

Resolution to Close East Middle School

Board of Education Resolution 22/23: 70

Presented: March 9, 2023

WHEREAS, the Board of Education’s vision is to engage, equip, and empower each and every student every day; and

WHEREAS, the District has been experiencing declining enrollment since 2019; and

WHEREAS, declining enrollment has a direct impact on school staffing and programming, can lead to inefficient and unsustainable staffing, create difficulties in providing adequate services for students, creates underutilization of facilities and increased safety risks; and

WHEREAS, Western Demographics Demographer, Mr. Shannon Bingham, presented to the Board of Education information projecting declining enrollment over the next five to seven years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bingham further recommended the closure of East Middle School, located at 830 Gunnison Avenue, Grand Junction, Colorado, to address current issues facing middle schools due to declining enrollment; and

WHEREAS, the closure of East Middle School will necessitate boundary changes to incorporate the East Middle School area students to other middle school attendance areas; and

WHEREAS, the closure of East Middle School will require the Challenge Program to be relocated to another location; and

WHEREAS, the closure of East Middle School will displace seventeen non-probationary teachers/counselors; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education finds it in the best interest of the District to close East Middle School; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby directs the Superintendent of Schools to work with District and school administration and staff to close East Middle School and relocate the Challenge Program; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mesa County Valley School District 51 Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent to work with Mr. Shannon Bingham to facilitate the redrawing of school boundaries, as necessary, to accommodate the closure of East Middle School.

I certify that the information contained herein is accurate and was adopted by the Mesa County Valley School District 51 Board of Education on March 9, 2023.

Bridget Story
Assistant Secretary, Board of Education



Mesa County Valley School District 51

Resolution to Address Secondary Grades Configuration in the Fruita Area

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WHEREAS, Western Demographics Demographer, Mr. Shannon Bingham presented stakeholder information to the Board of Education showing the majority of stakeholders in the Fruita area prefer the secondary schools in the Fruita area return to traditional grade configuration of grades sixth through eighth and ninth through twelfth; and

WHEREAS, the District has been experiencing declining enrollment since 2019; and

WHEREAS, declining enrollment has a direct impact on school staffing and programming, can lead to inefficient and unsustainable staffing, create difficulties in providing adequate services for students, creates underutilization of facilities and increased safety risks; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby wishes to address programming and staffing issues caused by declining enrollment at Fruita Middle School and to transition the secondary schools to a traditional grade configuration; and now

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby directs the Superintendent to begin working with District staff to make the recommended and necessary changes needed to transition the secondary schools in the Fruita area to a traditional grade configuration of grades sixth through eighth and ninth through twelfth.

I certify that the information contained herein is accurate and was adopted by the Mesa County Valley School District 51 Board of Education on March 9, 2023.

*Bridget Story
Secretary, Board of Education*