

October 28, 2026

GCSI Update on Facilities, Letters of Intent, and Next Steps

We are preparing the final materials requested by Garfield County School District Re-2 and will submit them on Friday, October 30, 2026 by 5 p.m., to satisfy the completeness requirements under C.R.S. § 22-30.5-107(1)(c). These materials include updates on two possible facilities and locations explained below.

Location Number One
949 Railroad Avenue in Rifle

Location Number One: GCSI has located a vacant building which can be repurposed for the GCSI inaugural school year in Fall 2027 and also as the Rifle Innovation Center used by all students grades 6-12 from all schools in Garfield County after-school, on Fridays, and weekends.

The Garfield County Board of County Commissioners will discuss the county-owned building at 949 Railroad Avenue in Rifle at its Monday, November 2, 2026 meeting at 8:00 a.m. (**108 8th Street, Glenwood Springs, CO 81601**).

Because the discussion involves contract negotiations, the Board is expected to go into Executive Session.

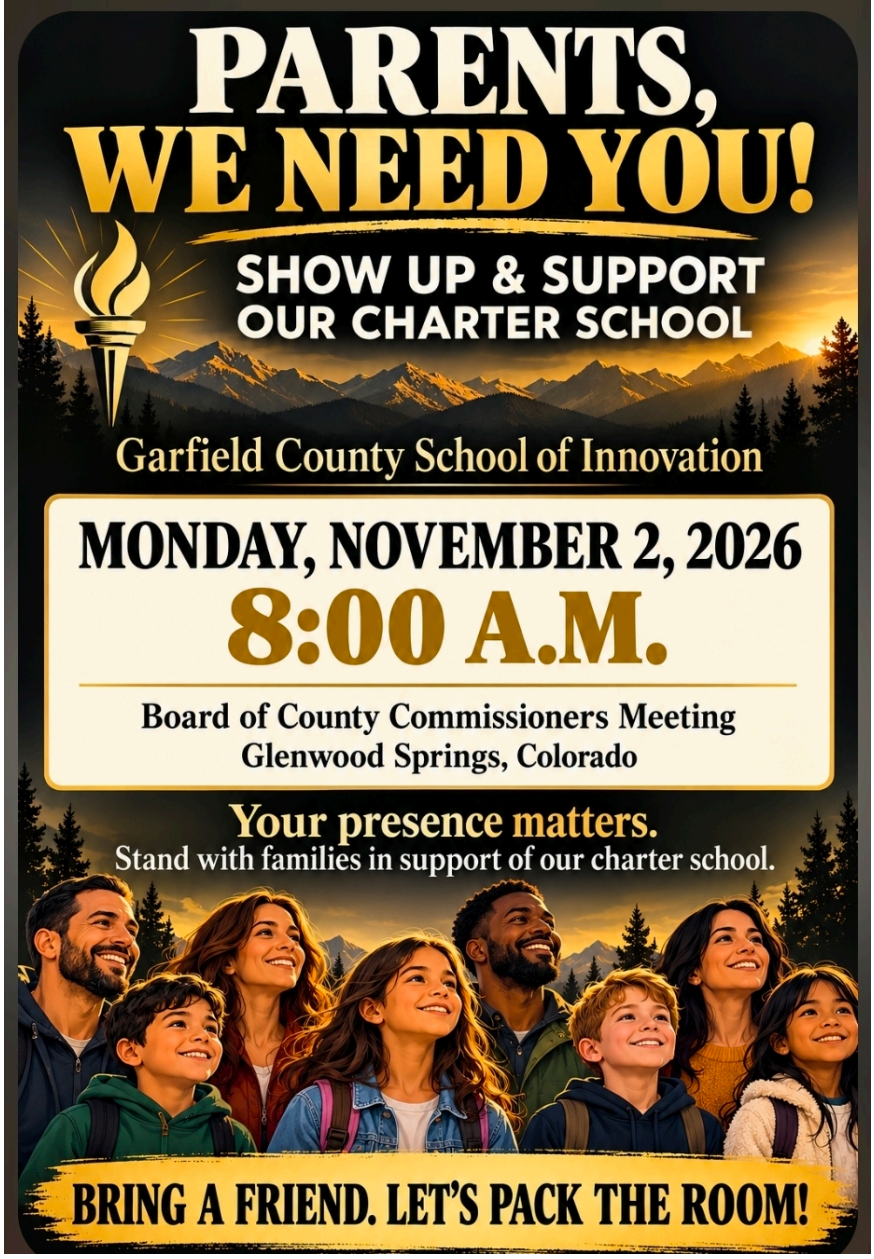
Public comment will not be taken on this item. Parents and community members are still encouraged to attend and show their support by their presence in the room before the Board goes into Executive Session. A strong showing of support matters. Bring a friend. Let’s pack the room.

The Rifle Innovation Center would offer after-school, Friday, and weekend programming open to all students grades 6-12—GCSI students and students from every other school in the area. The space would give students access to hands-on labs in STEM, engineering, entrepreneurship, and aviation,

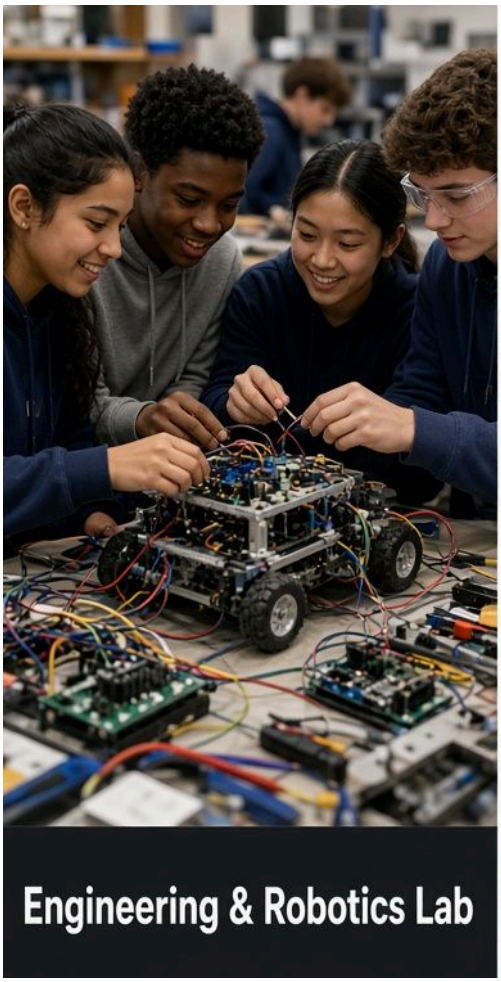
including 3-D printers, CNC routers, laser engravers, drone and aviation labs, robotics and engineering labs, and business and innovation entrepreneurial projects. STEM-focused clubs and competitions such as Technology Student Association (TSA), FIRST Robotics, Best Robotics, and 4-H would have a dedicated home.

Innovator-Mentors would support students during these Expanded Learning Time hours. The Center would also be open to the homeschool community. This dual use would allow the building to serve as the founding campus of GCSI during the school day and as a broader community innovation resource outside regular school hours.

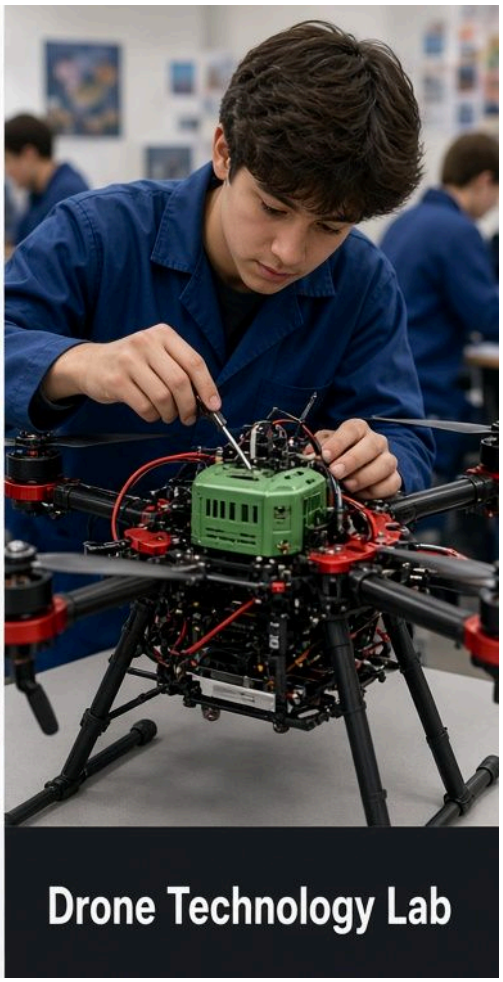
Your presence matters. Stand with families in support of this opportunity for Garfield County students. Bring a friend. Let's pack the room. See you Monday morning.






Engineering & Robotics Lab


Aviation Flight Simulator


Drone Technology Lab

Location Number Two

Aviation Campus South of Rifle Airport

Location Number Two: GCSI has signed a Letter of Intent for approximately 70 acres of land adjacent to the Rifle Airport for our future world-class Aviation Campus. The LOI is intended to facilitate further negotiations, with any binding Purchase and Sale Agreement to be negotiated later, subject to charter approval from the Garfield County Re-2 Board of Education and other contingencies.

This location is well suited for an aviation-focused campus. It would support a fly-in/fly-out educational program that allows middle and high school students to work toward a pilot's license while still enrolled in school, similar in concept to the **Albuquerque Aviation Academy charter school, which owns and operates its own aircraft for student training while in school and is also located adjacent to the airport.**

The campus would also house the proposed planetarium, Science on a Sphere, and Career and Technical Education programs in culinary arts, restaurant and tourism management. It would be a field-trip destination for students, parents, and tourists from the entire region.

Negotiations for both buildings are important to the application because they demonstrate concrete progress toward a viable founding location and a longer-term permanent site.

Upon timely receipt of these completed materials, the 120-day review period will proceed under the agreed timeline, with a Garfield County Board of Education vote expected by January 28, 2027.

Once the District confirms the application is complete under C.R.S. § 22-30.5-107(1)(c) and District Policy LBD-R, the Board of Education is required to hold a community meeting under C.R.S. § 22-30.5-107(2) to obtain information to assist in its decision.



Letters of Intent

We currently have 250 confidential, non-binding Letters of Intent to enroll. Additional Letters of Intent submitted before October 30, 2026, and continuing up until the Garfield County Board of Education votes on or before January 28, 2027, will help build momentum and strengthen our application. If you or someone you know is interested, the form is available here: **https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe3K0JNvXEOtwg4bf1UrAIyNBOWFEyWcZQReXoKNcUW-7uXDw/viewform**

Sign a Non-Binding Letter of Intent to Enroll

Partnerships and Next Steps

GCSI is currently developing partnerships with engineering, aviation, and other entrepreneurship mentors, innovators, business and industry leaders, and higher education partners, including 4-H and the Colorado State University Extension.

We are grateful to offer the prestigious Embry-Riddle Aviation and Engineering curriculum for grades 6–9 beginning in Fall 2027, and we have already secured a strong partnership with Colorado Northwestern Community College. Aviation Technology Program Director Nathan Hardin, a long-time leader in aviation education in Colorado, has provided his personal mentorship and

institutional support to help GCSI build a seamless pathway from secondary aviation coursework into collegiate flight training and aerospace careers.

If you want to be part of this exciting STEM venture, please contact Judy Brannberg at 303.522.2158 or **judy.brannberg@gmail.com.**

Thank You For Your Support

Thank you for your continued interest and support as we prepare the final materials for submission to the Garfield County Re-2 Board of Education on October 30, 2026. We will keep you informed as the review process moves forward and as the facilities discussions progress. If you have questions, please email or telephone us directly. We are excited to bring this project to life and eagerly await the final Garfield County Board of Education vote on or before January 28, 2027.

K–12 Grades Served | **Career and Tech Labs (CTE)** | **2 Dual Diploma Patways** | **Concurrent Enrollment**

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