

December 20, 2024

Dear CCUSD Families,

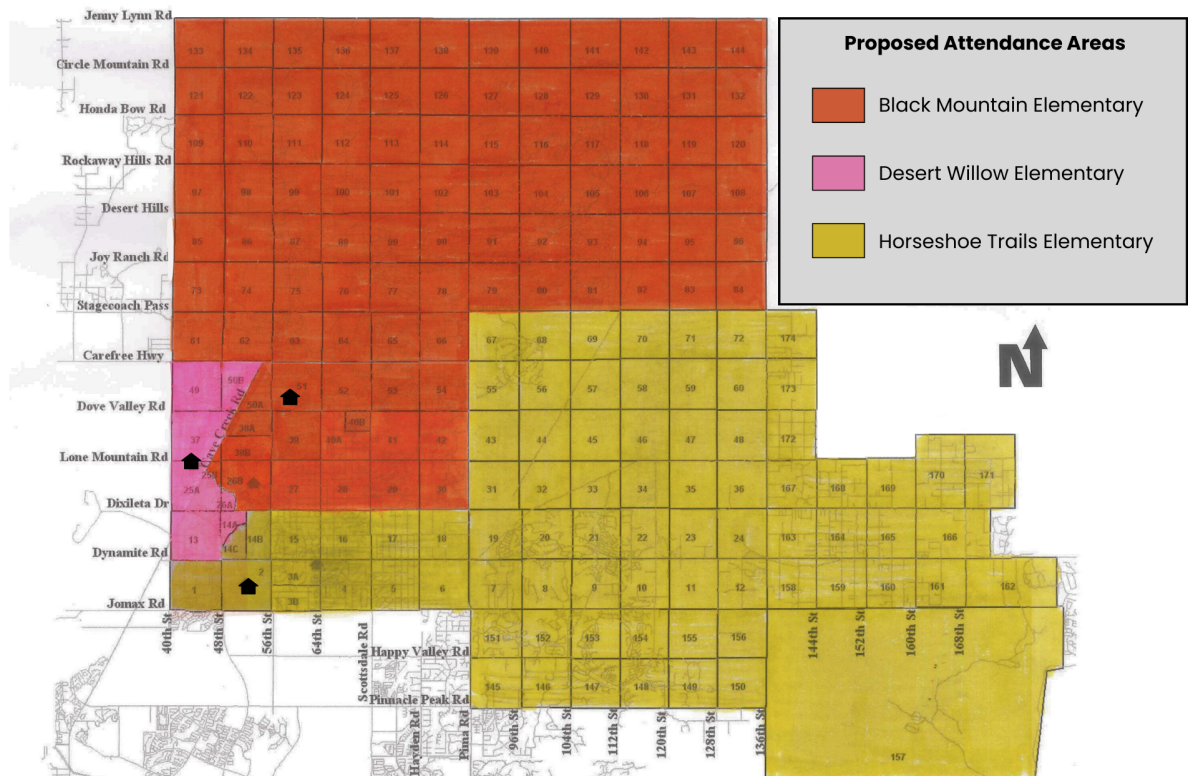
I am writing to share important updates regarding the upcoming public forums on January 8 and 9, and the public meeting on January 13 relating to the future of the Cave Creek Unified School District's school closures and boundary adjustments.

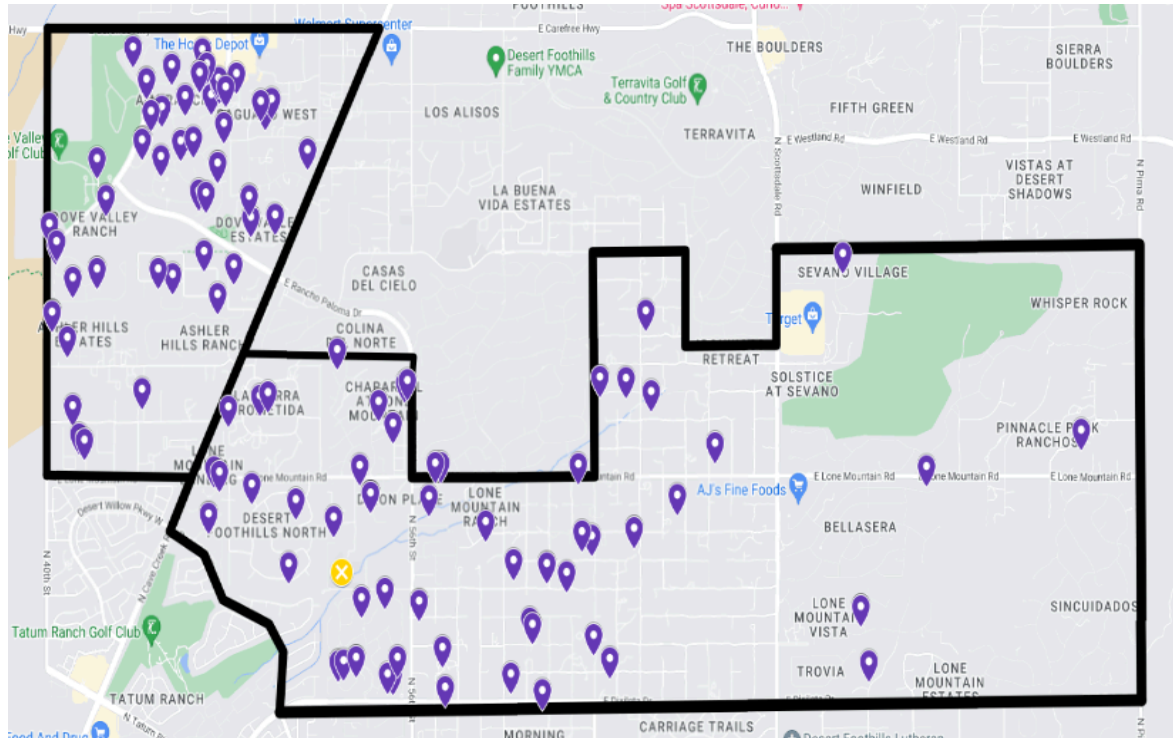
Our district website ccusd93.org contains a [resource page](#) that chronicles the work of the focus group as well as the presentation from December 3 and a list of questions we have received and answered since December 3. Please take a moment and review the materials for the recommendation to close Desert Sun Academy and Lone Mountain Elementary. See the boundary maps below:

All of Desert Sun Academy rezoned to Horseshoe Trails Elementary
Lone Mountain Elementary rezoned to Desert Willow Elementary and Black Mountain Elementary

Cave Creek Unified School District

PROPOSED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AREAS





Lone Mountain West of Cave Creek Road - rezoned to Desert Willow | East of Cave Creek Road - rezoned to Black Mountain

We encourage you to be a part of the next steps as our Governing Board makes difficult but necessary decisions, prioritizing better futures for our students moving forward. The next steps in the process will occur at two public forums and a public meeting.

The public forums will be held as follows:

Wednesday, January 8 from 6:00-8:00 PM at Desert Sun

Thursday, January 9 from 6:00-8:00 PM at Lone Mountain

The forums are facilitated by the Cabinet and are opportunities for our community to make comments as well as submit questions to be answered by the Cabinet relating to school closures and/or boundary changes. Doors will open at 5:30 PM. Requests to comment and question submission should be turned in before 6:00 PM.

1. There will be a short introduction, review of the agenda and protocols, and review of the recommendations.
2. Public comments will follow the same protocol as Board meetings. Public comment is not a Q/A format. Time allotted will be as follows:
 - a. 1-10 speakers = 3 minutes
 - b. 11-20 speakers = 2 minutes
 - c. 21+ speakers = 1 minute

- d. Members of the public may donate their time to combine with another speaker.
3. The Cabinet will answer questions submitted by the public. Please note that similar questions will be grouped and answered together.

The public meeting will be held as follows:

Monday, January 13 from 6:00-8:00 PM at the Fine Arts Center. 33606 N. 60th St, Scottsdale

This meeting is facilitated by the Governing Board and is an opportunity for our community to comment on school closures and/or boundary changes. Doors will open at 5:30 PM. Requests to comment should be turned in before 6:00 PM.

1. There will be a short welcome after the meeting is called to order at 6:00.
2. Public comments will follow the same protocol as all Board meetings. Time allotted will be as follows:
 - a. 1-10 speakers = 3 minutes
 - b. 11-20 speakers = 2 minutes
 - c. 21+ speakers = 1 minute
 - d. Members of the public may donate their time to combine with another speaker.

Lastly, on January 28, at the business meeting, the Board will again hear public comments during the call to the public. After considering community feedback - whether shared during forums, via email, through phone calls, or in person - administration will bring a final recommendation asking the Board to take action regarding school closures and boundary adjustments for the 2025-2026 school year.

The choices we face are not easy, but I believe as a community we can come together to create better futures for all. We understand the profound impact this decision will have on our community, and we are committed to supporting our students, families, and staff throughout this process. Together, we will navigate these changes and continue to provide our children with the bright futures they deserve.

Moving Forward Together,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Dolezal", written in a cursive style.

Bill Dolezal
Superintendent