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Tulsa Public Schools Board of Education Receives Response to Resolution Asking the Superintendent to Address Revenue and Enrollment Alignment

Proposal for a Long-Term Sustainability Plan Presented; Community Survey Reveals Closing and Consolidating Schools as the Highest Ranked Option

TULSA, Okla. – Tulsa Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Ebony Johnson presented a comprehensive long-term sustainability plan during Monday's Board of Education meeting that proposed closing or consolidating 17 schools across the district. The proposal was made in response to a [resolution](#) from the board in July, charging the Superintendent to bring forth recommendations no later than the final board meeting in October 2026 that would reduce the operating budget by a minimum of \$12 million.

As the community and district leaders considered options for the future sustainability of TPS, opportunities were identified to capitalize on recent progress seen in three consecutive years of improved reading and math results and improved attendance, along with growth in the number of students graduating ready for college and career opportunities. The district plans to build on the momentum and named several ways the proposal would enable further progress including expanded access to in-demand programs; dedicated art, music, and PE teachers at every elementary school; increasing the number of students with access to a highly qualified teacher; and more.

Fourteen of the 17 school sites named in the proposal are elementary schools, while two are middle schools, and one alternative site. The sites named in the proposal are:

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- Anderson Elementary
- Bell Elementary
- Dolores Huerta Elementary
- Greenwood Leadership Academy
- Hoover Elementary
- Kerr Elementary
- Key Elementary
- Marshall Elementary
- Mitchell Elementary
- Peary Elementary
- Robertson Elementary
- Sequoyah Elementary
- Springdale Elementary
- Unity Learning Academy
- Central Middle School
- Thoreau Demonstration Academy
- Tulsa MET Middle School and High School

The proposal will be reviewed by the Board of Education and brought to a vote during the October 19 board meeting. Any approved changes would not take effect until the 2027-28 school year.

National trends impacting public education enrollment – such as declining birth rates, demographic shifts, changes in school choice, and other factors – are reshaping districts across the country. These realities mean that many TPS buildings operate well below capacity, requiring dollars that could support classrooms must instead be used for the full operation of schools that have far fewer students than they were built to serve. Monday's recommendations came together following more than a year of listening, learning, analysis, data review, and community interaction. Those engagements, coupled with responses from an ongoing citywide survey, have overwhelmingly named closing and consolidating schools as the highest ranked option when considering other long-term possibilities.



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The district has engaged the community in a series of public Planning Information Sessions since the board passed the resolution and has encouraged community members to share their priorities around the process in a [survey](#), which will remain open for submissions until Oct. 16.

The district will host five more Community Information Sessions to further engage the community and understand priorities for district resources, including the services and opportunities they want and need for success in the coming years. The schedule of upcoming sessions is as follows:

- Tuesday, September 29, 5:30-6:30pm, Martin Regional Library (2601 S. Garnett Rd.)
- Tuesday, October 6, 5:30-6:30pm, Bronson Brookside Library (4607 S. Madison Pl.)
- Wednesday, October 7, 5:30-6:30pm, Virtual session presented in Spanish
- Thursday, October 8, 5:30-6:30pm, Parent Resource Center (525 E. 46th St. N.)
- Monday, October 12, 5:30-6:30pm, Central Library - Downtown (400 Civic Center)
- Wednesday, October 14, 5:30-6:30pm, Zarrow Regional Library (2224 W. 51st St.)

You can find more information about Tulsa Public Schools' long-range plan to build a stronger and more sustainable district, including the timeline for consideration, Frequently Asked Questions, the board resolution, and more, by visiting tulsaschools.org/planning.

Oklahoma public school statistics:

Oklahoma City Public Schools reported 57 accredited sites last school year with total enrollment of 31,104. Currently, **Tulsa Public Schools** operates 78 schools – including 45 elementary schools – with total reported enrollment last year of 32,450.

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