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Excellent.

Of course -- in your area we are facing a different issue... with a school that is a bit over capacity... but not enough growth to warrant the new school to be built (hence that letter). Meadowlark families or those living in the BVSD part of Erie are still encouraged to attend because, while we won't focus on that specific issue, it is highly beneficial for everyone to understand the challenges faced across the district.

On Mon, Apr 13, 2026 at 8:13 AM Gabi Rae <grae@erieco.gov> wrote:

So thorough! Thanks for passing along. We will share in Erie.

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Good morning and happy Saturday Leaders and Communicators!

I'm certain that everyone is likely aware that, like many other school districts in Colorado and across the nation, the Boulder Valley School District faces declining enrollment, matching the declining birthrate in our area. This two-minute video summarizes the situation well.

Ultimately, our goal is to create resilient schools during this time of declining enrollment, by meeting these goals set by the BVSD Board of Education:

- Maintain and improve learning outcomes for all students
- Distribute students so all schools have the right level of students/resources to maintain high-quality learning experiences
- Stabilize overall enrollment by retaining current students and attracting new students to the district
- Maximize all efficiencies to address ongoing fiscal challenges

I am reaching out to ensure you're aware of our upcoming community engagement sessions and to ask for your help in sharing them with your networks.

We are hosting six sessions across BVSD over the next two weeks. They will provide students, families, staff and community members an opportunity to share their values and priorities as we consider the difficult decisions ahead.



All of the details are available on our website at: https://www.bvsd.org/current-topics/declining-enrollment/connect-with-us-on-this-important-topic, but we are offering food, child supervision and interpretation at all six sessions.

It is also important to note that these won't be typical community meetings. They are designed as interactive opportunities for participants to learn about the situation, the possible tradeoffs and to have a voice in the process. Participants will be engaged in small group activities during the events to learn about the impacts of delining enrollment and to consider the tradeoffs of the different options the district is considering.

Options for Board Action	Meets Goals?
~~Allow schools to stay "small"~~	✖ Does not redistribute students/resources ✖ Does not generate additional enrollment ✖ Not fiscally efficient
Introduce or expand focus programs	• Potential to redistribute students/resources • Potential to attract additional out of district enrollment • Potential to improve fiscal efficiency
Grade reconfiguration, e.g. K-2 & 3-5 or convert K-8s to elementary and middle	✓ Redistributes students • Potential to redistribute resources • Impact on fiscal efficiency is uncertain; options are fundamentally different
Relocate focus programs	✓ Redistributes students • Potential to attract additional out of district enrollment and/or generate additional resources for a school (if co-located) • Potential to improve fiscal efficiency
Consolidate two or more schools into one building (existing or new)	✓ Redistributes/consolidates students and generates more resources for the receiving school ✓ New building has the potential to retain and attract students ✓ Improves fiscal efficiency
Close one or more schools and distribute students to multiple schools	✓ Redistributes/consolidates students and generates more resources for the receiving school ✖ Does not generate additional enrollment ✓ Improves fiscal efficiency

Please share
We hope you'll consider sharing our social media posts on your channels or including the information in any communications coming out this week. It is crucially important that our communities participate, so that they have a voice in the process.
Facebook
Instagram

I'm also attaching some talking points to help if you get any questions about BVSD's efforts:

2026.01.28 Enrollment Engagement Talking Points

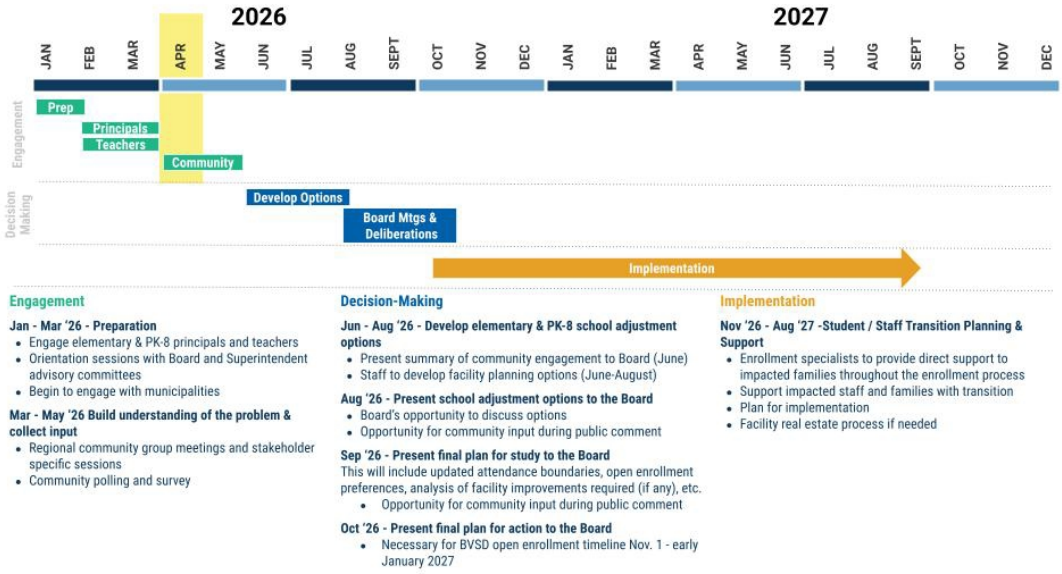
Here are the most important take-aways:

- **Our schools are performing at the highest levels we've ever seen**. We as a community are having these conversations because we want to make sure our system **stays strong for every child** in Boulder Valley School District.
- The quality of our schools is not changing. But we do see that **fewer students are enrolling** because of long-term demographic shifts that are also happening across the state, the country, and world-wide.
- **Fewer students means fewer resources**. When schools are under-enrolled, schools can't offer students as many opportunities, programs, or consistent access to supportive adults. Schools also don't have as much ability to support teachers and staff.
- **If we don't act, those impacts grow**. The student experience is beginning to look different than what our community expects and what our educators are working so hard to provide.
- The work to create resilient schools across Boulder Valley likely means that **some school communities will experience change**. Some elementary or K-8 schools may even close.
- What I know is that our Boulder Valley leaders are committed to making sure that **all students have access** to the challenging, meaningful, and engaging learning opportunities that define the BVSD experience.
- **BVSD is taking a thoughtful, proactive approach our district is taking in listening to the community.**

Our Timeline
In BVSD, we have chosen to Listen before Leading, which is a marked difference from the last time the district faced declining enrollment. 20 years ago decisions were made and then BVSD gathered feedback. This time, we intend to hear from our community and then the Board of Education will take action.

Here is the timeline:

- We are in the engagement phase
  - We have already met with all of our elementary principals and teachers
  - Over the next two weeks we will hold engagement sessions in the community
  - In Late April, we will launch surveying/polling
  - Updates regarding these efforts will be presented to the Board of Education on Tuesday and in June
- Over the summer, our team will develop an action proposal, which will be presenting to the Board in August
- This fall, the Board will deliberate and hear public comment
- The Board is expected to make its decision by October



Information, Resourses & Updates
Information regarding declining enrollment and our efforts to create resilient schools is available on our website at: www.bvsd.org/resilient-schools

Additionally, we send a monthly newsletter (Declining Enrollment Impacts) to keep our families and staff updated on this process. I've included the April edition below. You can find previous editions on our Resilient Schools website. If you would like me to add you to our list, just let me know.

Don't hesitate to let me know if you have any questions!

Randy

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BVSD Enrollment Impacts

Preserving the educational experience for all students

April 2026

CONNECT WITH BVSD

Plan to Attend!

Community Engagement Sessions start next week. This is your opportunity to provide valuable feedback about how BVSD responds to the challenges of declining enrollment.

LEARN MORE HERE

Why we are approaching engagement differently this time

Dear BVSD Families and Staff,

Beginning next week, we will welcome students, parents, employees and community members to engagement sessions as we look to make our schools resilient in a time of declining enrollment.

It is crucially important that we hear from our community regarding their values and priorities before we make decisions regarding the future of our schools.

This is markedly different from what happened at the Boulder Valley School District about 20 years ago. Facing a similar decline in enrollment, the decision was made to close a number of schools, and then the district engaged the community.

This time we are approaching engagement differently. We are committed to listen to as many voices as possible before decisions are made.

Read the full letter from Board President Rajpal and Superintendent Rob Anderson

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Superintendent
Boulder Valley School District

Nicole Rajpal
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Boulder Valley School District

In this issue:

- What to expect at the community engagement sessions
- Op Ed from the District Accountability Committee
- In case you missed it: Catch up on recent discussions
- Community Engagement: Timeline & Status

Listening First - Share your perspective



What to expect at the community engagement sessions

Community engagement sessions start next week and BVSD elementary and PK-8 families are encouraged to attend. This is your opportunity to learn more about the complexities of how declining enrollment—and the associated reduction in funding—is showing up in our schools, help us understand your values and priorities and provide your thoughts about the options BVSD is considering.

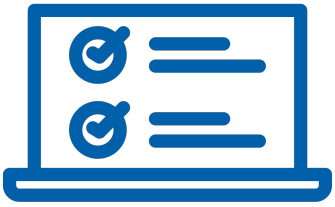
Read on learn more



We are BVSD parents: Here are our ideas on school consolidation and civic engagement

This month, we have the opportunity to attend a series of meetings to discuss declining enrollment and the financial pressures facing our schools. Most importantly, we'll get to share our ideas for what we can do about it.

Read the full Op Ed from the District Accountability Committee that appeared in the Daily Camera Apr. 8, 2026



Watch for another way to provide input later this month

If you can't make it to one of the engagement sessions, you'll have another opportunity to provide input.

Later this month, all Boulder Valley School District staff and families will be invited to participate in the "Resilient Schools Community Survey." Similar to the engagement sessions, this short survey aims to give our community the opportunity to tell us what matters most as we plan for the future of our school district and strive to maintain the high-quality learning experiences students currently receive.

Keep an eye on your inbox/text messages for a link to the survey.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT - Catch up on recent conversations

Let's Talk: Livestream information session with BVSD leaders

Over the past few weeks, BVSD leaders have discussed the challenges of declining enrollment, its impacts on students and teachers, and potential district actions. They've also answered questions from our BVSD community. Check out the discussion below.

Session I
The challenge of declining enrollment

Watch the discussion

Session II
The impact on our students and teachers

Watch the discussion

Session III
The options and next steps

Watch the discussion

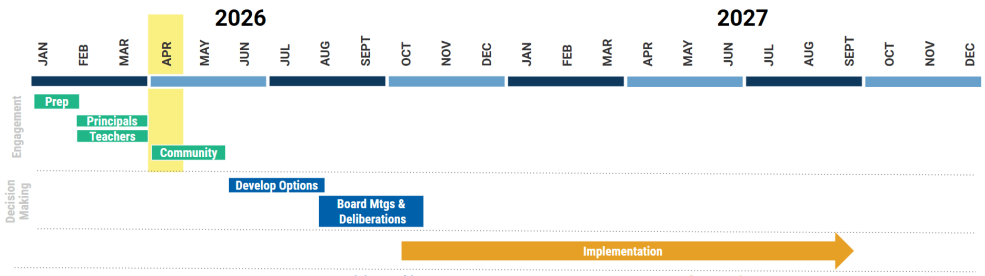
Connecting with our municiple partners

BVSD's community engagement efforts include connecting with the cities that make up our district to talk about how changing demographics in the area are affecting the schools that are at the heart of our communities. Last month, staff presented to the City of Boulder. Up next: the City and County of Broomfield on May 12.

Watch the Boulder City Council meeting

Community Engagement: Timeline & Status

Community Engagement & Decision Making Timeline



Engagement

Jan - Mar '26 - Preparation
- Engage principals and teachers
- Orientation sessions with Board and Superintendent advisory committees
- Begin to engage with municipalities

Mar - May '26 Build understanding of the problem & collect input
- Regional community group meetings and stakeholder specific sessions
- Polling

Decision-Making

Jun - Aug '26 - Develop school adjustment options
- Present summary of community engagement to Board (June)
- Staff to develop facility planning options (June-August)

Aug '26 - Present school adjustment options to the Board
- Board's opportunity to discuss options
- Opportunity for community input during public comment

Sep '26 - Present final plan for study to the Board
This will include updated attendance boundaries, open enrollment preferences, analysis of facility improvements required (if any), etc.
- Opportunity for community input during public comment

Oct '26 - Present final plan for action to the Board
- Necessary for BVSD open enrollment timeline Nov. 1 - early January 2027

Implementation

Nov '26 - Aug '27 -Student / Staff Transition Planning & Support
- Enrollment specialists to provide direct support to impacted families throughout the enrollment process
- Support impacted staff and families with transition
- Plan for implementation
- Facility real estate process if needed

What is happening now

APRIL

- **Regional community meetings (Learn more here)**
  - **April 13 | New Vista High School, 6:30-9 p.m.**
  - **April 15 | BVSD Education Center, 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.**
  - **April 16 | Boulder High School, 6:30-9 p.m.**
  - **April 18 | BVSD Education Center, 9:30 a.m. - noon**
  - **April 20 | Broomfield High School, 6:30-9 p.m.**
  - **April 22 | Monarch High School, 6:30-9 p.m.**

MAY

- **Community polling**

Community Engagement To Date

30 Elementary teacher and staff roundtables

4 Meetings with elementary principals in regional groups

Presentations to city councils

3 Completed
Superior, Louisville, Boulder

1 Upcoming May 12
Broomfield

13 Presentations to advisory groups

- Teachers Advisory Council
- Principals Advisory Council
- District Accountability Committee
- District Parent Council
- Community Bond Oversight Committee
- Community Leadership Academy
- Long Range Advisory Committee

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For more information and resources visit our Resilient Schools website.

Boulder Valley School District

Unsubscribe Link

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