



School Closure Recommendation

October 7, 2026



BACKGROUND & PURPOSE

WHY THIS RECOMMENDATION IS BEFORE THE BOARD

- **Declining enrollment.** Like many districts across the state and country, we are seeing a sustained decline in student enrollment, driven in part by lower birth rates.
- **Underutilized campuses.** Several campuses now serve significantly fewer students than they were built to hold, affecting program breadth, staffing structures, and per-pupil operating costs.
- **Facility needs.** Active modernization and construction projects require flexible swing space and staff development capacity.



School Capacities Working Group

Established in **Fall 2023** with 12 interdepartmental representatives, the Working Group built a structured framework for analyzing enrollment, capacity, space utilization, and program requirements.



Recommendation Criteria

- Multi-year enrollment trends and projections
- School capacity and utilization rates
- Geographic proximity to other District schools
- Program continuity and student access to services
- Equity of access across student populations
- Construction, modernization, and instructional support needs



Annual Review

Site capacity analysis is now performed annually, so recommendations reflect current enrollment and facility conditions rather than a one-time snapshot.



Guiding Focus

Recommendations are grounded in data while keeping the focus on student experience, program quality, and long-term sustainability.

Schools Identified

EDISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

625 Maine Ave, Long Beach, CA 90802



443

CURRENT ENROLLMENT

1,000

PROGRAM CAPACITY

1,379

DESIGN CAPACITY

44%

UTILIZATION

Proposed Receiving Campuses

School	Program Capacity	Available Seats*	Distance from Edison
Chavez Elementary 730 W 3rd St	763	427	0.7 mi
Oropeza Elementary 700 Locust Ave	812	319	0.7 mi

746 available seats across the new school of residence campuses for 443 students. **Available seats = program capacity minus current enrollment.*

GOMPERS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

5206 Briercrest Ave, Lakewood, CA 90713



366

CURRENT ENROLLMENT

960

PROGRAM CAPACITY

1,222

DESIGN CAPACITY

38%

UTILIZATION

Proposed Receiving Campuses

School	Program Capacity	Available Seats*	Distance from Gompers
Cleveland Elementary 4760 Hackett Ave	772	311	1.6 mi
Holmes Elementary 5020 Barlin Ave	786	368	1.9 mi
MacArthur Elementary 6011 Centralia St	743	400	1.5 mi

1,079 available seats across the new school of residence campuses for 366 students. **Available seats = program capacity minus current enrollment.*

POTENTIAL USES FOR CLOSED CAMPUSES

Each campus will take on a defined role supporting students, staff, and District operations



Interim Housing

Interim housing for students and staff displaced during modernization and construction elsewhere in the District.



Professional Development

Serve as a District professional development site.



Operational Support

District administration, warehousing, and operational functions.



Transition & Impact

Supporting students, families, and staff



ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF IMPACT

School closure recommendations can have significant impacts on students, families, staff, and the surrounding community.

Beyond facility alignment, staff considered impacts related to school identity, continuity, and the lived experience of each campus community, including transitions for students and staff and each school's connection to the community.

The District recognizes the significance of these impacts. They inform both the transition plan and the approach to community engagement.



STUDENT TRANSITION APPROACH

The District will implement a structured transition plan built around five commitments:

- **Continuity** of academic programs and student services
- **Minimized disruption** for students and families
- **Transition support** at receiving schools
- **Priority consideration** through existing School of Choice and enrollment processes
- **Uninterrupted delivery** of required services, including special education

New schools of residence were selected for both available capacity, proximity, and program alignment.



Engagement

Communication & Outreach

As of October 1st, 2026

1

**Communication with TALB
& CSEA**

LABOR PARTNERS

2

**Staff Notification in Staff
Meetings**

STAFF

3

**Parent/Caregiver
Notification Letters**

FAMILIES

4

**Parent/Caregiver
Meetings**

FAMILIES

5

Staff Support Meetings

STAFF

6

**Follow-Up Parent/
Caregiver Meetings**

FAMILIES

7

**City of Lakewood &
Long Beach**

COMMUNITY PARTNERS



LET'S TALK IT THROUGH

Questions & Discussion

Every question helps us get this right for Edison and Gompers students and families.

Enrollment & Capacity

Equity & Access

Budget & Savings

Student Transitions

Site Repurposing

Engagement & Outreach