



September 19, 2026

Board of Education
Boulder Valley School District
P.O. Box 9011
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Dear President Rajpal and members of the Boulder Valley School District Board of Education,

Over the past several weeks, the Lafayette City Council has heard from residents whose children attend Douglass Elementary and who have expressed concerns about the potential closure of their school. A common theme in that feedback has been concern about the process used to evaluate potential school closures and whether all relevant information about Lafayette students and future enrollment has been fully considered given the City of Lafayette was left out of the process.

The City recognizes that decisions regarding school facilities and enrollment are within the District's authority and appreciates the difficult considerations involved in evaluating the future of its schools. We also recognize that the District is balancing many competing needs, perspectives, and constraints as it works through this process.

At the same time, many of Douglass's students live in Lafayette. Portions of the Douglass attendance zone fall within the City's boundaries, and additional Lafayette students attend Douglass through open enrollment. Given the number of Lafayette students served by Douglass, the Council believes it may be helpful to further consider Lafayette's boundaries, planned growth, and potential future enrollment as part of the closure evaluation.

For that reason, and in response to the concerns we have heard from residents, the Council respectfully asks the Board to consider whether the Board has a sufficient record of engagement and information to include Douglass Elementary in the Resilient Schools Proposal September 22 vote. We are not asking the District to reach a particular outcome, but rather to ensure that the evaluation process includes the information and perspectives relevant to the Lafayette students and families who would be directly affected.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Mayor Pro Tem Tim Barnes
Councilor Kyle Beaulieu
Councilor David Fridland
Councilor Crystal Gallegos
Councilor Adam Gianola
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