Date Submitted	School Financing	Educational Specifications	Enrollment	Boundaries & Feeder Patterns	Facility Conditions	Please write your comment.
Aug 28, 2025, 08:50 AM	1					I implore, beg, and plead you not to proceed with closing multiple small schools with the intent of condensing everyone into the locally referred to "monstrosity" that is Raleigh Hills (even the 70 year old cashier at the Raleigh Hills Fred Meyer got tears in her eyes as she told me how terrifying it looks for small children). In light of yesterday's elementary school shooting in Minnesota, this is especially top of mind for us elementary parents. How in the world would you plan to keep my kindergartner safe among SEVEN HUNDRED OTHER young kids who do not have the grave understanding of what an active shooter means? When checking into Raleigh Park for visits or volunteering, every member of staff knows EVERY SINGLE PARENT AND CHILD. How could that possibly ever happen at the mega monster school? Will you be checking seven hundred backpacks each morning? How will you manage who has access to such a large school with so many points of entry? Please consider EVERY other avenue before closing schools. I know budget is important, but our children's lives are SO SO SO much more important. Their quality of life, education, and community will be negatively impacted in a mega school environment. Many families will transfer out of the district to private schools, my family included, if this mega school plan goes forward. I personally know of several families who are going straight to private schools now due to the lack of transparency, honesty, and fear of closure that is already impending. Your board continually cites one study around Bonny Slope where there was not enough land and adjustments needed to be made to accomodate an exploding student population, thus making a mega school make sense. That anomaly should not become the norm to justify an overzealous construction project. When we all voted yes on the bond several years ago to rebuild Raleigh Hills, it was with the understanding that supporting a neighboring community school would not be to the detriment of our own. EVERYONE I know who voted for the bond feels like it was a bait and switch, and we no longer have faith or trust in the board. Additionally, who is to say that the student population will not boom again in a few years with new housing developments, economic changes, and other factors? What will happen if you close all these schools then suddenly don't have room for the students? What is your plan for the closed buildings? Will there be security all the time so they don't become sites for nefarious activity? Other ideas that are NOT closing vital and valuable community schools: 1. Keep RH K-8 (with option for people in neighboring elementary schools to go to middle school there?) 2. Make RH a middle school to help with overcrowding/bullying/poor performance at other area middle schools (Whitford, Cedar Park, etc.). We are all terrified of our local middle schools. 3. Option school - these are one of the best reasons to be part of the BSD 4. Rework boundaries so they make more sense Please help us trust you and your team. Please keep our children's lives, happiness, and success in mind over your own balance sheets.