

Important: Information about enrollment/boundary recommendations that include Arrowhead

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Dear Arrowhead families and staff,

The School Board agenda for the October 26 Study Session was posted, and it includes recommendations from the Enrollment Demographics Advisory Committee (EDAC). I want you to hear directly from me what it means for our school.

EDAC is a group of staff, students, parents and community members who spent more than a year studying changes in student enrollment data. Overall enrollment in Northshore is declining and is also uneven - some elementary schools are very small and some are large. This matters because when schools get too small, it is challenging to provide students with an excellent education. EDAC has developed multiple recommendations for the School Board to consider, including shifting school boundaries and closing a few elementary schools.

Under all three recommendations, Arrowhead would welcome students from Moorlands if the Board decides to close schools. **None of the EDAC recommendations include a closure of Arrowhead.**

No decision has been made. The School Board is considering several recommendations, and not all of them may be approved. The School Board will vote on March 8, 2027. If the Board approves any changes, they would begin in fall 2028, almost two years from now. Nothing changes at Arrowhead this school year or next.

Why is this being considered? Enrollment in Northshore is declining faster than projected, and students are not evenly distributed across our schools. Given the district's limited resources, it makes it harder to provide robust programming, staffing, and services at schools with fewer students. Smaller schools are also more expensive to operate on a per-student basis and often require more multigrade classrooms. When school enrollment falls below approximately 400 students, the district must rely more heavily on local levy dollars to maintain staffing and operate the school. This means fewer dollars are available to support other student needs across the district.

What I do not know yet. I do not know how this recommendation would affect our school in regards to space, staffing, or program funding. Detailed planning would begin when the Board makes a decision, and I will share what I learn as I learn it.

Our Northshore neighbors. Families and staff at Moorlands are receiving much harder news. Please keep them in your thoughts. This is a very challenging situation for everyone, and the Board is facing difficult choices as they work to respond to district-wide enrollment challenges.

It is normal to have mixed feelings, including worry, sadness for other schools, or uncertainty about what this could mean for our own community. I feel that too, and I wish the circumstances were different.

How you can be involved.

- Family meeting: November 18, 5:00pm, Arrowhead Gym
 - At these meetings, District staff will share EDAC's recommendation and the reasons behind it, explain the timeline, answer questions and gather feedback for the Board. Their role is not to advocate for or against any recommended option. Your input helps the Board make an informed, evidence-based decision using its guiding principles.
- Visit www.nsd.org for an FAQ, an explainer video, the timeline and presentations to the Board.

I also encourage you to watch the Board Study Session on October 26 at 5 p.m. where the EDAC recommendations will be presented publicly for the first time: [watch the Board Study Session on October 26 at 5 p.m](#)

I will keep you updated as I learn more. Please reach out to me or to the main office staff with questions.

Sincerely,

Ali Airhart
Principal