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Subject **High Peaks Principal letter - School Relocating**
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High Peaks Elementary School

Dear High Peaks Families,

As you have likely heard by now, our school will be impacted by the Resilient Schools proposal that was presented to the BVSD Board of Education this afternoon.

If approved in September, the plan would be for High Peaks Elementary School to be relocated to the site of Douglass Elementary School. Any changes would take effect at the end of the 2026-27 school year.

I know that High Peaks is a special place and that the culture that makes us special will certainly continue to thrive in our new location – if approved by the BVSD Board of Education on September 22. I also know that this proposal will evoke a lot of emotion from our entire community. Change can be hard, especially when it impacts children. The Aurora 7 - High Peaks/BCSIS campus has been a vibrant, energy filled home for our teachers, students, and families for many years. I hope you will join me in enjoying this wonderful school before we potentially move locations.

The new High Peaks building is pretty much state of the art, which will help us grow as a school and help reduce class sizes. The Douglass building is also the current home of incredible educators, principal, and a great learning community. My heart goes out to the Douglass Community during this time of change.

Before the Board votes, there will be opportunities for community input during public comment at the Board meeting. As you process this information, I would like you to know that BVSD, my fellow principals and I will be committed to a strong transition for all of our students, staff and families.

There will no doubt be a lot of questions, but know that we will work through this together, and we will keep you updated throughout the process. For the time being, we'll remain focused on creating an amazing school, family, and community experience for the 2026-27 school year.

Please be assured that BVSD, my fellow principals, and I will be committed to a strong transition for all of our students, staff, and families, if approved.

As always, let me know if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Christopher Basten,
Principal
High Peaks Elementary School

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