

Bennion Questions/Comments from Community

10.19.23, 3 pm

Attendance – 28 (in-person, no Zoom)

1. Classroom sizes are good for us right now and the burden on parents and students of moving to another school concerns us.
2. For me and many other parents, I feel that Bennion should remain open. The entire staff of the school has been very helpful to me and my child. The location is convenient and easier for my child. We have been attending Headstart and she is now in 1st grade. My child is very comfortable with the teachers and the rest of the staff and so am I. The reputation the school has had in the past should not affect the changes it has made today. We've had nothing but good/positive things to say about Bennion. It would be a real shame to close Bennion. My child loves it there.
3. I think it's ridiculous that Bennion is on this list in the first place. It's a very good school.
4. What is the real reason for considering closing Bennion if majority of the parents feel comfortable with the teachers and staff? It doesn't make sense.
5. Why close Bennion if the parents feel positive about the teachers and the staff as well as the location? This is about our children's education, why mess that up? No wonder the kids are getting into trouble and using drugs. This state doesn't know what it's doing. Kids in other states are far more advanced than the kids here. Why? Because the other states aren't as screwed up as this one.
6. My concern is that my son will have to make new friends and this is something he already struggles with - also concerned about large classroom sizes.
7. I'm concerned about finding another school that would be convenient for the both of us as far as distance and not too out of the way of work. Please leave the school open!
8. My concern is starting over at another school and it could be not as safe as Bennion.
9. The University of Utah provides many benefits here like the piano classes. My 3 children feel the love of piano because of this. They also love the field trips. And the school is a safe place for our students to play even outside of school hours (like weekends).
10. Bennion is a hidden gem. We used to live in a different district – I am a mom of 30 years and Bennion has served us like no other school could.
11. Will the number of bus routes for our district increase or decrease with the closing of schools? We might have fewer schools but more routes/bussing.
12. It is too far for families – especially with younger children – to walk 1.5 miles to get to school.
13. There need to be better plans about how to support schools and promote them better. Why close Bennion? Let's promote what it has better and get more students here.
14. The district office is being rebuilt and it is costing us a lot of money. In the meantime, we are renting out a building for district offices that costs a lot of money. Why didn't district offices move into all the empty spaces in schools? Why are we wasting money on all of this if it could have been used in other ways like rebuilding an older school like ours?