Timeline for School Consolidation Information

Michelle Valenzuela • a month ago • Tuesday, Oct 28 at 4:00 PM • Amphitheater Public Schools

Dear Amphitheater Families and Staff:

As Superintendent Jaeger shared in his <u>letter earlier this month</u>, Amphitheater continues to face significant enrollment and financial challenges that require us to consolidate up to five of our 12 elementary schools beginning with the 2026–2027 school year. This is an ongoing and carefully considered process, and we want to provide you with an update on the timeline and next steps.

Current Work

District leadership continues to evaluate data to determine which school sites will be consolidated. This review includes enrollment trends, facility usage, demographic data and other key factors that will help guide the recommendations.

Upcoming Timeline

- Tuesday, Nov. 18: We anticipate sharing school consolidation recommendations with District families and staff by email on the evening of Nov. 18.
- Nov. 19, 20, and 21: The District will hold community meetings by feeder pattern to discuss the recommendations, answer questions and gather feedback.
 - Ironwood Ridge High School Feeder Pattern: Nov. 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium at IRHS to specifically review proposed consolidations in the Ironwood Ridge feeder pattern.
 - Amphitheater High School Feeder Pattern: Nov. 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center at Amphi High to specifically review proposed consolidations in the Amphi High feeder pattern.
 - Canyon del Oro High School Feeder Pattern: Nov. 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room at CDO to specifically review proposed consolidations in the Canyon del Oro feeder pattern.
- Following the community meetings: We plan to send a survey to all affected families and staff to help guide
 planning for the combining of school campuses and cultures. This will allow families and staff who are
 unable to attend the meetings an opportunity for input. Additionally, we will be monitoring our
 answers@amphi.com email address for questions and comments.
- Tuesday, Dec. 9: The Superintendent will present a full recommendation report to the Governing Board at its regular meeting. The Board will not vote at this meeting. Arizona state law requires the Board to hold a meeting to review closures at least 10 days before a vote is taken.

• January: The Governing Board is expected to vote on the Superintendent's recommendations.

We remain committed to making decisions with care, transparency and respect for our students, families and staff. Our goal is to ensure that every child continues to have access to the high-quality programs, opportunities and sense of community that define Amphitheater Public Schools.

Please visit the **FAQ on the consolidation process** on our website for more information.

If you would have questions that are not answered on the website or if you would like to share your input, please send an email to answers@amphi.com.

Thank you,
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