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**TO:** Bob Keen, City of Steamboat Springs Planning and Community Development

**FROM:** Richard Melzer, Routt County Department of Environmental Health

**RE:** Project Number: PL20230123

Project Name: Steamboat Christian Academy Conditional Use

Project Type: Conditional Use

**DATE:** May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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I have reviewed the referenced planning application and have the following comments:

- Nonpublic schools (private, non-state independent and parochial) are considered to be small businesses in the state of Colorado. School owners must obtain a license from the Colorado Secretary of State's office to operate. C.R.S. 24-48.5-101. [Colorado State Regulations -- Office of Non-Public Education \(ONPE\)](#)
- School must conform to COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT (CDPHE) Division of Environmental Health and Sustainability 6 CCR 1010-6 RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING SCHOOLS IN THE STATE OF COLORADO. The CDPHE has delegated this authority to Routt County Environmental Health. [Schools Reg Unofficial 6CCR10106 vs2018.pdf - Google Drive](#). This includes, but is not limited to Health Services, Chemical Management and Laboratory, Industrial, Art, and Vocational Hazards.
- Private schools providing food services are required to obtain an annual certificate of inspection for food service establishments. Parochial and private schools are granted certificates without incurring fees. C.R.S. 25-4-1606; 25-4-1607(I). The CDPHE has delegated this authority to Routt County Environmental Health. [Open or Remodel a Restaurant | Routt County, CO - Official Website](#).
- Confirmation a Child Care Facility is not included in this proposal is requested. Facilities commonly known as day care centers, school-age child care centers, before and after school



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programs, nursery schools, kindergartens, preschools, day camps, summer camps, and centers for developmentally disabled children and those facilities that give 24-hour care for children and includes those facilities for children under the age of six years with stated educational purposes operated in conjunction with a public, private, or parochial college or a private or parochial school; except that the term shall not apply to any kindergarten maintained in connection with a public, private, or parochial elementary school system of at least six grades or operated as a component of a school district's preschool program operated pursuant to article 28 of title 22, C.R.S. are contained in this definition.

- Private and nonpublic school officials have the responsibility of ensuring the buildings used meet local building codes, zoning requirements, and fire safety standards. School officials have the responsibility to check with both the local city and county on these matters. The Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control has specific school construction requirements - <https://dfpc.colorado.gov/school-construction>.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment,

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