

SAULT STE. MARIE AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents and Community Members,

We hope this letter finds you well. We are writing to inform you about the ongoing consolidation efforts at Sault Area Public Schools. Our goal is to create a more efficient and effective educational environment for all our students.

As part of this initiative, the Sault Area Public Schools Board of Education sanctioned a community coalition to review our current resources and provide recommendations. This coalition, which included school staff, parents, community members, business owners, and non-profit partners, worked diligently to ensure that all students have access to the best possible educational facilities and programs. The coalition proposed two options that involve bringing all elementary students to the main campus and retiring two elementary schools. You can find more detailed information about the coalition's work on our <u>School Master Plan Coalition page</u>.

We understand that these changes may raise questions and concerns. To ensure transparency and community involvement, we will be hosting several public forums where you can hear the plans in detail and provide your feedback. We have scheduled hearings in addition to Board meetings:

At Sault Area High School Library

February 26 at 5:30 PM: At least three Board of Education (BOE) members will be present to capture comments.

March 5 at 5:30 PM: At least three BOE members will be present to capture comments.

At Sault Area Middle School Library

March 10, 2025 at 5:30 PM

March 19 at 5:30 PM (Special Meeting)

April 14, 2025 at 5:30 PM (Regular Meeting)

Additionally, we have created a <u>survey</u> link to gather your input on the consolidation efforts and an FAQ page to capture common questions and concerns. This can be found on our website under our <u>School Master Plan Coalition page</u>. Your feedback is invaluable to us as