

A LETTER FROM DR. MONTINA ROMERO

Fountain-Fort Carson School District 8 is a unique public school district whose mission is to empower every student to thrive as a responsible, productive and engaged citizen by inspiring life-long learning and civic engagement, by challenging and supporting every student to achieve his or her fullest potential, and by embracing the diversity of both the local and global community. The District is a diverse community with 50.9% minority and 51.3% Free/Reduced Lunch status. Furthermore, over 60% of the student population is military connected, resulting in a high mobility rate and need for consistent, convenient and affordable opportunities to engage in positive and productive activities.

The opportunity for the YMCA to utilize the Dean Fleischauer Activities Center to develop a community YMCA has the potential to enhance the lives of students and families throughout the Fountain community. Specifically, the students attending Fountain Middle School, directly adjacent to the center, will benefit from extended recreational opportunities and safe spaces for gathering.

Fountain-Fort Carson School District is eager to expand the relationship with the YMCA. The current partnership is grounded in the shared value of creating healthy choices for students, families and the community. It is evident that the YMCA is vested in the Fountain community, and Fountain-Fort Carson School District is excited about the potential of the YMCA renovating the Dean Fleischauer Activities Center to enhance the quality of life in the Fountain community.

Sincerely,

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