From "Rob Price <rob.price@bvsd.org>" <rob.price@bvsd.org>
Subject **{BVS Board} Re: Preserving Excellence and Community at Fireside Elementary**
To Rebecca Saenz <rebecca.saenz@gmail.com>
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Hi Rebecca and Natalie,

Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts. I appreciate your passion and support for Fireside Elementary.

The challenge the district is working through is broader than any one school. We have 3,600 fewer students than we did eight years ago and are projected to have 1,700 fewer students over the next five years, while our overall portfolio of schools has remained largely unchanged.

As the district considers how to respond to declining enrollment, the focus is on the long-term alignment between enrollment, the number of schools we operate, and the learning experience we provide for students. As you know, families across the district care deeply about their schools, and each school community is valued for its own unique strengths.

Sincerely,

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On Thu, Apr 23, 2026 at 1:06 PM Rebecca Saenz <rebecca.saenz@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Mr. Price,

We are writing as Fireside Elementary parents, Rebecca Saenz and Natalie Murray, parents of [redacted] to strongly urge the District to preserve Fireside Elementary in its current form as you evaluate options related to declining enrollment.

When we relocated to Louisville from Los Angeles in 2020, we made a deliberate decision to purchase a home within the Fireside Elementary boundary. That decision was based on Fireside's long-standing reputation for excellence and the quality of students it consistently develops. Today, our experience has only reinforced that choice; our children are receiving an exceptional education within a highly engaged, supportive community.

BVSD's strength as a district is rooted in its ability to attract and retain families through high-performing schools. Any consolidation strategy that diminishes one of its strongest assets risks eroding that competitive advantage. Fireside Elementary is not a marginal school within the system; it is a proven performer and a driver of the District's reputation.

Performance and Recognition Matter
Fireside's academic outcomes and its 2025 Colorado Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award for exceptional student growth are clear indicators of sustained excellence. Schools delivering at this level should be prioritized and leveraged, not considered for closure or dilution. Reducing investment in high-performing schools sends the wrong signal to current and prospective families.

Culture Is Not Transferable
Fireside's culture, supportive, inclusive, and deeply connected, is a core reason for its success. This environment directly impacts student performance and well-being. It is the product of years of leadership, staff continuity, and family engagement. It cannot be replicated through reassignment or consolidation without a meaningful loss in quality.

Community Infrastructure Has Value
Fireside functions as a true neighborhood school, with strong walkability and daily parent engagement. This level of community integration strengthens student outcomes and reinforces the District's broader ecosystem. Disrupting that structure has consequences that extend beyond simple enrollment numbers.

A Logical Strategic Hub
>From a planning standpoint, Fireside's central location in Louisville and Superior makes it an ideal receiving school, not a candidate for reduction. If the District must consolidate, it should do so in a way that maximizes the value of its strong assets. Fireside presents a clear opportunity to absorb enrollment while maintaining educational quality and stability.

The District is facing difficult decisions, but those decisions must remain aligned with its core mission: delivering exceptional education and maintaining BVSD as a destination district. Preserving Fireside Elementary is consistent with that mission and critical to protecting the District's long-term strength.

We respectfully ask that Fireside Elementary be removed from consideration for closure or significant restructuring and instead be recognized as a key asset in any forward-looking plan.

Thank you for your time and leadership.

Sincerely,
Rebecca Saenz & Natalie Murray
Parents of [redacted]

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