



COMMUNITY FORUMS

UNDERSTANDING OPTIONS FOR BUDGET REDUCTIONS

Due to enrollment decline, Balsz ESD is working through a budget reduction process because the district must cut just over \$3 million from its budget. We want students, families, and staff to understand what this means.

It's also important to know: No decisions have been made. The Governing Board has not chosen any option and is not leaning toward any specific plan.

Why are we sharing this?

To make sure our community understands what the options are *before* any decisions are made so everyone can give input and stay informed.

Possible Options

Option 1: School Closure/Repurpose

This option includes several ideas the district may have to consider, such as:

- Reduce staffing to match our student enrollment
- Close one school location and move students to another school inside the Balsz district
- Change school boundaries and bus routes to pick up and drop off students to the new school location if their school is closed.
- Repurpose a school (changing the purpose of the closed school and using it for something different, like a family resource center or dual language school).

Option 2: Staffing Changes

This option focuses on staff positions if we do not close a school. It may include:

- Reduce staffing to match our student enrollment
- Reduce options in courses like art and music
- Not offer an annual raise to staff
- Not offer specific roles such as librarian and/or social worker.

These actions would follow all laws and district policies and would be shared with families if student services were affected.