calculators
Ensuring local students, no matter their financial situation, are equipped with the school supplies they need to succeed.

10,250+ backpacks full of supplies were delivered in 2017

🌟 Summer Shuffle
Preventing summer slide in literacy among students in low-income neighborhoods, in partnership with Boulder Housing Partners.

🌟 Classroom Innovation Grants
Funding for innovative instruction projects and methods that require support beyond schools’ capabilities.

🌟 Career Pathways
Cultivating career exploration after school with students participating in different career possibilities through hands-on and meaningful learning experiences. Students are also connected with professional mentors within the business community.

🌟 Opportunity Fund
Fostering student motivation, engagement, and success by reducing economic barriers to participation in enriching educational experiences. $77,000 was provided to students in 2017

Please visit our website today to learn more about the IMPORTANT work we do within our community:
ImpactOnEducation.org
1. **Use LED Holiday Lights**
   Traditional incandescent holiday lights are huge energy-suckers, so much so we recommend recycling your old lights (learn how at ecocycle.org/holidayguide) and investing in LEDS. They may cost a little more up front, but holiday LED lights consume 90% less energy and last up to 25 times longer.

2. **Re-charge it!**
   Every year over 15 billion batteries are produced worldwide, and many are alkaline batteries that are thrown out after just one use. Replace your alkaline batteries with rechargeable ones. Never models can charge in as little as 15 minutes! Save money and help the environment at the same time.

3. **Reduce Food Waste**
   Roughly 40% of all the food grown in the U.S. is thrown away. Prevent waste with careful planning. This “guestimator” tool can help: saveathome.com/guestimator. Stick to your shopping list. If there are leftovers, encourage guests to take them home in reusable containers and freeze the rest for an easy meal on another day.

4. **Stop Junk Mail**
   The holidays can bring catalogs and other mail asking you to buy, buy, buy. But you can stop them! As soon as you receive an unwanted publication, call their 1-800 number and ask to be removed from their list. Learn more tricks, including 6 steps to getting and staying off mailing lists, at ecocycle.org/junkmail.

5. **Wrap it & Pack it Eco-Style**
   While we will be accepting wrapping paper for a limited time, its high-clay and low-paper content makes it difficult to recycle. Instead, get creative and choose reused/reusable alternatives like comics, posters, maps, blueprints, or calendars (all recyclable), fabric, reusable paper or cloth gift bags, bandannas, etc. For shipping, replace foam or bubble wrap with balled up newspaper or magazine pages.

6. **Don’t Give “Stuff”**
   Instead of buying new products or things for your friends and loved ones, give meaningful gifts that will enhance their lives. Some ideas:
   - Give experiences in the form of gift cards to museums, parks, or the movies.
   - Give something edible; make a dessert or a healthy snack packaged in reusable mason jars.
   - Give products that will help your friends and family go green, such as mugs, or reusable lunch containers.

Learn where to recycle holiday-related items, like wrapping paper, at www.ecocycle.org/HolidayGuide
Don't forget to recycle all of these holidays leftovers!

**Batteries**
- RECYCLE AT THESE LOCATIONS ONLY, NO in curbside bins.
- Rechargeable Batteries:
  - Boulder County Hazardous Materials Management Facility
  - Longmont Waste Diversion Center

**Electronics & Appliances**
- RECYCLE AT THESE LOCATIONS:
  - CHARM (free apply)
  - With a responsible company, listed here: ecocycle.org/appliances/electronics

**Food Scraps**
- COMPOST in curbside bins at:
  - CHARM, Fees apply. Visit ecocycle.org/compost for details.
  - Longmont Waste Diversion Center

**Cooking Oil**
- RECYCLE AT THESE LOCATIONS ONLY - NOT in curbside bins:
  - CHARM, $3 facility fee applies
  - Longmont Waste Diversion Center

**Holiday Cards**
- RECYCLE at next year's gift tags or scrap-for-cards.

**Dark Envelopes**
- NOT RECYCLABLE, ARE COMPOSTABLE
  - Do not send envelopes such as labels and games in non-recyclable. Whiteighth-letter paper envelopes are OK to recycle, but not in curbside bins.

**Wrapping Paper**
- For a limited time only in BOLDER & LONGMONT, Dec 26-Jan 31
- RECYCLE AT THESE LOCATIONS ONLY - NOT in curbside bins:
  - Boulder County Recycling Center
  - Longmont Waste Diversion Center

**Paper Shopping Bags & Cardboard Boxes**
- RECYCLE at CHARM (free apply), not in curbside bins.

**Tree Recycling**
- See image below for tips on how to recycle a holiday tree.

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More tips and resources for making your holidays green at www.ecocycle.org/holidayguide

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**Drop-off Center Info:**
- **Boulder County Recycling Center**
  - 1215 Canyon Blvd, Boulder, CO 80304
- **Boulder County Hazardous Materials Management Facility (HMM)**
  - 1215 Canyon Blvd, Boulder, CO 80304, open Mon-Fri 8am-5pm, Sat 8am-12pm
- **Eco-Cycle City of Boulder**
  - 638 24th St, Boulder, CO 80303, open Mon-Fri 8am-5pm, Sat 8am-12pm
- **Alkpark Transfer Station & Recycling Center**
  - 2225 6th St, Boulder, CO 80304, open Mon-Fri 8am-5pm, Sat 8am-12pm
- **Longmont**
  - Civic Center Plaza, Longmont, CO 80501, open Mon-Fri 8am-5pm, Sat 8am-12pm
- **Erie**
  - 400 S 10th Ave, Erie, CO 80516, open Mon-Fri 8am-5pm, Sat 8am-12pm
- **Lafayette**
  - 710 S 10th Ave, Lafayette, CO 80026, open Mon-Fri 8am-5pm, Sat 8am-12pm
- **Louisville**
  - 303 S 10th Ave, Louisville, CO 80027, open Mon-Fri 8am-5pm, Sat 8am-12pm

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**Get Recycling Questions?**
- A7 Recycling Hotline: 303-444-8834
- Email: recycle@ecocycle.org

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**Eco-Cycle Recycling Hotline:** 303-444-8834
BVSD is working to improve air quality in our schools

Last year, BVSD began a long term initiative to collect indoor air quality data across the district to identify where we can make changes to improve it. Recognizing the proven role of good indoor air quality for student performance and health, BVSD hopes this work will have significant benefits for students and staff. There are a couple of ways parents are asked get involved and help with this effort:

Provide information about reasons for absenteeism
In addition to collecting data from school sites, we want to understand how air quality may be affecting student health and absenteeism. Beginning this school year, when parents call in to report a health-related absence from school, they will be asked to identify the nature of the illness. Learn more.

Join the District-wide Air Quality Team
The district is creating an Indoor Air Quality Team to work with us on this initiative. The team will include BVSD principals, teachers, parents and community members. Once convened, the team will determine meeting times and schedule. Applications are due September 9. Follow these links for more information and the application.

For more information about the air quality initiative, go to: bvsd.org/airquality.

Student accident insurance 2017-2018

Low-cost student accident insurance is again being offered by Markel this year. They have changed their enrollment method from paper to electronic and will not be providing print outs to schools to distribute to students. Attached is a PDF of their enrollment information. This information is also available on the district website at http://www.bvsd.org/employees/AthleticsActivities/Athletic%20Insurance%20Information/Forms/AllItems.aspx.

Healthy Kids Initiative
Another possible option for parents whose students need health insurance is the Boulder County Healthy Kids Initiative which helps families enroll in Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+) and Medicaid. CHP+ and Medicaid are free and low-cost health insurance plans that provide dental, medical, prescription, mental health, and vision benefits. There are no monthly premiums, and co-pays range from $0 - $15 depending on family income. CHP+ has higher income eligibility limits than many public assistance programs, so many working families can qualify. Assets are not considered when determining eligibility for these programs. Some families who have not previously qualified may be able to qualify now due to new income guidelines.

Eligibility specialists are available to serve families at all BVSD schools. Call 720-515-1454 today to talk with a specialist or to make an appointment!

More information is available on the district website at http://www.bvsd.org/healthykids. A link to this page is on the front page of the district site: Go to www.bvsd.org and click the Healthy Kids Initiative logo at the bottom of the page.

NONDISCRIMINATION/EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

In compliance with Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008, Colorado law and Board of Education Policy AC (Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity), Boulder Valley School District does not discriminate on the basis of disability, race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, national origin, religion, ancestry, need for special education services, age, marital status, genetic information, or physical characteristics in admissions, access to, treatment, or employment in educational programs or activities which it operates. Complaint procedures have been established for students, parents, employees and members of the public. The following person has been identified as the compliance officer for the district:

Superintendent, Boulder Valley School District6500 Arapahoe Rd.
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