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Independent School District

## **Carroll ISD Announces 2027 Campus Realignment Plan**

The Carroll ISD Board of Trustees voted unanimously at the January 12, 2026 Special Board Workshop Meeting to approve the CISD Budget Reduction Advisory Committee’s recommendation to close Durham Intermediate School. This decision establishes a long-term plan to transition Carroll ISD to two middle-level campuses serving grades 6-8 beginning in Fall 2027. The recommendation came as part of a broader strategy to address declining enrollment, improve operational efficiency, and strengthen the District’s long-term financial outlook.

In recent years, Carroll ISD has experienced enrollment declines, with a decrease of more than 650 students since peak enrollment in 2019. With district funding tied directly to enrollment, these shifts have contributed to budget pressures. The realignment plan will help CISD use its facilities more efficiently while protecting classroom resources and academic quality.

“Carroll ISD is committed to providing an exceptional learning experience for every Dragon,” said Carroll ISD Board of Trustees President Cam Bryan. “This move allows us to strengthen the middle-level academic model, ensure long-term financial sustainability, and plan deliberately for Carroll’s future.”

Under the new structure, two expanded middle campuses will serve all students in grades 6-8, while 5th grade students remain on their home elementary campuses. The 2027 timeline ensures ample time for facility planning, staffing, feeder pattern finalization, student transition support, and community engagement.

The district emphasized that it is building this process around transparency and collaboration, learning from challenges other area districts have faced during recent consolidations. CISD will host campus events, prioritize parent and staff involvement, and provide regular updates throughout the transition.

“We want families to be informed, heard, and supported every step of the way,” said CISD Board Secretary Christy Stacy. “This is a thoughtful, student-centered change designed to protect the high standards our community expects.”

For more information, including a list of FAQs and a timeline, please visit [www.SouthlakeCarroll.edu/Consolidation](http://www.SouthlakeCarroll.edu/Consolidation).