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LESD #25 Updates School Boundaries To Assist With Growth

The approved changes effect Blue Horizons Elementary and Las Brisas Academy

BUCKEYE, Ariz. – The Loretta Zumbro Elementary School campus will open in August 2025. The campus is located at the northwest corner of Lower Buckeye Road and South 183rd Avenue with a total K-8 student program capacity of approximately 850 students. A phased roll-in of grades will be utilized starting with PreK-6 students in SY 2025-2026, with the addition of seventh grade in SY 2026-2027, and then 8th grade in SY 2027-2028. Establishing attendance boundaries for the new campus may impact communities aligned with the Blue Horizon (BHES), Liberty (LES), and Las Brisas Academy (LBA) campuses.

“The district developed and evaluated six different options for assigning attendance boundaries associated with Loretta Zumbro Elementary School,” said LESD director of research Dr. Edward Sloat. The design process involved detailed analysis of the most recent enrollment projection information and the impact each alternative scenario would have on campus enrollment levels, program/facility capacities, and the affected LESD neighborhoods/communities over both the short-term and long-term.

Dr. Sloat continued, “details of all six options were publicly presented at two locally held community meetings, posted to the district’s website, communicated via social media and by direct email communication with parents, and also shared at a governing board work study session. From there, we presented the board with our findings and made a recommendation to them as they viewed all of the options.”

Following the presentation, the Board selected the sixth option. This option brings the Vista De Montana community from Blue Horizons Elementary to Loretta Zumbro Elementary. The main school boundary lines run from Citrus to Jackrabbit (East to West) and from Buckeye to Yuma (North to South).

“Before we began the process, we reviewed the Governing Board policy to ensure we followed the appropriate steps,” said LESD Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources & Student Services Dr. Stephanie Mohorne. “Now that the boundaries have been approved, we can begin the process of looking at planning for student enrollment, hiring staff, and student programming at Loretta Zumbro Elementary School.”

More information regarding open enrollment dates will be announced soon. For more information on Loretta Zumbro Elementary School, visit www.liberty25.org. You will soon find a landing page for LZES on the district’s website, with a welcome letter from the principal, construction updates, and the latest news, pictures and videos.

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About LESD25

Founded in 1887, the Liberty Elementary School District No. 25 spans 285 square miles including rural and suburban settings. It has grown from a historic one-room schoolhouse, to seven kindergarten through eighth grade schools between Buckeye and Goodyear, educating more than 4,700 students. Each school is tailored to serve students based on their interests through unique signature programs. LESD25 prepares all students for success in high school and beyond with engaging and challenging learning environments. Through individual accomplishment, personal leadership, and contribution to their community, children flourish. Discover more at liberty25.org.

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