



Community Information Meeting

Monday, March 31, 2025
Jefferson Jr/Sr High School
6:30-8 p.m.

Our conversation tonight

Welcome!

Tonight we will:

- Listen to community ideas
- Share back what we heard from community outreach
- District share next steps

Note: we will be pausing more frequently to support interpretation.

Community Engagements

Schedule for Community Discussions

Community Conversations:

- ~~Tuesday, January 28~~
- ~~Monday, February 24~~
- ~~Monday, March 3~~
- ~~Monday, March 10~~
- ▶ **Monday, March 31**
- **Friday, April 4 and Friday, April 18
(Spanish-language cafecitos)**
- **Wednesday, April 30**

Remaining meetings will be held at
Jefferson Jr/Sr High School.

Community Feedback Themes so Far

We hear loud and clear an opposition to a planning year.

We are pausing this idea.

Community Feedback Themes so Far

- **Desire to stay open** from Jefferson Jr/Sr students, families, and staff
- **Request for shared decision-making** so that the plan reflects community voice
- **Request for more engagement**, including specific sessions for elementary families, for Spanish-speaking families, and additional outreach for those that don't want to attend meetings
- **Concern about planning year** when the building would be closed (2026-27)
- **6th Grade Dual Language impact** from parents of Edgewater students and desire for secondary dual language programming
- **Concern over loss of a community hub**
- **Prioritization of students needs** to ensure that they receive adequate support
- **Loss of stability and familiarity** in a time of political turmoil especially related to immigration

Community Forum



We promised to hear from our speakers left over

Please allow time for interpretation by holding applause

Edgewater Collective Proposal



Edgewater **Collective**

LAS COMUNIDADES LATINAS DE JEFFCO PROSPERAN

How we're connecting



District updates

The district will address these questions:

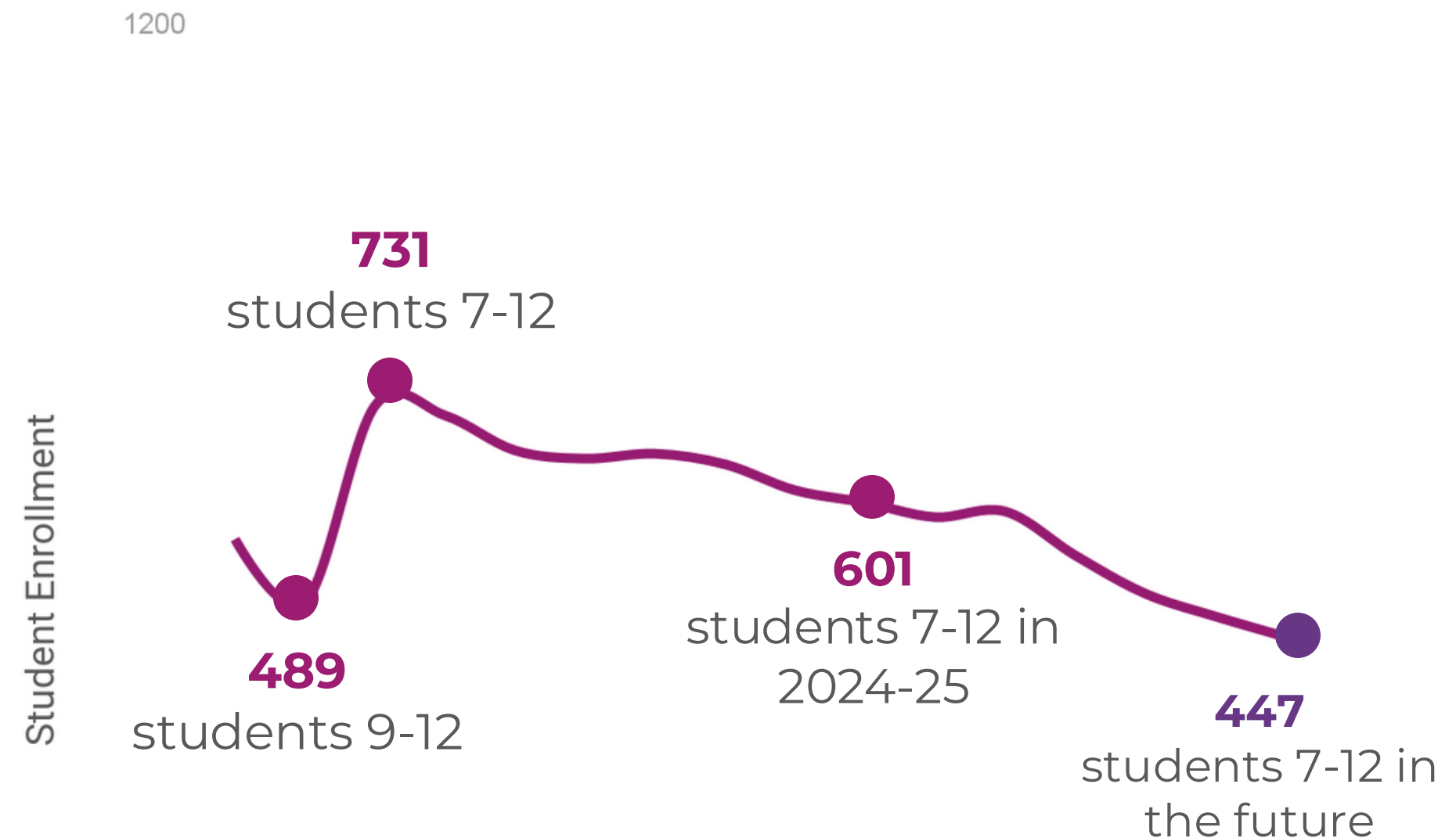
- Why we are having community meetings in the Jefferson area?
- How is community input influencing decision-making?
- What is the district doing to hear from more families in Jefferson area schools?
- What are the anticipated next steps?

Regrounding in the Challenge

Jefferson Jr/Sr is the lowest enrolled secondary school in Jeffco. It is expected to have fewer and fewer students every year.

- At its biggest, Jefferson Jr/Sr served 731 students in the 2015-16 school year
- Jefferson Jr/Sr showed a final October count of 601 students in the current school year
- In 4 years, enrollment projections show that it will only serve 447 students

Jefferson Jr/Sr Historical Enrollment (7-12)



Enrollment data sourced from the [FCB Dashboard](#), accessed 3/20/2025. The Dashboard reflects final CDE October count data for current and prior years.

Context: Enrollment of nearby schools

Including Jefferson Jr/Sr, there are 6 Jeffco middle and high schools within 5.5 miles.

School	Capacity	Enrollment	Distance from Jefferson
Jefferson Jr/Sr	1111	601	0 miles
Wheat Ridge HS	1703	932	2.6 miles
Lakewood HS	1898	1735	3.5 miles
Everitt MS	895	456	4 miles
Creighton MS	1182	741	4.5 miles
Alameda Intl. Jr/Sr	1358	1002	5 miles
Arvada HS	1761	754	5.4 miles

3100+
empty seats
 for middle and high school
 students within 5.5 miles of
 Jefferson Jr/Sr

Additional context: the State Accountability Clock

- Jefferson Jr/Sr is in **Year 3 of Turnaround** under Colorado's school rating system.
 - Turnaround means Jefferson Jr/Sr has not met state targets for academic achievement.
- If the school does not make enough progress in time, the state could step in and make decisions, including to change or close the school.
 - The state considers enrollment as part of their decision.
- **By September 2025**, we will know if the state will begin its review process.

Next steps based on feedback

No recommendation this spring: Based on community feedback the district has heard so far, we are slowing down.

The district is not planning to bring forward a recommendation to the Board of Education. The district will not recommend a planning year at the end of the 2025-26 school year.

Next steps based on feedback

Hearing from more families in Jefferson area schools: Use community feedback to craft and disseminate a survey prior to the end of the school year

April 30 Meeting: Collaborative public meeting between Edgewater Collective and Jeffco staff

Spring/Summer/Fall 2025: Continued work with Edgewater Collective

August 2025: Community Meeting on status of the work

Hearing from others

Please share your ideas for questions we should ask in an upcoming community survey

- **Option 1:** Write your ideas on an index card and leave it with us before you go
- **Option 2:** Stop by the FRST table outside to share your thoughts with district leadership

Next Steps

Join us for our 'Cafecito' meetings (held in Spanish):

- April 4th at 8:30am (in person)
- April 18th at 9:00am (virtual)
- Please inform Mary Galvan if you plan to attend a Cafecito.

The district and Edgewater Collective will have a public meeting on **Monday, April 30**

**Scan to
RSVP!**



Thank You

Your participation today is invaluable.
Together, we're shaping a stronger future for
our students and community.



Appendix

