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Subject **BVSD Resilient Schools Proposal and High Peaks Elementary**
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BOULDER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Dear High Peaks Elementary families and staff,

Tonight, Boulder Valley School District leadership presented a proposal to the Board of Education to close, consolidate, reconfigure, or relocate eight schools. The Board of Education will discuss the proposal again at its regular meeting on Sept. 8, and vote on the proposed plan at the Sept. 22 regular meeting.

The proposal recommends relocating High Peaks Elementary to the current Douglass Elementary building (840 N 75th St. in Boulder), which was recommended for closure.

If approved, these changes would take effect beginning in the 2027-28 school year.

The proposed plan also includes relocating Community Montessori Elementary to High Peaks' current building to co-locate with Boulder Community School of Integrated Studies (BCSIS). The current Community Montessori building would close.

To learn more about all the proposed changes, visit the Resilient Schools website.

Why close schools?

Every BVSD school is a strong and beloved community. The recommendation to close schools is not about school quality.

It's about responding responsibly to sustained enrollment decline across the district. As enrollment falls, staff and resources are stretched across more buildings than are needed to serve fewer and fewer students. Closing schools allows us to concentrate our resources in fewer buildings so that every student has access to a high-quality, BVSD learning experience and every staff member can thrive professionally.

Learn more about the impacts of declining enrollment in our district.

How we arrived at this proposal

High Peaks is BVSD's most in-demand focus school. Positioning the building at the Douglass campus, which is located between two major east/west arterial roads will give more students, particularly those in east county, access to the school.

Support for Students, Families and Staff
We know that students and families will need time, information, and support as they process what this recommendation means for them. Our schools have plans in place to provide immediate support and, throughout the process, families and students will receive:

- **Clear, school-specific information** about key dates, decisions, open enrollment options, and transition events.
- **A dedicated district transition liaison** to help families get information, answer questions, and navigate the transition.
- **Resources for caregivers** to help them talk with students and provide age-appropriate support and reassurance.
- **Opportunities to visit the new location**. If the proposal is approved, families will have the opportunity to visit the new location.

We are also committed to supporting all employees impacted by these recommendations and are communicating directly with staff to provide support.

Resources for our families are located on the Resilient Schools website and for staff on the staff.bvsd.org intranet.

Your school will remain at its current location for the 2026-27 school year. If the Board of Education approves the recommendation, Mr. Basten will work to support a smooth transition to the new building in the 2027-28 school year.

Public Comment with the Board of Education

The Board of Education will be carefully considering the recommendations and hearing from the community during its meetings on Sept. 8 and 22. BVSD families, staff and residents may sign up for Public Comment on the Board of Education's website.

Confronting Challenges Today for more Resilient Schools Tomorrow
Every BVSD school is extraordinary because of the people who learn and work there.

While buildings are important, our responsibility is to ensure that every student has access to the strongest possible educational experience. Addressing declining enrollment now will help preserve the high-quality instruction, programs and opportunities our students deserve for years to come.

In Partnership,

Boulder Valley School District

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