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## Kyrene Long Range Planning Update

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To



### Kyrene Long-Range Planning Update

December 3, 2025

Dear Kyrene Community,

Thank you for your continued engagement in Kyrene's Long-Range Planning process. During a study session last night, the Kyrene Governing Board reviewed the current recommendation and the extensive feedback received over the past few months. That discussion resulted in an important update.

The Governing Board has asked staff to prepare **two alternative proposals** that would close fewer schools than the current Long-Range Planning recommendation. These alternatives will be presented during a **public study session on Tuesday, December 9, at 5:00 p.m.**

Please note that the study session is for discussion only. There is no public comment, and the board will not take any action.

#### Summary of Proposals

The current proposal would close **eight schools**: six elementary and two middle schools. The board requested the following alternatives:

- Close **five schools**: five elementary and zero middle schools.
- Close **six schools**: four elementary and two middle schools.

The board provided the following criteria for these alternative proposals:

- The demographer should prioritize the number and percent of home-boundary students served, when proposing which schools could remain open.

- If additional criteria are needed, the demographer should consider home boundary school utilization and overall enrollment numbers.
- These criteria should only be applied to schools currently proposed for closure.

The alternative options will be reviewed alongside the current proposal during next week's study session, but there will be no vote until December 16 at the earliest.

We understand how significantly these discussions impact our families, staff members, and communities, and we remain committed to providing clear and timely information throughout this process. All materials related to the Long-Range Plan, including presentations, FAQs, data and recordings of all meetings and hearings, are available on the Kyrene website. Thank you for your patience as we work to update the website to reflect ongoing governing board discussions.

Sincerely,  
Laura Toenjes  
Superintendent



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