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November 12, 2026

Update on the School Closures and Consolidations



Where are we headed and what can we expect?

Our goal for our staff report tonight is to keep our Board of Education and the Tulsa community informed about the transition plan for the approved consolidation and closure of school sites.

Our current work ahead is three-fold:

We are committed to retaining and attracting families in Tulsa Public Schools.

We are committed to retaining and supporting members of Team Tulsa.

We are committed to ensuring that we have a strong operational start and facilities readiness at the start of the 27-28 school year.

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The timeline below outlines our key actions between now and August to support students, families, and Team Tulsa while ensuring a strong operational start to the 2027–28 school year.

November - December

Family Outreach from our Family, Community, and Youth Empowerment Team - including a survey to gather early input

Preparation for Enrollment season

Established timeline for team members and designed the Staff Placement Survey (both teachers and school leaders)

Site walks at school sites

January - March

Generating & bridging excitement about new schools

EnrollTulsa

Early school site budget reviews

Staffing and leadership placements

March - May/June

Family notifications for student placements

Merging school culture and climate events & activities

Beginning construction / facilities readiness

May/June-August

Continue school culture and climate events and touchpoints with families (including Back to School events)

Sites receive final budgets

Continue construction / facilities readiness

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Updates to our current focus areas

We are committed to retaining and attracting families in Tulsa Public Schools.

- The week of November 9th through Thanksgiving, our Family, Community, and Youth Engagement team is conducting outbound calls to impacted families and documenting their current plans and key questions.
- Following Thanksgiving, a follow-up written communication and additional phone calls will be made to families.
- Beginning in December, we will host open houses for impacted families. At the previously scheduled December Parent University event, families will also receive information about their students' new home schools.

We are committed to retaining and supporting members of Team Tulsa.

- Engaged in 2 of our standing weekly sessions with TCTA, AFT, and district teams to prep for staff transitions
- We are preparing to send a placement preference survey to all impacted staff as early as the week of November 9 to gather their preferences for future assignments.
- Mingle events will bring staff from receiving schools to closing schools to build relationships and deepen their understanding of each school's culture and community.
- Our goal is to use staff survey preferences to match as many staff members as possible with placements by the end of February.

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- Completed 26 receiving school walkthroughs for programmatic and instructional capacity
  - Debrief is being planned to consolidate all the information from the walkthroughs to identify potential areas of concern and needs for a strong start to 27-28
  - A round 2 of site walkthroughs is being planned to focus on safety, exterior and operational items
- Cabinet members met with Deputy Mayor Reyes and team about the city's walkability study to support our efforts with safe schools.

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