From "Julep Tile <ksharp@juleptile.com>" <ksharp@juleptile.com>
Subject **Cuts to Fireside school budget**
To "bill.sutter@bvsd.org" <bill.sutter@bvsd.org>, "lora.delacruz@bvsd.org" <lora.delacruz@bvsd.org>, "randy.barber@bvsd.org" <randy.barber@bvsd.org>, "rob.price@bvsd.org" <rob.price@bvsd.org>, "frankie.elmore@bvsd.org" <frankie.elmore@bvsd.org>, "robbyn.fernandez@bvsd.org" <robbyn.fernandez@bvsd.org>, "neil.anderson@bvsd.org" <neil.anderson@bvsd.org>, "nicole.rajpal@bvsd.org" <nicole.rajpal@bvsd.org>, "beth.niznik@bvsd.org" <beth.niznik@bvsd.org>, "alex.medler@bvsd.org" <alex.medler@bvsd.org>, "jason.unger@bvsd.org" <jason.unger@bvsd.org>, "lalenia.quinlanaweida@bvsd.org" <lalenia.quinlanaweida@bvsd.org>, "kitty.sargent@bvsd.org" <kitty.sargent@bvsd.org>, "jorge.chavez@bvsd.org" <jorge.chavez@bvsd.org>
Cc Pete Sharp <psharp@juleptile.com>
Date May 9, 2025 10:19:22 AM MDT

Please see below our emails with regards to the increased classroom sizes at Fireside. Thank you for your consideration, and for doing everything in your power to do what's best for Fireside kids and teachers.

-Kirsten & Peter Sharp

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From: **Julep Tile** <ksharp@juleptile.com>
Date: Fri, May 9, 2025 at 10:08 AM
Subject: Re: Cuts to Fireside school budget
To: Peter Sharp <psharp@juleptile.com>
Cc: kristen.smetzer@bvsd.org <kristen.smetzer@bvsd.org>, rob.anderson@bvsd.org <rob.anderson@bvsd.org>

Dear Kristen and Rob,

I am also very concerned about the plans for classroom sizes for next year. As Pete mentioned, despite the best efforts of the teachers to cope with that many kids in the 5th grade classrooms in the 2023-2024 school year, our experience with our daughter in a classroom with 30+ kids was not great. Our daughter mentioned how chaotic it was, and how the kids and teachers were often tripping over each other. I know kids in the other 5th grade classroom struggled as well. The classroom was constantly loud which made it hard to concentrate - How can we expect our kids to learn and our teachers to teach in that kind of environment?

I'm also curious why Fireside is pouring money into replacing a playground that doesn't need to be replaced when we're obviously struggling to fund enough teachers for our kids? Isn't our kids' education more important than a new playground?

With few exceptions, Fireside has always held a standard of excellence that is quite frankly unheard of - From the way you handled the pandemic to the way you supported families after the Marshall Fire, Fireside has always been one of the core pillars that holds this community together. It would be a real shame to allow that legacy to start dwindling now.

As Pete said in his email, PLEASE do whatever you can to avoid these larger class sizes and give our amazing Fireside teachers the opportunity to teach our kids properly.

Sincerely,

Kirsten Sharp
Mother of Sophie & Daniel Sharp

On Fri, May 9, 2025 at 6:29 AM Peter Sharp <psharp@juleptile.com> wrote:

> Rob/Kristen,
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> I have heard that 4th grade in the 2025-2026 academic year might be reduced to two classrooms resulting in over 30 children per class. When this happened to 5th grade in the 2023-2024 academic year there were a number of children who suffered, my daughter included. My son is due to be in 4th grade in the 2025-2026 academic year and it is disappointing to hear that he may be in a class of the same size.
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> I request that you do EVERYTHING in your control to not allow this to happen. We love Fireside and the teachers/staff, and want the school to carry on in as strong and effective manner as possible.
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> Regards,
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> Peter Sharp
> Father of Sophie and Daniel Sharp