Cambrian School District

School Consolidation Committee

November 20, 2025

Background

- The Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) was formed in the fall of 2024 to reduce the $2 million deficit for the 2025–26 school year.
    - The Governing Board adopted the budget reduction recommendations in February 2025.
- The unexpected enrollment decline between June and August 2025 triggered renewed BAC efforts to reduce $2.6 million from the 2026–2027 budget.
- On November 3, 2025, the BAC recommended that the Governing Board form a School Consolidation Committee to identify $2+ million in ongoing two-year savings.
- Cambrian's Transitional Kindergarten – 5th grade capacity is 2,560 students. Current enrollment stands at 1,714, resulting in 846 unused seats

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Demographic & Enrollment Findings



Enrollment has declined by 399 students since 2016–17; with continued declines projected.



Birth rates have dropped from 461 births per year to approximately 371.



A total of 654 new housing units are expected, with an estimated maximum enrollment impact of 139 students over the next six years.



Elementary schools are operating with excess capacity, while Steindorf and Price continue to show strong enrollment.

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Rationale for School Consolidation

- Improves operational efficiency and strengthens resource alignment.
- Generates more than $1 million in annual savings through reduced overhead staffing
- Reduces combination classes and supports balanced class sizes
- Focuses maintenance and capital investment on fully utilized campuses

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Recommendation & Framework

- Establish a Brown Act–compliant School Consolidation Committee (up to 11 members)
- Leverage BAC members to ensure broad representation, including parents, teachers, classified staff, and administrators
- Final report due February/March 2026
- Utilize weighted criteria encompassing educational, financial, demographic, facility, and community factors
- Ensures transparent, data-driven consolidation decisions

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