



COEUR D'ALENE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #271

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Dear Borah Staff,

We are writing to be sure everyone is aware of the board action tonight to close Borah Elementary School at the end of the current 2023-24 school year and repurpose the facility to include the Early Learning Center (ELC). This action will result in enrolling students in surrounding schools. Hearing your voices and feelings during the last month leaves us recognizing how difficult this news is.

We communicated with Borah families this evening and shared this news, assuring them of the work we will do to help them become part of a new school community. We expect the Board to approve new attendance zones at the May 13th scheduled meeting of the board. At that time, we will start efforts to welcome and transition students to their new schools. Special education staff will also communicate with students served with an IEP to support the transition of these important plans.

Mr. Davis, Human Resources director, will be communicating with all staff moving forward about transfers to other buildings for those who qualify as well as to answer any questions from those who don't presently have an open position to move into. Mr. Peak, Mrs. Morrison, and Mr. Davis will be discussing staffing with each of the receiving principals as well as attempting to find the best possible placements. We value each of our Borah staff and our hope is that everyone will continue to work in our district.

Your sincere care for our students and partnerships with families during this difficult time is admirable. If you have further ideas or questions to share, please don't hesitate.

We are sincerely sorry that the decline of enrollment and other factors affecting the budget have come to this action and enormous transition for all of the Borah community.

With care and respect,

Dr. Shon Hocker; Superintendent of Schools
Patty Morrison; Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education