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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

You are notified that the Board of Education of Unified School District No. 259, Wichita, Sedgwick County, Kansas (the Board) will hold a public hearing at the Alvin E. Morris Administrative Center, Room 813, Wichita, Sedgwick County, Kansas, on February 29, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. (or as soon thereafter as practicable), for the purpose of determining whether the following schools should be closed starting the 2024-25 school year in order to improve the school district. The schools are Hadley Middle School, Jardine STEM and Career Explorations Academy Magnet Middle School, Clark Elementary School, Cleaveland Traditional College and Career Readiness Magnet Elementary, Park Elementary School, and Payne Elementary School.

It is contemplated that students at neighborhood schools would be assigned to nearby elementary schools. Students also have the right to apply to attend magnet schools.

It is contemplated that students at magnet schools would have priority placement in the magnet school lottery, which increases odds but does not guarantee enrollment. Magnet students may also attend newly assigned neighborhood schools.

The reason for the proposed closing of these buildings is budgetary, based upon continued declining enrollment since 2016 and the expiration of COVID-19 pandemic relief funding. In addition, the following factors are being considered: location of school; condition of the building; long-term projected student growth; site size and the ability to accommodate projected student growth; and the capacity at neighboring schools to accept the students if schools should close.

Anyone who wishes to address the Board concerning this proposed closing may register to speak by calling 973-4553 before noon on the day of the public hearing or registering in person at the Alvin E. Morris Administrative Center, Room 813, from 5:20 p.m.-5:50 p.m. prior to the public hearing.

s/s Patrick Greene
Clerk of the Board
Unified School District No. 259, Wichita
Sedgwick County, Kansas