

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Pasadena, California
AMENDED
RESOLUTION No. 2852**

**ESTABLISHING OPTIMAL SCHOOL SIZE BY GRADE LEVEL FOR
PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the Pasadena Unified School District has experienced fluctuations in student enrollment, with total district enrollment currently estimated at approximately 13,219 students; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is committed to providing high-quality educational opportunities for all students in the District; and

WHEREAS, the District acknowledges that optimal school size contributes directly to equitable access, instructional quality, and fiscal sustainability, ensuring that all students have access to robust academic programs, extracurricular offerings, and student supports regardless of school assignment; and

WHEREAS, an analysis of current enrollment by grade level demonstrates significant variation in school size, with certain schools operating far below recommended thresholds, thereby impacting the District's ability to provide equitable access to educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, aligning school size with optimal enrollment ranges supports efficiency, instructional depth, and equity across school sites, particularly in a district facing declining enrollment; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Board of Education to establish clear policy direction, set parameters for districtwide planning, and ensure that any recommended reconfiguration, consolidation, or transformation efforts advance equitable access to high-quality instruction and long-term fiscal stability.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

that the Pasadena Unified School District Board of Education establishes the following optimal school size ranges by grade level, informed by the 2024–2025 and 2025–2026 district headcount data **subject to further study and revision as necessary during the District Transformation Planning Process:**

Grade Level Configuration	Minimum Enrollment	Optimal Range	Maximum Enrollment
Elementary (K–5)	300	450–650	750
Middle (6–8)	400	600–800	900
High (9–12)	900	1,000–1,600	1,800
K–8 or 6–12 Schools	700	800–1,200	1,400

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:

1. The Board directs the Superintendent to monitor schools that fall below the enrollment threshold for two consecutive years beginning in 2024–2025, and to provide the Board with an annual report identifying such schools and summarizing relevant equity considerations.
2. The Board requests that any recommendations brought forward by the Superintendent regarding school reconfiguration or closure include an accompanying Equity Impact Analysis, **in compliance with AB 1912**, demonstrating how the proposed action advances equitable access to quality instruction, diversity, and fiscal sustainability. Recommendations, if any, shall be presented to the Board no later than October 2026.
3. The Board directs the Superintendent to develop and bring forward a proposed District Transformation **Planning Process** that includes community input; instructional and programmatic stability; considerations of optimal school size; community and fiscal impacts; and potential consolidation scenarios. An initial draft of the **planning process** shall be presented to the Board by February 2026.
4. To support informed decision-making, the Board authorizes the Superintendent to engage independent, reliable, and unbiased external expertise to conduct enrollment projections, facilities analysis, and scenario modeling. The resulting findings and recommendations shall be provided to the Board as part of the District Transformation Plan process.
5. The Board directs the Superintendent to provide an annual update on school size alignment, including projected enrollment, equity indicators, and any recommendations for adjustments or consolidations.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 11TH day of December 2025, at a regular meeting of the Pasadena Unified School District Board of Education, Los Angeles County, California.



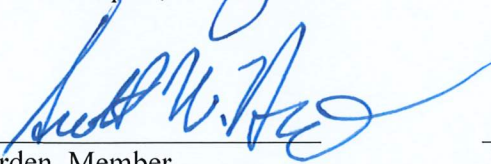
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