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D-11’s school board voted last week to approve the remodel of the 4,850 square-foot space in the northwest corner of Mitchell High School. This new facility will offer comprehensive primary medical, dental and integrated behavioral health care services.

Research shows that attention to health and wellness translates to higher academic success for students. A current trend across the region and nation is to find community-based health care centers co-located within a community’s school site. Peak Vista has two school-based health centers; however, this facility will be the first of its kind to serve the students and families of Mitchell High School and their feeder schools, as well as neighborhood residents of all ages. “This will be our first venture in this innovative, blended model and we are excited for this partnership with D-11,” said Pam McManus, President and CEO of Peak Vista.

The Mitchell High School neighborhood has been identified as an area in need of higher quality medical, dental and behavioral health care offerings. This partnership between School District 11 and Peak Vista is part of the initiative to revitalize the Southeast region of Colorado Springs. “I want our schools to be the hubs of our community and the partnership with Peak Vista aligns with what we are envisioning,” said D-11 Superintendent, Dr. Michael Thomas.

Construction on the Peak Vista Family Health Center at Mitchell High School will begin this summer and is set to open December 2019.

About Peak Vista Community Health Centers
Peak Vista Community Health Centers is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide exceptional health care to people facing access barriers through clinical programs and education.
Established in 1971, Peak Vista offers primary medical, dental and behavioral health care services to over 94,000 patients annually throughout the Pikes Peak and the East Central regions. To learn more about Peak Vista, visit peakvista.org.

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