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Subject **KYOT elementary school inquiry**
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Evan,

Thanks for reaching out. I'm not sure if you're aware, but we recently had Rob Price, our Assistant Superintendent of Operational Services speak with Sarah and Sonya on camera regarding the enrollment situation and our next steps. He really shared everything that we can share at this time.

Additionally, I do want to clarify that mountain schools, including Gold Hill and Jamestown elementary schools, are NOT part of the conversation regarding possible action.... and while closure, consolidation and programmatic changes are possible at other elementary schools -- no decisions have been made at this time. We are currently at the beginning of an engagement phase, which will help inform future decisions.

Here is our latest article on the topic: https://www.bvsd.org/about/news/news-article/~board/district-news/post/bvsd-announces-timeline-for-engagement-and-action-in-light-of-continued-declining-enrollment, which says:

> Due to their unique geographic circumstances, mountain schools will require differentiated decisions and are not part of the engagement process at this time, Assistant Superintendent of Operational Services, Rob Price explained to the Board. This does not preclude future planning conversations related to mountain schools but reflects the need for a different approach.

Thanks for your interest. Let me know if you have any other questions.

Randy

On Tue, Feb 10, 2026 at 1:39 PM Evan Schmidt <ecschmidt01@bvsd.org> wrote:

> Dear Mr. Barber,
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> My name is Evan Schmidt and I go to Monarch High School. Currently, KYOT is doing a commentary story on the potential closing or consolidation of lower enrollment elementary schools such as Gold Hill or Jamestown and we were hoping if you could help to answer some questions and clarify things for us. If you have someone who could better answer our questions, please let me know!
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> Thank you,
> Evan Schmidt

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