

February 12, 2025

Dear CCUSD Families,

Last night, our Governing Board made the difficult decision to close one of our Cave Creek Unified School District campuses: Desert Sun Academy. Desert Sun students will be rezoned to attend Horseshoe Trails Elementary School. In addition, our elementary school and middle school grade levels have been re-configured. Sixth grade students will return to Sonoran Trails Middle School. Our elementary schools will serve K-5 students. We understand these decisions for the 2025-2026 school year bring significant change to our community, and also leave questions to be answered.

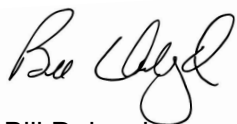
These decisions were not made lightly. The driving factor in the recommendation to close schools was the desire to use our limited financial resources to deliver exceptional comprehensive school experiences for all our students. Our desire is for our schools to have well rounded programming to both support and promote the academic growth, physical growth, artistic growth, and mental health of all our students. The work now shifts to the Board working with the administration to determine how to address the budget shortfall in 2025-2026.

For the remainder of this school year, there will be no changes to our schools, classrooms, schedules, or transportation. Our dedicated staff will continue to deliver the exceptional educational experience that defines Cave Creek Unified School District, and we will focus on finishing the year strong.

In the coming weeks, we will provide details about transition plans, including school tours and welcoming activities, to ensure our students, families, and staff feel comfortable and supported. Additionally, families are welcome to enroll in any of our elementary schools within CCUSD, and we are here to assist you in making the best choice for your child. Our highest priority is making these transitions as smooth and positive as possible for our students, families, and staff.

We know change is challenging, and we are committed to supporting our students, families, and staff throughout this process.

Moving Forward Together,



Bill Dolezal
Superintendent