

April 7, 2023

Dear Pomona Articulation Area Families & Staff,

As the proud principals of Pomona area schools, we are committed to continuing the great traditions and community of our articulation area. Last night, our school accountability committees came together to discuss a plan to strengthen the Pomona area pipeline that we are excited to share with you today.

Sharing a vision to provide extraordinary experiences for our students

As principals, we share a vision for building on Pomona's rich history with our students, staff, families and neighbors. In the 2023-24 school year, we will make progress toward this vision with some additional shared resources between Moore Middle School and Pomona High School specifically designed to enhance enrichment and academic experiences for our current 7th and 8th graders as they become 8th and 9th graders next year.

Longer-term, we have asked the district for their support to explore, together with our community, the opportunity to create a thriving 6-12 secondary experience at Pomona High School starting in the 2024-25 school year. We are bringing this idea forward so that we can proactively confront the challenges of declining enrollment rooted in a robust vision for students.

This is an opportunity for our community to take our destiny into our own hands. We are in a challenging situation: Moore's enrollment has declined by 50% in the last five years. Next year, we are expecting just 298 students to attend. It is the only middle school in the Pomona articulation area, and it is not sustainable. As the principals of the Pomona area, we are advocating for the district to explore a 6-12 school model, which will strengthen the Pomona pipeline and provide the types of experiences our students deserve and our community expects. For this change to happen, the Board of Education would have to vote to approve our plan. Our hope is that the Board will give approval this summer in order to best position our articulation area when the 2024 EnrollJeffco process opens.

If this is a plan for the 2024-2025 school year, why are we exploring it so far in advance?

The answer is because we genuinely want to design this together. We would like to understand your hopes and concerns and for you to weigh in on facility modifications that would be needed at Pomona to ensure safe, welcoming, and thriving experiences for our students, especially our youngest students. We also want to explore options to build academic and workforce readiness skills as early as 6th grade to best prepare students for rigorous college and career pathways through 12th grade.

Our next step is hosting conversations with you to explore this idea. We know you may have questions and we're excited to hear those and build a vision for this school together. The first opportunities to engage will be Wednesday, April 12 from 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m or Thursday, April 27 from 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. at Pomona High School. If you are interested in joining one of these conversations, please fill out [this Google Form](#). Additional opportunities along with future actions

will be communicated through our school newsletters. We anticipate presenting our plan to the Board Education at the May 2023 study session.

We are proud of the school communities within this articulation area and excited to join as one community to create a vision for new opportunities for our students – the POWER OF POMONA.

In Partnership,
Pomona Area School Leadership

Wendy Doran, Community Superintendent
Patrick Rock, Principal, Pomona High School
Brenda Fletcher, Principal, Moore Middle School
Julie Waage, Principal, Little Elementary School
Kristin Enney, Principal, Parr Elementary School
Matt Hilbert, Principal, Warder Elementary School
Jen Carlson, Principal, Weber Elementary School