From "Susan Cousins <susan.cousins@bvsd.org>" <susan.cousins@bvsd.org>
Subject **Feedback Requested: Letter to Parents**
To Randy Barber <randy.barber@bvsd.org>
Date April 9, 2026 2:19:39 PM MDT

Thanks!!

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On Thu, Apr 9, 2026 at 1:47 PM Randy Barber <randy.barber@bvsd.org> wrote:
> Here what ran in the paper, I don't have a dox version kid what they turned in, but you can reach out to Allie
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> ---------- Forwarded message ---------
> From: **Randy Barber** <randy.barber@bvsd.org>
> Date: Wed, Apr 8, 2026 at 5:06 AM
> Subject: Re: Feedback Requested: Letter to Parents
> To: Alexandra (Allie) Broin <alexandra.broin@gmail.com>
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> The OpEd has dropped: https://www.dailycamera.com/2026/04/08/bvsd-boulder-valley-school-declining-enrollment-school-consolidation-opinion/
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> I'm attaching PDF copies of both the online and print versions, so you can share with your members.
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> Randy
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> On Tue, Apr 7, 2026 at 3:25 PM Alexandra (Allie) Broin <alexandra.broin@gmail.com> wrote:
> > Folks usually sit wherever, but we can certainly provide some direction to get into networks tonight. I'm planning to arrive around 5:15 and can help with set-up before others arrive!
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> > On Tue, Apr 7, 2026 at 3:16 PM Randy Barber <randy.barber@bvsd.org> wrote:
> > > How do folks in DAC typically sit? By region?
> > >
> > > We are just thinking about whether to change things up tonight or let folks do their normal thing.
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> > > On Tue, Apr 7, 2026 at 3:15 PM Alexandra (Allie) Broin <alexandra.broin@gmail.com> wrote:
> > > > Thank YOU!
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> > > > On Tue, Apr 7, 2026 at 9:54 AM Randy Barber <randy.barber@bvsd.org> wrote:
> > > > > Yay!! Thanks again for your support. I think this will be very good to have in the community!
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> > > > > On Tue, Apr 7, 2026 at 9:51 AM Alexandra (Allie) Broin <alexandra.broin@gmail.com> wrote:
> > > > > > Hi again! The Daily Camera is running this version of our letter to parents TOMORROW:
> > > > > >
> > > > > > BVSD Parents on School Consolidation and Civic Engagement
> > > > > >
> > > > > > We'll plan to share with the DAC/SACs. Please let me know if I can help with anything else!
> > > > > >
> > > > > > On Thu, Apr 2, 2026 at 6:55 AM Alexandra Broin <alexandra.broin@gmail.com> wrote:
> > > > > > > I'll try to touch base with him today — thanks, Randy!
> > > > > > >
> > > > > > > On Apr 1, 2026, at 7:59 PM, Randy Barber <randy.barber@bvsd.org> wrote:

The contact for editorials in the Daily Camera is:

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I sent him a message about the possible OpEd, but haven't heard back from him. You are welcome, of course to reach out directly.

On Wed, Apr 1, 2026 at 4:17 PM Alexandra (Allie) Broin <alexandra.broin@gmail.com> wrote:
> Hi again!
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> First, I think we've got all or most of DAC exec on board to sign off on the letter. Yay!
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> In addition, I poked around a bit this afternoon, and it looks like Daily Camera typically requires opinions pieces to be 700 words and Boulder Reporting Lab's guidance is 850. Ours is much longer (1,400). Given that our primary audience is DAC and SAC members, we're leaning toward keeping as-is, publishing ourselves, and circulating to DAC and SACs next week. Any other ideas on publication or distribution?
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> I can also see if Laura could print some copies to be on tables at our DAC meeting next week.
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> Thanks!
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> -Allie
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> On Tue, Mar 31, 2026 at 5:26 PM Alexandra Broin <alexandra.broin@gmail.com> wrote:
> > Oh, that’s great to know. We’ll hustle over here and stay tuned for your intel. Thanks much!
> >
> > On Mar 31, 2026, at 5:09 PM, Randy Barber <randy.barber@bvsd.org> wrote:
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> > I know the deadline for Sunday papers is typically Thursday. I will touch base with them and see if they have guidance about their limitations.
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> > On Tue, Mar 31, 2026 at 5:06 PM Alexandra Broin <alexandra.broin@gmail.com> wrote:
> > > All sounds good! Thank you both for your feedback.
> > >
> > > I’m checking with the other DAC leaders to see if they can do a fast review and we can make small updates ASAP. More soon.
> > >
> > > And happy to connect with whoever at the Camera you think is best. I suspect this may be too long for them, but really don’t have strong opinions about how we share out. I will also put some thought into other options.
> > >
> > > Thanks again!
> > >
> > > On Mar 31, 2026, at 1:55 PM, Randy Barber <randy.barber@bvsd.org> wrote:
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> > > I'm sorry for my delay in responding... but I would also like to share my compliments. I really like this narrative and believe it will be very helpful to our efforts to get involvement from parents in our school communities... both in learning about the issue and participating in the engagement sessions.
> > >
> > > I also share Rob's questions. What are you envisioning for distribution? I can get you in touch with the Daily Camera too, if DAC leadership wants to sign on to it... and you'd like it to be considered for an OpEd in the paper.
> > >
> > > Well done.
> > >
> > > Randy
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> > > On Tue, Mar 31, 2026 at 1:10 PM Rob Anderson <rob.anderson@bvsd.org> wrote:
> > > > Hi Allie,
> > > >
> > > > I think this is a great idea and very well done. How would you push this out - through DACs and SACs? Could all of DAC leadership sign off on this?
> > > >
> > > > Rob
> > > >
> > > > On Mon, Mar 30, 2026 at 8:24 AM Alexandra (Allie) Broin <alexandra.broin@gmail.com> wrote:
> > > > > Rob and Randy,

Hope you each had a nice weekend!

After our last DAC meeting, I put some thoughts together on what the DAC might have to offer parents who plan to attend a community engagement session, but aren't sure what that entails and how they can prepare. (And with some work travel in between, I was just able to come back to it this past weekend.)

Open Letter to Boulder Valley Parents

I'd love to know if you think these ideas would be helpful to share with our community and, if so, what feedback you have. Given the delay on my end, I haven't shared this with DAC leadership or membership, but certainly could expand this to be from a larger group -- I'm just a little worried about trying to run through a review process now given how quickly the meetings are coming up. But please do let me know your thoughts on that, too.

Thank you!

-Allie

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