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Dear BVSD Board of Education,

I am writing to you as a parent of a current second grader and a rising kindergartner at Whittier International Elementary. As you navigate the difficult decisions ahead regarding the district's future, I wanted to share what is important to our family.

We intentionally chose Whittier because of its unique socioeconomic and cultural diversity. As a Title I school that hosts nearly 30 different languages, Whittier provides our children with a daily opportunity to celebrate global cultures. This environment fosters a deep sense of inclusivity and an early awareness of the importance of welcoming everyone.

The International Baccalaureate (IB) program is another cornerstone of our commitment to Whittier. In an era of rapidly changing technology, we believe the program’s focus on interpersonal skills and inquiry-based learning is essential. We have seen firsthand how this curriculum helps even our youngest learners develop agency and a sense of responsibility over their own education.

Furthermore, Whittier’s physical connection to both its immediate neighborhood and downtown Boulder is a significant asset. Our family experiences this through biking to school and participating in walking field trips that utilize the city as a classroom. This integration helps keep downtown Boulder a family-friendly space and strengthens the bond between the students and their local community.

Whittier International is a school that families actively seek out and choose for these specific, high-value programs.

Thank you for your time and for considering the perspectives of BVSD families during this process.

Sincerely,
Ali Sauder