

February 14, 2025

Dear Cave Creek Unified School District Families,

As you may already know, a Facility Focus Group was established in April 2024 and met repeatedly to review current data related to school enrollment, projected enrollment, building capacity, and forecasted financial implications. After careful review of all factors, it was determined that there was a need to close two schools as a result of declining enrollment: Desert Sun Academy and Lone Mountain Elementary School. As a related matter, school boundaries needed to be addressed.

District families were notified of the recommendations relating to school closures and boundary changes in accordance with State law requirements and were also provided opportunities to share their feedback to the Governing Board prior to Board action on the recommendations. The District greatly appreciates all who provided their feedback through emails, letters and attendance at the Board meetings.

On February 11, 2025, the Governing Board voted to close Desert Sun Academy and approved related boundary changes for 2025-2026, but narrowly voted down the recommendation to close Lone Mountain Elementary School and related boundary changes. However, the Governing Board has expressed interest in bringing the matter of Lone Mountain Elementary School back for reconsideration and possible Board action.

More specifically, the Governing Board will be convening a special Board meeting to reconsider its prior decision regarding Lone Mountain Elementary School on Monday, February 24, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the District Governing Board Room located at 33016 N. 60th Street, Scottsdale AZ 85266. The public is welcome to attend the meeting, and those who wish to address the Board will be permitted to do so within established time parameters.

You may access all of the information regarding the school closure and boundary change recommendations and related resources that has been continually posted on the District's website since December 4, 2024 by clicking on "Facilities Focus Group" on the main page of the website. The Agenda for the February 24, 2025 Board meeting will also be posted on the District's website no later than 5:00 p.m. February 21, 2025 with related information.

Respectfully,

