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Ahead of this morning's session, attached is an Eldorado STEM proposal that Superior 1st grade parent Nathan Reichner, plans on sharing with the board and bringing today.

He wrote us on Facebook yesterday (Randy has responded to an earlier question of his there):

> Hello, I hope you are doing well. Thank you for responding to my message. I am hopeful we can find innovative solutions that minimize negative impact regarding the challenging situation we are facing. I have a creative proposal I am working on for BVSD; specifically for the Superior/Louisville area of focus that I have received very positive feedback. I will be attending the meeting tomorrow in Boulder will be happy to share more information before during and/or after the community session.

He shared the proposal to the Superior mayor's positive post about the Boulder High session yesterday with the attached proposal:

> Hi Mark Lacis - Superior Mayor I am planning on attending Saturday's meeting. I put together a proposal to transform Eldorado from a standard K-8 School to a K-8 STEM & Career Exploration Academy as part of the Resilient Schools process to be part of regional magnet program. I plan to respectfully ask that the Board and district leadership:
> - To include this proposal in the formal evaluation of options for Eldorado as an alternative to closing/consolidating schools within Superior.
> - Assess the feasibility of a STEM/CTE academy model within the Resilient Schools framework
> - Explore expanded early-childhood leasing and after-school partnerships as utilization strategies
> - Engage the community in a collaborative design process
> Please feel free to take a look at my proposal below I think its a great alternative to closure/consolidation and utilizes existing space to create some unique programs and opportunities to attract more outside children to the district. I would appreciate any feedback positive/negative/neutral.

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Attachments:

- Eldorado Proposal.jpg

Dear Members of the BVSD Board of Education,

My name is Nathan, and I am a Superior parent writing to respectfully request that the Board formally evaluate an alternative path for Eldorado K-8 as part of the Resilient Schools process.

I would like to propose a constructive, cost-effective proposal that directly addresses the two metrics driving the closure discussion—enrollment and building utilization—while aligning with BVSD's long-term strategic goals.

I am asking the district to consider transforming Eldorado into a Regional STEM & Career Exploration Academy, supported by expanded early-childhood leasing and after-school programming.

Why this model works
1. It increases enrollment through a regional magnet program.
Families across Superior, Louisville, Broomfield, and Lafayette consistently seek STEM-focused options, AI, robotics, engineering, trades, and hands-on learning. Colorado is also expanding middle-school Career & Technical Education, and Eldorado is well-positioned to offer early pathways in engineering, digital fabrication, renewable energy, and introductory trades.

2. It improves building utilization immediately.
Under BVSD's existing community-use policies (KF/KF-R), unused classrooms can be leased to licensed early-childhood providers. This provides predictable occupancy, supports working families, and strengthens the kindergarten pipeline. Combined with after-school STEM programs and enrichment, Eldorado becomes a full-day community hub.

3. It is financially responsible and aligned with state priorities.
A STEM/CTE academy can be launched with modest investment, targeted staff training, and partnerships with CU Boulder, NREL, and local tech companies. It is significantly more cost-effective than IB or other high-overhead specialty models.

4. It preserves a high-performing school in a growing community.
Superior and Louisville continue to rebuild and grow following the Marshall Fire. Closing Eldorado now risks losing families to neighboring districts and specialty programs at the very moment when BVSD needs to retain and attract students.

I respectfully ask that the Board and district leadership:

- Include this proposal in the formal evaluation of options for Eldorado as an alternative to closing/consolidating schools within Superior.
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My goal is not to resist change, but to offer a solution that strengthens BVSD, expands access to innovative programming, and keeps families in the district.

Thank you for your time, your service, and your willingness to consider this proposal. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss it further or provide additional detail if helpful. I plan on attending Saturday's community meeting in Boulder and will be happy to share this idea in person with the board and fellow parents.

Best Regards,
Nathan Reichner
Superior, CO