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Kyrene Long-Range Planning: Important Update

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Dear Kyrene Community,

Next month, the Kyrene Long-Range Planning Committee will present a recommendation to the Kyrene Governing Board to address Kyrene enrollment trends and maximize the use of school facilities. The committee reached consensus on the recommendation during their final meeting last night.

That recommendation is outlined below, but I strongly recommend you watch the governing board presentation on September 16 for a full picture, with context. **No decisions will be made until December at the earliest, to provide ample time for community input.**

This is one of the most difficult and deeply emotional things a school district can go through, and the impact will be felt in every one of our school communities. I want to stress that **every school in Kyrene is special**, and the recommendation that will go before the board is in no way a reflection of any school's offerings or achievements. Just as every school in Kyrene is important, every school is also impacted by resources that are stretched too thin.

Kyrene's goal is to have better-resourced schools, to maintain the level of excellence our students, staff and families deserve.

Long-Range Plan Recommendation

Kyrene's demographer presented multiple models to right-size the district and consolidate schools. Kyrene currently has six middle schools, two K-8 schools, and 17 elementary schools. The committee will recommend a model with four middle schools and 13 elementary schools. **This recommendation is not final until the governing board votes in December.**

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Kyrene de los Cerritos Kyrene de la Sierra Kyrene de los Lagos (dual language path)	Kyrene Monte Vista Kyrene de las Lomas Kyrene de la Esperanza	Kyrene de las Manitas Kyrene de los Niños C.I. Waggoner (dual language path)	Kyrene de la Paloma Kyrene del Cielo Kyrene de las Brisas

Kyrene del Milenio: open-enrollment only
(gifted academy)

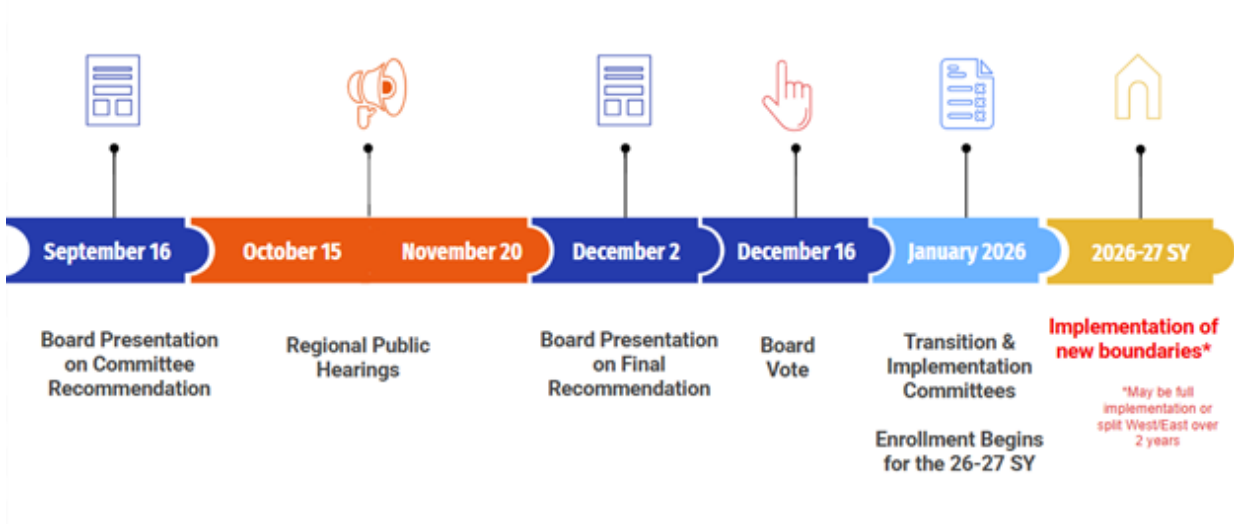
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**Dotted lines on maps show current boundaries. Colors show proposed boundaries.*

Timeline for Community Engagement

After the committee presents its recommendation to the board in September, the next phase of the process will be community engagement. As shown in the timeline below, hearings will be held in October and November. Formal notices for each hearing will be posted and sent to the community in advance. In the meantime, questions and comments may be submitted online at www.kyrene.org/longrangeplan.



Gratitude and Unity

I cannot even begin to thank the committee for their work over the last seven months. Nearly 60 parents, employees and community partners volunteered their time, immersed themselves in difficult discussions, and identified a path forward that could benefit Kyrene students and schools for many years to come. All committee meetings have been streamed live for the public, and videos are available online at www.kyrene.org/longrangeplan.

I also want to thank our community for your patience with this process. As difficult as this is, Kyrene is **one** community, and we will navigate this together. Our schools and our district are exceptional, and they will continue to be exceptional, because it is not the building that makes the school—it's the people inside.

With gratitude,

Laura Toenjes
Superintendent



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