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2/17/2025 12:43:51	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Skyline	I am the parent to 5th grader and 1st grader at Morningside elementary, a paraeducator at Morningside elementary, and an active PTA volunteer. From my perspective as a parent, employee, and PTA volunteer, it would be truly devastating to our community to close Morningside Elementary. Morningside Elementary flawlessly provides a remarkable education to a wide variety of learners through the ALC program, French Dual Immersion Program, and the Traditional program. Morningside staff and leadership have worked tirelessly and successfully over the years to ensure that students in the various programs have many opportunities (recess, PE, PTA parties, lunch, etc..) to interact and form relationships, ensuring that they are not 3 school within one school, but truly one unified, strong school. To break this apart would be truly distressing to families, students, and staff. Additionally, my 5th grader has a SLD IEP for his dyslexia. The special education program at Morningside is truly remarkable. Special education teacher, [Teachers name removed] , is highly gifted and qualified in working with students with a wide variety of learning differences. She communicates seamlessly with GE teachers to ensure that IEP and 504 accommodations are able to be practically and effectively implemented within Morningside classrooms. Prior to attending Morningside, my son attended Oakridge Elementary for kindergarten. My son was showing clear signs of SLD throughout his kindergarten year, but my concerns were dismissed by the Oakridge SPED team and interventions were not provided. I cannot speak to current Oakridge practices, as this was several years ago, but at that time, an appropriate tiered intervention system was not in place. Response to Intervention could not be evaluated due to lack of interventions. The principal during that time period is now the current principal at Eastwood Elementary. Based on my experience, I fear that if Oakridge and Eastwood remain open, and Morningside closes, students with learning differences will not have access to FAPE. While the main purpose of my comment is not to point out the shortcomings of other schools, I feel the need to bring this up as I truly worry about the many students with learning challenges in our district not having access to appropriate interventions and services. Morningside is compliant with IDEA, has a clear and effective tiered intervention system, and truly goes above and beyond to help each student reach their full potential, regardless of learning challenges. Credit for this cannot be given to any one individual, but to the entire Morningside team. Morningside should remain open and serve as a role model to other schools in the district as to how students with learning differences should be served. Dismantling this team by closing Morningside would negatively impact students and have determinantal effects that will impact their entire lives. Students who do not receive appropriate reading interventions/services in elementary school are less likely to graduate high school and become productive members of society. Please keep Morningside Elementary open so that ALC, French Immersion, Traditional, and special education students can continue to thrive together in our warm, caring, productive, unified community. Thank you for considering my feedback!	
2/17/2025 20:20:11	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Skyline	We moved to this neighborhood for Morningside specifically before our children started elementary.	
2/17/2025 20:22:39	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Skyline	No Comment submitted	
2/17/2025 21:31:58	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El, 17. Sky	Skyline	Morningside Elementary has been a refuge for my kids and I would really love to see it stay open.	
2/25/2025 10:51:56	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	4. Eastwood El	Skyline	We bought our home because it was zoned for Eastwood, a walkable school with some of the best scores and smallest class sizes in the state. This was of paramount importance to our family, in a state with a reputation for overcrowding classes and deprioritizing education. We value the ability to walk our kids to school and meet other families who do the same and support one another as an Eastwood community. A low facility score does not reflect the reality of Eastwood's excellent educational environment. We would welcome alternatives to perceived population issues, including temporary structures to house advanced learning or dual language immersion programs, as at Morningside. We don't want to be forced to choose expensive private schools or charter schools. Surveys and closure rumors are disruptive to our children and destructive to our community. Please do not close Eastwood - we love our neighborhood school.	
2/25/2025 10:58:04	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Cottonwood	The French program is so important to us. We travel outside our local elementary school to be in the French program. We also use several of their morning programs like choir and book club. Morningside engages students on so many levels and works to offer additional programs for different interests. I know changes may be coming, but Morningside should not be closed because it has so much to offer.	
2/25/2025 10:59:38	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	4. Eastwood El	Skyline	Hello - We bought our home because it was zoned for Eastwood, a walkable school with some of the best scores and smallest class sizes in the state. This was of paramount importance to our family, in a state with a reputation for overcrowding classes and deprioritizing education. We value the ability to walk our kids to school and meet other families who do the same and support one another as an Eastwood community. A low facility score does not reflect the reality of Eastwood's excellent educational environment. We would welcome alternatives to perceived population issues, including temporary structures to house advanced learning or dual language immersion programs, as at Morningside. We don't want to be forced to choose expensive private schools or charter schools. Surveys and closure rumors are disruptive to our children and destructive to our community. Please do not close Eastwood - we love our neighborhood school.	
2/25/2025 11:11:10	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	4. Eastwood El	Cottonwood	Eastwood is such a staple in the community and is unmatched by any other Elementary school. My son has excelled this year in Kindergarten and has formed significant friendships that have pulled him out of his shell. Losing Eastwood would be terrible, it has been a huge part of his growth and we are looking forward to several more years there. Thank You!	

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2/25/2025 11:48:59	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	4. Eastwood EI	Skyline	I moved specifically to this neighborhood when I became pregnant because of the schools (specifically Eastwood Elementary). My oldest son is signed up to attend Kindergarten this coming fall, and I have a youngest son who we were planning on having attend when he reaches the right age. I am distraught about this study and potential school closures. This was the reason we moved here and bought property here. Please reconsider and listen to the community before making this decision. There may be other ways we can help support the schools in a way that avoids closures. I am in touch with 40+ moms in this community that are supportive of keeping Eastwood open.	
2/25/2025 11:58:21	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	10. Upland Terrace EI	Skyline	My daughter has been an established student at Upland Terrace and my wish is to keep her at Upland Terrace as she and I both have built wonderful relationships with the staff, teachers, the principals and secretaries and they provide as much access as they can for me with my deafness and I can't imagine having that anywhere else and I really believe that all the students at upland terrace are wonderful and well deserved to stay at upland terrace without being reassigned and the parents are so involved and this is a wonderful community and everyone stays together and work together to keep upland terrace a wonderful school and all the students should stay till they graduate. Thank you!	
2/25/2025 12:06:11	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside EI	Other	Morningside Elementary serves so many students in the area. As you know, this school offers incredible programs including Gifted and Dual French Immersion (which our children participate in). We live in the Indian Hills school district and do not mind driving to Morningside every day so our kids can access these quality educational programs. Please note that there is no Dual French Immersion being offered in any SLC-district schools at the moment so Morningside is our closest option for receiving this type of education. There is a clear track for French within the area with Morningside being the elementary school, Churchill being the middle, and Skyline being the high school with DLI in place for French. Many families I know have made the investment to move to the SLC and Granite east bench to be in closer proximity to these schools offering French DLI.	
2/25/2025 13:09:16	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	6. Oakridge EI	Skyline	Dear PAC committee, I am writing as a parent and community member deeply concerned about the potential closure of Oakridge Elementary as part of the Area 5 PAC study. Oakridge is more than just a school—it is the heart of our community. Closing it would not only disrupt families but also dismantle a vital hub that fosters connection and belonging. -Closing schools may appear fiscally prudent in the short term, but it often leads to long-term harm for students and communities. Let's explore innovative alternatives that align with our district's priorities and values. -The emotional toll of potential closures on our families is significant. We have a responsibility to consider the holistic well-being of our students and communities, not just financial metrics. -By maintaining our neighborhood schools, we preserve safe walking routes, reduce traffic congestion, and foster a strong sense of community. These factors contribute significantly to student success and safety. -Let's leverage our federal relief funds to address enrollment challenges creatively. We have an opportunity to invest in our existing schools rather than closing them. -Phased boundary adjustments, as we've done with Walker Elementary, offer a more gradual and less disruptive approach to addressing enrollment changes. This strategy aligns with our commitment to community stability. -With 10 schools already closed since 2019, we need to carefully consider the cumulative impact on our district. Each closure affects hundreds of families and changes the fabric of our communities. Our timeline allows for thorough community engagement and exploration of alternatives. Let's use this time to work collaboratively with families and educators to find innovative solutions that don't involve closures. -Health Benefits: Walking to school promotes physical activity and better health outcomes for our children. -Magnet Programs: Transform Oakridge into a specialized academy, attracting students and balancing enrollment. -Community Learning Center: Utilize underused spaces for adult education or early childhood programs. I urge you to consider these points and vote against any closures to Oakridge Elementary. Let's work together to find solutions that preserve our schools and strengthen our communities. Thank you for your time and dedication to Granite School District families.	
2/25/2025 14:15:42	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	4. Eastwood EI	Skyline	I have had at least one student at Eastwood for the past 7 years. It's a wonderful school and the location makes it a desirable choice for many parents who are out of Eastwood boundaries. We live within the boundary. Eastwood consistently scores high as a top rated school and it would be a shame to face a closure. I know changed will need to be made but I'm hopeful our Eastwood community can show how critical it is to keep this school open. Thanks for considering all the best solutions for our kids.	
2/25/2025 15:10:10	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	4. Eastwood EI	Skyline	Please don't close Eastwood! We are so excited for our children to continue their education there!	
2/25/2025 15:46:43	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	4. Eastwood EI, 11. Churc	Skyline	It's been such a benefit to our neighborhood and community to have a walkable school and a strong gathering place for after school programs and activities. I feel like it has strengthened our community and it would be a shame to see our local school close. I do understand that it can be a burden on teachers when schools are too small and I'm wondering if there's a model in which we can share some of that burden with other schools in order to stay open.	

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2/25/2025 17:37:59	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside EI, 11. Chu	Skyline	I live in Emigration Canyon and the home Elementary School would be Eastwood. If Eastwood is closed I would like to suggest that the new boundary be a part of Morningside Elementary. There are currently many families (at least 5) that I am aware of who bring their kids to Morningside. This could help boost enrollment of the traditional classrooms at Morningside and make it more convenient for those who have already chosen to attend Morningside for either DLI or GT programs.	
2/26/2025 7:39:15	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	4. Eastwood EI	Skyline	Please keep Eastwood open. The staff and school is amazing and have been a great and supportive environment for both of my kids. They have helped prepare and support my kids for middle school and beyond.	
2/26/2025 9:58:45	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	4. Eastwood EI	Skyline	Closing Eastwood would be very hard for us as a family. Just because of the closeness - also this is the only school that has smaller class sizes and the scores match that. I'm going to fight for Eastwood to not close as much as I can. Please consider	
2/26/2025 10:32:39	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	4. Eastwood EI	Skyline	At first I was extremely caught off guard and overwhelmed by this news. We specifically picked Eastwood (our in boundary school is Crestview) because I wanted my son to attend Skyline because of the IB program and wanted him to have a stable friend/peer group through his school years. We picked Eastwood because of their strong STEM program and high test scores. He is only in Kindergarten, but we love it. I also have to have after school care, and we rely on Mt Olympus for that. I am quite concerned what that will look like with changes as they only bus to 3 schools. I have watched the entire school board meeting where this was discussed and understand now why this is needed and do support the efforts. However, I hope that attention will be paid to the fact that almost all of my son's friends parents are not in boundary for Eastwood and that we all have specifically picked this school. Appreciate everything this district does!	
2/26/2025 11:42:19	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	4. Eastwood EI	Skyline	We love Eastwood and the community we have there. We chose it because it is a STEM school and love the activities they offer even though we are districted for a different Granite Elementary school	
2/26/2025 12:30:50	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	4. Eastwood EI	Skyline	My two children attend Eastwood Elementary. Please DO NOT close this school. The teachers, staff and administration have done an incredible job with maintaining a caring, respectful, positive learning environment. They are working hard to prepare my kids for middle and high school. It would be a detriment to this community to move the teachers and staff to other schools. My kids love the STEM programs that Eastwood offers and have benefitted greatly participating in these programs. Closing this school would disrupt the the safe space for learning that Eastwood elementary has worked hard to create.	
2/26/2025 12:49:36	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	6. Oakridge EI	Skyline	Oakridge elementary is a staple in this community. It is what draws families near and far to be in our neighborhood. It is large, safe, clean, well managed and not on a busy road. It has multiple locations for drop off and pick up and the most walkable elementary in the area.	
2/26/2025 15:27:41	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	10. Upland Terrace EI, 14.	Skyline	Class sizes are outrageous and out of control at both Upland Terrace as well as Wasatch Junior High. Research does not support an effective learning environment for our children is class sizes of 32+ kids. Not to mention the impact this has on our teachers.	
2/26/2025 19:38:46	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	4. Eastwood EI	Skyline	We absolutely love Eastwood Elementary. The principal and teaching staff are a huge part of the neighborhood and community. They know everyone's name, siblings and families stories and have created a culture of inclusion. Kids are excited to go to school and Eastwood is the center of this neighborhood.	
2/26/2025 20:09:08	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	4. Eastwood EI	Skyline	I have a child that will start at Eastwood in the 2025/26 school year. There are many children in our neighborhood who are ready to go to Eastwood in the next year or two. Eastwood is also very convenient for children not in our neighborhood to access with its location near I-215. There are so many possibilities for the school to grow and serve more children and house special programs. Additionally, there is not a safe path for children to walk to another school, especially if the expectation would be for children to attend a school on the other side of the highway.	
2/27/2025 11:12:09	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	11. Churchill Jr, 17. Skylin	Olympus	We moved to Olympus Cove because of it's schools. We are currently in walking and biking distance. Please don't close Oakridge EI where we plan on sending our kids!	
2/28/2025 15:04:46	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	4. Eastwood EI	Skyline	Eastwood serves as an anchor for our community as there are no other walkable gathering places in our area that are safe for kids to walk, ride bikes, etc. While freeway access (I-15 and I-80) provide convenience to downtown and Park City, they also create isolation for the Eastwood neighborhood. For example the closest park or playground to Eastwood Elementary requires crossing MULTIPLE freeway on/off ramps and a very busy 3300 S. Eastwood is THE reason so many have moved to this subdivision especially since 2020 as we have had more young families moving in permanently, less rental properties and older people moving on, causing rapid turnaround and growth of the neighborhood. Residents with and without children at the school are concerned that property value may decrease without having a walkable school, especially top rated school. Parents choose Eastwood because we are looking for a small community feel in a bigger city. Parents, teachers and students all know each other by name because the smaller school allows for this close knit community. I believe the mental health benefits of a smaller school may outweigh the financial benefits of a larger school. The loneliness epidemic is real and impacts parents and teachers which trickles down to children. Eastwood helps combat this by providing connection and vitality to this community.	
2/28/2025 15:13:52	C) I am an employee of Granite School District (Soy	4. Eastwood EI	Skyline	Is there a way to get info to parents sooner than the community meetings? Lack of information to families is fueling the rumor mill and causes friction and tension between communities.	

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2/28/2025 15:16:21	C) I am an employee of Granite School District (Soy	5. Morningside El	Skyline	First and foremost, I want to express my appreciation for providing a space where we can share feedback and ideas. The concerns I am about to raise reflect not only my own perspective but also those of several parents of my students. As we navigate the possibility of school closures, our collective priority is to foster a stable and positive learning environment for students while mitigating any fear or anxiety associated with these changes. Many families have emphasized how impactful it would be, in the event of our school's closure, to maintain the existing Dual Language Immersion teacher partnerships. This includes not only the language teachers but also their co-teaching partners. Successfully working within a Dual Language Immersion setting requires time, collaboration, and a significant learning curve. A well-established teaching partnership does not form overnight, and ensuring continuity in these pairings would be invaluable for both student learning and emotional well-being. If a school closure were to occur, it would be much easier to reassure students by saying, "Yes, your school may be closing, but you will still have the same teachers you were meant to have next year and the year after. The same teachers your older siblings had—the ones with whom you have built strong relationships and trust." This continuity would significantly shape how students, families, and the broader community experience such a transition. On a personal level, knowing that I would transition alongside my teaching partner would allow me to provide reassurance and support to students and families, ultimately making a profound difference in how this change is received. I sincerely appreciate your time in considering this feedback, and I hope it contributes to a meaningful discussion. Thank you.	
2/28/2025 15:23:33	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	4. Eastwood El	Skyline	Currently, parents in my community are uninformed regarding the boundary study. Right now there are many rumors floating. While teachers have some facts, and we are doing our best to share them, we can't reach enough. It would benefit the community to be informed asap. If this is not possible to be done in person a zoom meeting would be better than waiting until the 18th.	
2/28/2025 15:43:12	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	4. Eastwood El	Skyline	Eastwood Elementary is a sought after school, closing this school or any elementary schools in the district is not in the best interest of our children or the community	
2/28/2025 19:52:14	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	4. Eastwood El, 11. Churc	Skyline	We love Eastwood! We love our small school. We would love to know what specific things we could fund raise for, for the shortcomings of our school.	
2/28/2025 20:57:54	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	10. Upland Terrace El, 14.	Skyline	My older student (currently at Wasatch) went to Morningside as a member of the ALC magnet. This school is a toxic mini-caste system and 100% should be closed to protect kids. Whenever I volunteered with PTA, the first question I was asked was whether my student was in the French program. The hierarchy is French DLI, ALC, and then the neighborhood kids. This is perpetuated both by kids and by the adults in the building and neighborhood. No student should be made to feel like a second-class citizen at school. I believe the school culture is beyond remedy. As a result, my second child attends the magnificent Upland Terrace. The difference in climate is palpable immediately and at every event. Upland is inclusive and proud of ALL its kids. Every student deserves an excellent education and to be treated with equal respect at school.	
2/28/2025 23:21:27	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	4. Eastwood El	Other	We live in the salt lake school district boundaries but have opted to have our daughter attend Eastwood elementary because of the reputation. We absolutely love Eastwood. Our daughter has thrived this year and learned so so much. We are very impressed with the school, teachers and staff.	
3/2/2025 7:56:37	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	6. Oakridge El	Skyline	Oakridge is a huge part of our community and part of the reason that we chose to live in this neighborhood. It is an excellent school, with a caring community members and friends. our daughter didn't know a single person when she started, but now adores school and is thriving. The amazing teachers, staff, and overall culture of Oakridge are all a huge part of that. Our kids love to be able to walk home from school, and as parents we love to get out and exercise with them. As someone that did not go to a local elementary school, I also really appreciate that my kids have their classmates and neighborhood friends nearby.	
3/2/2025 14:17:58	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El, 11. Chu	Skyline	To help with numbers at Churchill Jr High, it would help to close Eastwood and send all those students to Oakridge Elementary. That way all those students filter into Churchill Jr. High. Eastwood is in a sketchy location and Oakridge is more central to all the Cove kids. Morningside students make up a very good portion of the kids who attend Churchill Jr. High, so closing Morningside would result in detrimental loss in numbers to Churchill. If you think you could send them to Driggs and expect them to all still go to Churchill I'm afraid you would be making a big mistake. Same if you sent them to Upland Terrace. Sending them to Oakridge would make it so they had to cross a freeway for elementary school and that obliterates any safe walking route not to mention taking away the neighborhood feel. Many families come to Morningside because it offers them multiple options housed all in one school. Breaking up the Magnet and DLI program would break up families. To help with the wonky boundaries of Morningside, send the kids in the Canyon Rim area to Upland Terrace to help with their numbers. It doesn't make sense to send them all the way to Rosecrest since Wasatch is right by them and Rosecrest feeds into Evergreen.	

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3/3/2025 9:04:44	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	9. Rosecrest EI, 12. Evergi	Olympus	I love our schools and our community. I however, understand how important it is to have enough students in each school to have the resources available. We have a great community that is super supportive of everything we do in the schools. Based on the numbers I would suggest that Eastwood and Rosecrest combine into one awesome community. I know that impacts junior highs and high schools but I believe Evergreen and Olympus could absorb these additional students which would then pour more resources into the other schools. I firmly believe that if Rosecrest is combined with another school, community building needs to begin the second any changes are announced so that the closures are less painful and the positive impact is understood from the beginning.	
3/3/2025 21:44:48	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	10. Upland Terrace EI	Skyline	We have a student on a permit at Upland Terrace, rather than Crestview (home boundaries) due to before and after school care with grandparents and daycare. Do we have to re-apply for a permit if our care arrangements cannot accommodate any boundary changes that may possibly affect our student?	
3/4/2025 15:53:34	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside EI, 9. Rose	Olympus	During the population study I hope that the school's walking culture will be weighed (heavily) into final decisions. Walking to school makes a huge difference in kids physical activity and mental well-being. The independence of walking to school, with it's ensuing resilience and confidence, only happens when a neighborhood supports and invites kids. It becomes safe to walk when enough people walk that when one kid falls down there are others around to pick them up or call for help. It becomes sustainable when shared play areas in front yards make it so kids want to walk home. It's safe when multiple neighbors have open-door policies. I have a kid at Morningside and at Rosecrest. I love both schools. I believe the PTA's and teachers can move around to different places. It will be work, it will take time, but it will happen. However, I think walking culture takes longer to build. Walking is stronger at Rosecrest than Morningside. Much. That shift to walking took time. I have seen Rosecrest go from not being friendly for walking to one where my kids can walk over a half a mile to school by themselves surrounded by bunches of other kids. That walkability is why I moved back into the neighborhood after being away for six years. It's why I didn't look into charter schools for my kids. Because, let's be honest, it takes a parental mindset shift to allow your children to take the reasonable risk of walking to school. It takes parents trusting neighbors and feeling connected to the community. I know that more kids will need to be bussed as there are less kids in our neighborhoods. But, even with more kids taking the bus it helps everyone to have the school's immediate neighborhood full of walkers. When I lived in another neighborhood my kids took the bus. There were several families near the school. These homes became safe spots to go if kids had an after school activity and couldn't take the bus. These homes made it easier in handling the scheduling difficulties that come with kids and parents busy lives. We can't control who moves into the neighborhoods of the elementary schools under population review. We can consider if our actions will gut some of our neighborhood sustainability. I believe that walkability needs to be considered as it has an outsized impact on our neighborhoods and on our kids - their independence, their time outside, their confidence, their physical activity.	
3/5/2025 9:46:25	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	6. Oakridge EI	Skyline	I strongly oppose the closure of Oakridge Elementary School because it directly impacts the well-being of my two small children. Our school provides a safe, close-to-home environment where they can walk without the dangers of long commutes or busy roads. It also fosters a strong sense of community, where families, teachers, and neighbors support each other. Losing this school would mean uprooting our children from a familiar, nurturing space and forcing them into a less convenient, potentially less secure situation. Keeping our school open is essential for their safety, stability, and continued growth within a community that cares for them.	
3/5/2025 9:47:57	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	6. Oakridge EI, 11. Church	Skyline	Just a couple things I want to bring to your attention and make sure the PAC study considers/looks into on behalf of the Oakridge Community... 1.) The amount of walkers, bikers, scooters (non-vehicle transportation) commuters there are amongst each of the schools that are facing possible closures. This to me and my community is a vital aspect to keeping Oakridge open as so many of us use other means (our bodies) to get our kids to and from kids. A large majority of us also rely on our kids being able to walk to and from school alone. 2.) I already do not like that we (Oakridge) lose students to Wasatch. I am a huge Churchill supporter. I fear that if Oakridge were to close this number would only increase as the other schools are more evenly divided amongst the feeder Junior Highs and if one has a large majority of their peers going to Wasatch they will follow suit, only weakening Churchill that much more. And we can not afford for this to happen especially since they just got IB approval (which I love!). We need to find any and all ways to strengthen Churchill and keeping Oakridge open would do just. 3.) To feed off that, let's bring GT back to Oakridge or better yet start an ELP at Oakridge to even better strengthen Churchill. 4.) Furthermore, both Churchill and Oakridge benefit from the pedestrian bridge that is right there for commuters across Wasatch. A huge advantage (which so many already depend on). #oakridgestrong	

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3/5/2025 10:11:18	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	6. Oakridge El	Skyline	I strongly oppose the closure of our elementary school because it directly impacts the well-being of my two small children. Our school provides a safe, close-to-home environment where they can walk without the dangers of long commutes or busy roads. It also fosters a strong sense of community, where families, teachers, and neighbors support each other. Losing this school would mean uprooting our children from a familiar, nurturing space and forcing them into a less convenient, potentially less secure situation. Keeping our school open is essential for their safety, stability, and continued growth within a community that cares for them.	
3/5/2025 10:22:31	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	6. Oakridge El, 11. Church	Skyline	I would love to see Oakridge stay open. The building is in great condition. The walk-ability for many families (including mine) promotes wellness and community. Keeping it open would help bolster churchill's enrollment. I hope the board will consider bringing a g/t or dli program to the school to increase enrollment. And/or I hope they will consider re-aligning boundaries to bring some of the kids from nearby schools that have high enrollment (particularly morningside). Thank you.	
3/5/2025 10:48:22	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	6. Oakridge El	Skyline	Oakridge elementary is a staple in the Olympus Cove community with its walkable routes for students, direct path from Churchill, and historic importance of giving the neighborhood a sense of community. As a resident of Jupiter Drive and living exactly .3 miles from the school we purchased our home specifically because of the walkable distance to the school for our young children who are now in first grade. The location of the school is at the heart of Olympus Cove making commutes safe and easy for students and parents, and making the parks and walking path accessible to thousands of community members on weekends. As a school volunteer, I have counted many empty classrooms throughout the school that should be utilized by students from overcrowded neighboring schools or become home to gifted, talented, after school and language programs that Oakridge does not currently offer. Closing Oakridge would disrupt an entire community and many generations of future Olympus Cove residents and students.	
3/5/2025 12:24:47	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	6. Oakridge El	Skyline	We walk to and from school every single day. We love the neighborhood and the community this school has built. We feel lucky to be apart of it and will do whatever is needed to keep the school here.	
3/5/2025 13:28:47	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	5. Morningside El	Skyline	With the potential for Morningside to close, what will happen to the school grounds and building? Who will maintain the grounds? Will the park still be used for community sports and will the playground equipment stay? The school is more than just an elementary; it's a community space for our neighborhood.	
3/5/2025 13:37:19	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	6. Oakridge El	Skyline	We moved to this area specifically to start our family in a home within walking distance of schools. I would really like to see Oakridge with an IB-track, gifted & talented, or language-immersion program to help boost the school numbers. I understand some of these programs were moved to Morningside to save it from closure a decade ago or so. It might be time to consider moving a program back. Also, I'm not certain if reticence to do so is coming from Principal Bergerra or the District, but it seems curious that there has not been a discussion of doing this at our and other schools. At least amongst my friends and colleagues, it seems that demand for these programs is higher than availability. Parents are sending their kids to private and charter schools to get access to these in demand programs. Anyhow, I get that the unaffordability crisis in our area is leading to reduced enrollment and some schools may need to close. If it happens to my neighborhood school, so be it. I get it. However, I've heard some horror stories of the last round of closures of crowding and that the transition was not smooth. Hopefully lessons were learned that can make this process go more smoothly.	
3/5/2025 13:52:00	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	6. Oakridge El	Skyline		
3/5/2025 13:58:31	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	6. Oakridge El	Skyline	I love that my child can walk to and from school but want him to attend a school that is adequately resourced. If we need to close a school to have enough kids to fund a functional school then so be it. I would love for Oakridge to take on the magnet gifted program.	
3/5/2025 14:13:06	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	6. Oakridge El	Skyline		
3/5/2025 14:34:15	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	6. Oakridge El	Skyline	My daughter will start at Oakridge this fall! Would love to see Spanish immersion and/or some additional programs offered here!	
3/5/2025 14:37:44	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	6. Oakridge El	Skyline	Don't close Oakridge	
3/5/2025 14:43:25	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	6. Oakridge El	Skyline	Expansion of programs should take priority over shutting down schools and centralizing programs.	
3/5/2025 15:19:18	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	6. Oakridge El	Skyline		
3/5/2025 17:03:54	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	4. Eastwood El	Skyline	Eastwood is an amazing and supportive school. The staff and admin do everything possible to prepare and enrich my kids school experience. I feel proud to be an Eastwood parent and the education my kids are getting there.	
3/5/2025 17:14:53	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	4. Eastwood El	Skyline	We did extensive research on schools within Granite district and intentionally chose Eastwood Elementary for our two children. We love Eastwood and the unique, open, excellent social experience being out of boundary with over 50% of students also being out of boundary. The small school environment has helped our children to excell. Eastwood consistently performs with scores in the top 5 of all elementary schools in the state of Utah. Closing Eastwood would be a huge disservice to the Salt Lake community and to Granite district.	

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3/5/2025 17:16:08	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	4. Eastwood EI, 14. Wasat	Skyline	I can't remember if I've filled this form out before, so I apologize if this is a repeat. I want to be sure my support for Eastwood Elementary is heard. I have lived in the neighborhood immediately near Eastwood for 14 years. My daughter was born 3 weeks after we moved in. She was the only baby on my street, and we definitely noticed. There were 4 teenagers and no other young children or babies. Most of the street residents were 50+ year-old couples and elderly people. Over the years, the homes have increasingly begun turn over as older people move out and younger people with young children and babies are moving in. There are so many more young children in this neighborhood than ever. I understand that the trend has been that Eastwood's enrollment has been decreasing over time. However, I think we are in a lull at the moment, with many babies and toddlers looking to enter their neighborhood kindergarten in the next 1-4 years. Utah is busier than ever with a growing population. Homes are increasingly turning over in these neighborhoods with constant remodeling on many of the neighborhood streets. Families are moving in and babies are being born. I think that GSD could find that they will soon have many more kids needing a school to go to. If Eastwood is closed and combined with another school, you might find that school will become overcrowded. Is the population study using generic numbers, or numbers specific to each school's neighborhoods for potential enrollment in the next few years? My hope is that it is very specific because while what I said is anecdotal, I cannot ignore how obvious it is that our neighborhood is seeing a significant increase in little kids and babies. In 2017 or thereabout, 6th grade moved out of Eastwood and into the middle schools. I hope that will be accounted for and not used to show enrollment decline. My daughter loved Eastwood so much, she didn't want to leave when it was time to go to junior high. My son is a 5th grader at Eastwood right now, who expresses the same sentiment. My family will not be directly affected since my son is moving onto junior high, but the outstanding experience that we have had for the last 9 years at Eastwood Elementary compels me to shout about what a fantastic school Eastwood is. We need the COMMUNITY, life, and richness that comes from a neighborhood school. Eastwood has high parent involvement and high PTA involvement, that help to enrich the educational experience and resources available to Eastwood Elementary students. Parents, teachers, and staff want Eastwood to stay open. When our school has a performance, the gym is overflowing with parents watching their kids. We have a passionate group of parents who are ready to help find creative solutions to address any deficiencies that might be challenging smaller schools. Eastwood has consistently performed as a top school in the district and state. It is a STEM designated school. We have wonderful programs such as Art Night, STEAMFest, Science Fair, Kindness Week, a carnival, Field Day, and the beloved Dancefest. It outperforms charter schools. It is a gem of a school with a tight-knit group of teachers and staff with kind children. It would be a detriment to the growing neighborhood community to close Eastwood Elementary.	
3/5/2025 18:23:43	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	4. Eastwood EI, 17. Skylin	Skyline		
3/5/2025 18:35:12	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	4. Eastwood EI	Skyline	Eastwood is such an important part of our community. I moved into this neighborhood specifically because of Eastwood- I love that my children have a neighborhood school to attend, it fosters their sense of community and makes for a tight knit group of families that care about their peers and neighborhood. I love that we see our friends and neighbors when we walk to and from school each day. The teachers and staff at Eastwood are incredible and we have had such a positive experience. We love that it's convenient for families both in and outside of the school boundaries due to its location. We know so many families that choose Eastwood for all of these reasons. Eastwood's continued high performance is an obvious indicator that it's thriving despite the decline in population across the district.	
3/5/2025 19:12:41	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	4. Eastwood EI	Skyline		
3/5/2025 19:44:35	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	3. Driggs EI	Olympus		
3/5/2025 20:02:46	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	6. Oakridge EI, 14. Wasatc	Skyline	We love Oakridge and our children walk to school.	
3/5/2025 20:03:38	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	6. Oakridge EI, 11. Church	Skyline	The Olympus Cove is an area with increasing family growth. Closing Oakridge, which is consistently ranked as one of the best elementary schools in the state, would be an unforced error by the Granite School District. Keep this school open and keep it producing successful, smart students that add to our society.	
3/5/2025 20:32:54	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	3. Driggs EI	Olympus	We were so excited to start our triplets at Driggs next year, and now we are scared that they won't get the opportunity that their older brother had to attend a true neighborhood school. They can walk with friends and be part of a school community that we have loved. It would be a great loss to our neighborhood to lose Driggs. Neighbors still talk about how sad they were to lose Holladay Elementary.	
3/5/2025 21:22:25		3. Driggs EI, 11. Churchill	Olympus	It would be a shame to close a fantastic school like Howard R. Driggs Elementary , which has notoriously had great success with their students. The school has fantastic support from the neighborhood. It has been a priced possession of the neighborhood. When I first moved to Holladay, I had to choose between sending my children to Holladay elementary or Driggs. I chose Driggs because of the feedback I received from former parentsand the reputation of the educators there. I was not disappointed and my children received a great education. I think it would be a real mistake to close a school like Howard R. Driggs that has such fantastic community support and feeds so well into other successful neighborhood schools, junior high and high schools in the area.	

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3/5/2025 21:37:24	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	6. Oakridge El	Skyline	We love our neighborhood school and find it keeps the community closer. We feed into both nearby Churchill and Skyline and have a walking distance. This school is much safer and up-to-date for earthquake standards compared to Eastwood. I'm addition we are not a commuter school like Eastwood and have kids in the neighborhood. Would love to expand Oakridge's boundary line and host the STEM program from Eastwood.	
3/5/2025 22:08:56	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	4. Eastwood El, 9. Rosecr	Skyline	We all need access to public schools. I realize as neighborhoods become older there are changes to demographics. These schools are still needed for our children. The same schools on your closure list are also on your website showing they are to be rebuilt in 2026. Eastwood, Howard Driggs, and others. So why are these schools being forced to close?	
3/5/2025 23:36:17	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	4. Eastwood El	Skyline	We love Eastwood Elementary for the excellent teachers, quality offerings like STEM, dance, and Lego League. Our assigned school is Morningside, but Eastwood is much closer. We have been so happy there, and would be crushed if it closed. We have two more kids that will be starting school in a few years.	
3/6/2025 5:16:28	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	6. Oakridge El, 11. Church	Skyline	We have chosen to send our elementary age child to a private school instead of Oakridge elementary because there are few after school resources available at the school. We are a two parent working family and have to have after school care in order to afford to live in our neighborhood. If Oakridge had an extended day program, like is common in the rest of the country, I would send my kids there. That school would also benefit from the ALC program so you would limit the burden on morningside elementary and you would increase enrollment in Oakridge. We purchased our home intending to have our kids attend Oakridge and Churchill. These schools add so much value to the neighborhood. I would pay for the extended day program if it were offered.	
3/6/2025 7:35:10	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Skyline	I cannot imagine not having morningside elementary & the great teachers, programs & community that comes with it. Please consider alternate options & keep my neighborhood school, morningside elementary open!	
3/6/2025 8:04:09	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	4. Eastwood El	Skyline	One of the main reasons we moved to this neighborhood was because of Eastwood Elementary and the high ratings that this school has. This school provides an intimate, close-knit community because it isn't super huge. My children are able to walk to and from school with their friends in the neighborhood. The classrooms are full, my daughter has 30 in her class. That high of a student to teacher ratio is ridiculous but that is another subject. Closing Eastwood is a horrible idea and would negatively affect this community. We need local schools for kids in the neighborhood to attend. It's what draws the community together. Increase taxes so more schools can have what Eastwood has, a smaller size with high test scores. Utah has the worst spending per student in our nation, be glad that there is a school that can still thrive despite that.	
3/6/2025 8:55:54	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	8. Penn El, 12. Evergreen	Olympus	The dual immersion program at William Penn is the last one around here and it's a an important part of our curriculum and community	
3/6/2025 9:41:01	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	3. Driggs El	Olympus	I live in this area and my kids go to Driggs. Isn't this the purpose of me paying an exorbitant amount of property tax! I chose this area because I want my kids to attend these schools. The population is aging, yes. But as they age, younger families begin to move in. Rather than close the school, wouldn't it be wiser to keep it, rather than rebuild once the population turns over? This is a joke! Perhaps the GSD and their committee could benefit from Elon and DOGE auditing what this group actually does!	
3/6/2025 9:42:38	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	3. Driggs El	Olympus	I have a child that will eventually attend Driggs. We go to the playground every day after school is out to familiarize him with the campus and play in the play area. We believe this school to be the center of the community. It would impact us greatly to not be able to walk him to school in the future. I know it would also impact our property value. I have concerns about condensing this with other schools and class sizes going up.	
3/6/2025 9:59:56	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	6. Oakridge El	Skyline	I would like to know how population growth and change in demographics are considered in this study. The Olympus Cove neighborhood has been transitioning from older residents to families with children over the past few years. This trend will likely continue. How is school population projection considered in this process?	
3/6/2025 10:40:19	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	6. Oakridge El, 11. Church	Skyline	Have one toddler and another baby on the way. Living in Olympus Cove and intend to send my children to the public school system	
3/6/2025 10:45:07	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	6. Oakridge El	Skyline	I do not have a student attending Oakridge at this time but will have one attending in a few years (2029). I hope Oakridge can survive the cuts until then. Oakridge has one of the loveliest locations, and is away from freeway traffic.	
3/6/2025 10:53:00	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	5. Morningside El, 11. Chu	Skyline	I have sent my kids to The McGillis school for the duration of their education, in part because we knew we were moving from our old house in Sugarhouse sometime during those years and didn't want to have to switch schools. While I have loved our time there and I wouldn't change it, I also don't agree with the proposed voucher system. I was raised in public schools, my mom was a public educator, and I believe educating our kids is a fundamental civic responsibility. I would rather pay higher taxes and forego vouchers and keep the schools open. I do believe I will send my 13 year-old daughter to Skyline in two years as it has a great reputation and I think she'll have the foundation to do well there. I'm also less concerned with her being ostracized as a non-Mormon at that age.	
3/6/2025 11:15:18	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	6. Oakridge El, 11. Church	Skyline	I have volunteered at Oakridge, and think having a neighborhood school is critical for an area. If there is not a close school for parents, the draw to have families move to an area drops significantly.	
3/6/2025 11:54:52	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	10. Upland Terrace El	Skyline	Please do not close this school. It's the heartbeat of our neighborhood. We walk to school, adore our neighborhood feel and teachers and would be devastated to loose upland.	
3/6/2025 11:57:59	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	10. Upland Terrace El	Skyline	Our son started kindergarten at Upland, he's had a great experience and his teachers have been wonderful.	

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3/6/2025 12:31:55	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	10. Upland Terrace El	Skyline		
3/6/2025 12:35:24	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	3. Driggs El	Olympus	I have a 2.5 yr old little boy and we hope to send him to Driggs in the near future. We've heard amazing things about this school and it has a strong and supportive community. Please keep it open!	
3/6/2025 12:44:21	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	10. Upland Terrace El	Skyline	I implore to keep Upland Terrace open. My daughter will be in 5th grade next year and she has spent all of her elementary career at Upland. It is not our boundary school. We chose to send her to Upland after she attended Granite preschool in the building. We knew that the kindergarten teacher at Morningside (our boundary school) at the time would not be a good fit so we chose to keep her at Upland because they had more kindergarten teachers. We were blessed to have [name removed] be her teacher that year and she thrived. So much so that we decided to move our older daughter over to Upland because we loved the building and knew the teachers were wonderful. That next year my oldest has [name removed] for third grade and even though the transition of going to a new school where she didn't know anyone was scary she LOVED her teacher and the way she was taught. She really developed a new love of learning that year. The next year she had [Name removed] for 4th grade and came home every day so excited and engaged in what she was learning. That same year, my youngest had [Name removed] and we went on a journey finding out my daughter has ADHD and anxiety. [name removed] was there to support us and assist us every step of the way. I truly believe she loved our child and wanted the best for her. Then my youngest also had [name removed] for 3rd grade and just felt so supported and loved and engaged and blossomed. This school is so amazing at creating an uplifting, supportive environment where my children have felt the space to grow and love learning. All of their teachers have always been willing to go above and beyond to find the best way to engage their students and foster a love of learning and wonder. It would be a terrible shame if this amazing group of teachers were broken up and sent to other schools. Upland Terrace needs to remain as a solid foundation of support and learning for these kids. It would be very hard for my child to have to adjust to a new school for one year before being flung into the new chaotic world of junior high in two years. Please do all you can to keep Upland Terrace supported and funded for years to come!	Teacher names were removed to ensure no identifying information was listed for the parent submitting
3/6/2025 12:54:41	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	7. Oakwood El, 15. Cotton	Cottonwood	Oakwood and Cottonwood are two of the best schools in Granite School District and part of why I stay in the area. You'd be doing this area a disservice by cutting them. Look outside of oakwood — pavers where former students wanted their names. We have pride in our neighborhood education!!!	
3/6/2025 13:38:29	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	4. Eastwood El	Skyline	Eastwood is the only green space above Wasatch Blvd. Students and families need a safe place for activities without crossing busy streets.	
3/6/2025 15:02:18	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Skyline	I have been really happy with Morningside and am grateful for the bus service that transports my kids to school with pick-up just down the street from my home.	
3/6/2025 15:59:49	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	6. Oakridge El, 11. Church	Skyline	I'm grateful this is happening, despite it feeling scary. I would love to belong to a bigger school community. I, of course, think keeping Oakridge open and absorbing Eastwood makes a ton of sense (safer walking routes, close to Churchill, which helps so many parents consolidate driving and facilitates big siblings help pick up little siblings from school, Oakridge being a beautiful school full of natural light and amazing views that truly do inspire our kids!) but am hoping I'll take with grace and optimism whatever comes from the study.	
3/6/2025 16:20:59	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	4. Eastwood El	Skyline	If Eastwood closes this is going to significantly affect my family. I don't want my children going to a school with 35+ kids in a class! 25 should be the max, no more. You can see that in the studies and scores as well. Why close a school?? Get your funding together and pull your resources...	
3/6/2025 16:22:05	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	1. Cottonwood El	Olympus	I'd be very upset if Cottonwood El closes is doors. My daughter loves it. All staff is wonderful, PTA is one of the strongest and most active I've seen. At the same time I wonder, why Cottonwood is a part of Granit district. Not sure for a fact but it feels like we get less funding than other schools.	

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3/6/2025 16:33:23	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	6. Oakridge El, 11. Church	Skyline	Hello - as a parent of students who attended Oakridge Elementary, and whose children are now at Churchill and Skyline, I wanted to ask several questions regarding the PAC in Area 5. Speaking as a parent of children who graduated from Oakridge, the school has been starved of enhanced educational programs such as gifted and talented or dual language programs that are so popular at other schools. I have to believe this is one of the drivers for declining attendance, and it even made it a very difficult choice for me to keep my kids at Oakridge despite living directly across the street from the school. I was swayed by the positive community and active parent-teacher association, as well as the inability for my kids to walk to Morningside due to Wasatch Boulevard and I-215, despite an invitation to the ACL program. Within Olympus Cove, Oakridge Elementary is the only reasonably walkable school for many students in the neighborhood due to significant traffic along Wasatch Boulevard, across Millcreek Canyon Road, and I-215. - Does the study consider the current programs offered as a driver for attendance (or lack thereof) of the schools? This would be both pre/post school core hours such as Montessori preschools, language programs before/after school, after school care programs, gifted and talented, music, dance, chess club, dual immersion language, etc. - Does the PAC consider rebalancing school loads and offerings and keeping optimal class sizes and teaching loads as an option to attract and retain students in the district (both in bound and out of bounds) vs. closing schools to reduce cost? Do we need to close schools to have better student outcomes? What measurable metrics help guide this? - Will the study consider the likelihood of students leaving Granite entirely if their neighborhood school closes and its adverse impact on the district's funding? Eg. is the district likely to lose more students if it closes Oakridge vs. closing Driggs or Morningside for example? - Would creating a premier IB elementary/middle (e.g. Oakridge/Churchill) feeder combo that supports our flagship Skyline High School attract more out-of-bounds students and/or keep more inbound students from going private? - Will closing schools slated for rebuilding in the latest bond measure have potential negative or legal consequences for Granite if those plans are radically modified? What has Granite learned from other recent closures in this regard? - Will the study include models of impact to influx of additional traffic and busing due to increased populations of in bounds students having to cross major traffic obstacles such as I-215, Wasatch Boulevard, 3300/3900/4500 South? E.g., what impact would school closures have on the number of students who currently walk to school who would now likely have to drive to get to school? What metrics will be used to evaluate any proposed changes? - Is 1.5 miles for elementary school buses measured as the crow flies or via navigable routes? (eg. students living near Oakridge Elementary would have to walk 1.5-2 miles via streets/sidewalks, and an elevation gain of nearly 500 ft to/from Morningside or Eastwood, along Wasatch Drive or across I-215).	
3/6/2025 16:41:24	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	6. Oakridge El	Skyline	We moved to this area over other choices specifically for the close community and school (Oakridge). We will have our son enroll in Kindergarten this coming fall, and would hate to see this school shut down after just starting his elementary journey.	
3/6/2025 18:18:05	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	6. Oakridge El	Skyline		
3/6/2025 19:20:37	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	3. Driggs El, 4. Eastwood	Olympus	You can't close Driggs or Eastwood! Or any school for that matter. Where will you put all the kids. My third grader goes to Driggs and there are three classes they all have 30-33 kids in her class. I'm not sure where you will put all those children. My neighborhood is turning over the older people are dying and new families with children are moving in. The entire process is cyclical. And you'll close these schools down then in a few years you'll need another's school the. You'll waste a bunch of money making a new school. So just leave it alone. Driggs is my neighborhood school. It's is such a special school. All the kids in the neighborhood go there and they walk home together. I feel it is safe for them all walking together since they are all so close to home. Also there is already a shortage of buses to take kids anywhere. So if you close schools how are kids going to get to school. Another thing is I know of plenty of families out of the area that are on waiting lists to get into some of these schools due to being good schools in a good area. I pay a lot in property taxes that go to my school that I live by as do all the parents that take their kids to these schools. I love my neighborhood school so much. The community there is so amazing and I will be so disappointed in the district and this state if it closes. Please don't get rid of our schools. These are families, kids, and communities you would be affecting. Please do not close our schools.	
3/6/2025 19:23:58	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	4. Eastwood El	Skyline	The neighborhood school is so important for sense of community. I love that the kids in the neighborhood can walk to school, gaining the benefit of fresh air, exercise, and interactions with their neighbors. This cohesiveness continues on into the middle school and ultimately high school years. I worry that if our neighborhood schools are closed, more people will decide to utilize the very competitive charter and private options in the city and may affect enrollment at the secondary school. I think closing elementary schools could be short-sighted, with more people coming back to their neighborhood options after COVID.	
3/6/2025 19:41:42	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	2. Crestview El	Olympus		

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3/6/2025 19:45:33	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	3. Driggs El, 16. Olympus	Olympus	I was a PTA president and an involved parent volunteer and Driggs. My youngest is now a student at Olympus High. Driggs is an important part of our community. It is a community center, far more than an elementary school for the younger children in the area. It is a place where senior citizens volunteer and connect with the rising generation. It is a place where families in different stages of life and from different nationalities and religions unify to benefit the young among us. Driggs has community support and also supports the community. It is needed and will continue to be sustained by the community.	
3/6/2025 19:51:17	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	4. Eastwood El, 6. Oakridg	Skyline	Neighborhoods cycle over time with age groups. It was an older generation in the Cove when I grew up there- yet, younger families are now moving in as the older gen move or die off. Closing schools in the Skyline area doesn't make sense- it is the highest ranked H.S. in GSD. Families want to send their kids to the best schools - why close the feeder elementary schools to Skyline?	
3/6/2025 20:51:47	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte		Skyline	Morningside is a very old school. It would be a choice to close.	
3/7/2025 0:16:56	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	8. Penn El	Olympus	Don't make any changes	
3/7/2025 7:16:24	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Skyline	Morningside Elementary is one of the best public elementary schools in the Salt Lake City area and it has been for decades. It should not be closed since it is highly unlikely that the same level of excellence would be reproduced in another school by redistributing personnel, students, etc.	
3/7/2025 9:24:17	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Skyline	My student is in the ALC at Morningside, and we have been really impressed with the existing program there.	
3/7/2025 10:08:07	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	4. Eastwood El	Skyline	Granite School Board, As parents of Eastwood elementary students, we wanted to relay our collective thoughts about what makes Eastwood so important to us while acknowledging that we recognize that change may be needed. We fully understand that enrollment numbers are low and there are likely too many elementary options in this area to support the number of children. Many of us parents at Eastwood are not in boundary for Eastwood, and have made an educated, thoughtful decision to send our children here. We wanted to outline some of the many things that factored into this decision: 1- High test scores in both reading and math. When comparing other schools to Eastwood, most score high in one or the other, Eastwood happens to be one of the few that score high in both- resulting in a very balanced education. 2- Low student to teacher ratio. Despite being a small school, we have a lower-than-average student to teacherratio. 3- Focus on STEM. The attention to and focus on STEM at Eastwood is superior to other schools. 4- Even though Eastwood does not have an ALC, the overall programs/education available to all students exceeds that of neighboring schools. For example, others have an ALC program, but students who do not qualifyfor ALC or DLI do not have access to the same high quality curriculum. 5- Feeder school to Skyline. Skyline is the #1 rated high school in Utah with a huge focus on STEM and offers both IB and AP classes. 6- Feedback from alumni and parents. Hands down, we have all been overwhelmed with the positive feedback from alumni and parents about the culture of Eastwood. 7- Location of the school. The location of Eastwood is extremely ideal for easy access to freeway and those who live further away in-boundary.	
3/7/2025 10:34:04	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	4. Eastwood El	Skyline		
3/7/2025 10:48:44	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	3. Driggs El, 16. Olympus	Olympus		
3/7/2025 12:16:46	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	6. Oakridge El, 11. Church	Skyline	Keep open our local school.	
3/7/2025 12:28:17	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	4. Eastwood El	Skyline	Eastwood has stairs that access different parts of the community and neighborhood for easy accessible walking.	
3/7/2025 12:33:36	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	4. Eastwood El	Skyline	Eastwood has a diverse religious community. This is unique to Eastwood, and it draws people who are not part of the state's dominant religion. This has made the community as a whole tighter, with less exclusion.	
3/7/2025 12:35:27	C) I am an employee of Granite School District (So)	4. Eastwood El	Skyline	We have space for additional relo's- especially if we became an IB school	
3/7/2025 13:20:30	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El, 11. Chu	Skyline		

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3/7/2025 16:37:56	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte		Skyline	I can appreciate the fact that funding and population doesn't support keeping all of these schools open. What a hard decision. My children are all currently at canyon rim academy (elementary). Had this school stayed open within the public school system, my children would have attended. My children would be bused to morningside if this hadn't become a charter school. What I don't appreciate is the attitude and accusation that my children are somehow "stealing" public school funds to attend their neighborhood school. Every public school educator or staff member that we interact with expresses their dismay that we choose to steal from their students in order to send our kids to private school. That simply isn't the case. As our kiddos begin to matriculate into middle school, we hope our interactions with granite school employees are more representative of the community feel that we all strive for. We hope that there can be a positive cultural shift in the attitudes toward our voucher system that seems to start from the top within our local school districts and education associations . Thank you for understanding that families will need to make these hard decisions when their local schools are shuttered, and please do better about passing judgement to those that feel there are better options for their children when this occurs.	
3/7/2025 17:24:53	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	16. Olympus High	Olympus		
3/7/2025 18:48:12	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	1. Cottonwood El	Olympus		
3/7/2025 18:58:50	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	4. Eastwood El, 17. Skylin	Other	I choose to send my children to Eastwood and Skyline even though we are in the Canyons school district. I am impressed with Skyline's IB program and think it is better to have my children in the surrounding schools. They are able to transition through elementary, jr high and high school with friends they have made a long the way, making for supportive a learning community. In addition, having also sent some of my children to nearby charter and private schools, I more impressed with the quality, parent/ teacher involvement, and community surrounding Eastwood. In addition, keeping class sizes small is important to me in order to encourage an optimal learning atmosphere and further strengthening the concept of community. In this way, larger centralized public schools cannot hold a candle to neighborhood schools.	
3/7/2025 19:14:10	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	4. Eastwood El	Skyline	We chose our house near Eastwood because of it's reputation and consistent rankings as a top school. It would be a shame to close this high performing school!	
3/7/2025 19:35:30	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	10. Upland Terrace El, 14.	Skyline		
3/8/2025 7:09:42	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Skyline	Our child attends Granite School District's Advanced Learner Program at Morningside. She has always been naturally talented at math, and now science. This program allows her to keep learning at a speed that keeps her engaged and enjoying the learning process. It also allows her to be around kids her age that enjoy the world in a similar way. Programs like this allow our kids to advance their skills in critical ways. The ALP at Morningside does outstanding work and is in high demand. A big part of their success has been the teachers. They have some of the most well trained teachers in this area - many with more than 20-25 years of experience. This is a great school and a very successful program. Likewise, Morningside school is one of the centers of our community and it would suffer if the school was closed down. We also rely on the school bus system. We are working parents and without living near a bus stop, we would need to hire additional help with after school transport. I hope you will consider the value the school adds and its importance to our community.	

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3/8/2025 15:13:07	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	2. Crestview El	Olympus	I’m writing to share my perspective as part of your study on changing school boundaries and the potential closure of one of our elementary schools. I urge you to prioritize keeping schools in neighborhoods where the density of children is the highest, ensuring they can attend with peers from their immediate community and, where possible, walk to school safely. Research shows this approach fosters a sense of belonging, builds stronger communities, and supports children’s physical and mental health—outcomes that are more critical now than ever. Social psychologist Jonathan Haidt, in his book The Anxious Generation, highlights how children thrive when they have opportunities for real-world connection and independence. He argues that over-reliance on technology and the loss of unstructured, community-based experiences—like walking to school with neighbors—have contributed to rising anxiety and disconnection among kids. A neighborhood school offers a natural antidote: a place where children form bonds with peers they see both in and out of the classroom, creating a web of relationships that strengthens their sense of security and identity. Bussing kids out of their neighborhoods risks fraying these ties, replacing them with fragmented social networks that lack the depth of proximity. It also removes this opportunity for unstructured time in their immediate neighborhoods without direct adult supervision. Beyond community, walking to school has clear health benefits. Studies consistently show that walkable school zones encourage physical activity, combating the sedentary habits that have become more common as screen time rises. For example, research on school walkability—like that from the National Household Travel Survey—notes a steep decline in kids walking or biking to school (from nearly 50% in 1969 to just 11% today), correlating with increases in childhood obesity and related health issues. Keeping schools in areas with high densities of children who can walk safely helps reverse this trend, offering a daily dose of exercise that also boosts mood and focus. I recognize the logistical challenges of budgets and facilities, but programs and teachers can move—neighborhoods cannot. School boundaries should prioritize areas where the most kids live within a safe walking distance, preserving the community fabric that only a local school can provide. Closing a school in a dense, walkable area and bussing those students elsewhere undermines both their health and the vitality of our neighborhoods. Instead, let’s invest in schools that anchor our kids to their surroundings, giving them the independence and connection they need to grow strong. Thank you for considering this perspective. I’d be happy to discuss further or provide additional research to support this approach.	
3/8/2025 17:42:57	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	6. Oakridge El	Skyline	Hello! I would like to share a few positive things about keeping Oakridge. 1. We are large and have space for more students 2. We are out of inversion on those yucky air quality days 3. We are walkable and very accessible with multiple directions/ways to reach us and multiple drop off zones 4. We are safe away from a busy road 5. We are bright open airy not run down like some other schools 6. People move back to where they grow up- we have dozens of multi gen families that want their kids to go to Oakridge	
3/9/2025 16:13:14	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	4. Eastwood El	Skyline	Eastwood Elementary is the best elementary school that I have had the pleasure to have a student at, my daughter only this year aged out and is attending Wasatch Jr. High. Living in the area I have noticed that much younger generations are moving into the neighborhoods surrounding Eastwood. With the overturning of new younger families in the area Eastwood is going to be a much needed resource for the area. It would be a tragedy to see it go.	
3/9/2025 19:36:14	C) I am an employee of Granite School District (Soj	4. Eastwood El	Skyline	The location of Eastwood is convenient and easy to get to for families not within walking distance. Some families choose to attend in part because of location. The roads around Eastwood get plowed very early due to our proximity to Wasatch blvd and the freeway entrance making it safer for parents to get kids to school on snowy days.	
3/9/2025 21:28:37	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	4. Eastwood El	Skyline	We moved to this lovely neighborhood specifically to raise a family and for the access to an incredible school (Eastwood). This neighborhood is attracting more young families that are hopeful to send their kids to Eastwood. Even more, it’s important for our kids social, emotional and physical health to have access to walking/biking to school and maintaining Eastwood in this neighborhood allows for that. It is truly a gift for kids to be able to walk/bike to school and I know several families in this neighborhood that are extremely grateful for that opportunity. This neighborhood continues to grow with new young families and I know we are all so grateful for the opportunity to send our kids to Eastwood. Thanks for keeping our children’s health, education and wellness a priority by keeping Eastwood open!	
3/9/2025 22:51:48	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	5. Morningside El, 14. Wa	Skyline	We have 6 children who attended Morningside elementary, Wasatch Jr., and Skyline and Olympus High schools. Each of these schools are so excellent in every way. Our children gained valuable education and experiences at each level and went on to obtain college degrees and are now raising their own children, some of them within these same school boundaries. We are so grateful to have been a part of these schools since 1984! We feel that Morningside is an especially valuable school because it is tucked safely in to our happy neighborhood where none of the students in our boundaries need to cross any busy roads to get to Morningside! The teachers and staff at Morningside are excellent and the parent and neighborhood support is terrific! We love Morningside, Wasatch, Skyline and Olympus!!! Thank you for all you do to support our schools.	

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3/10/2025 11:13:03	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	6. Oakridge El, 17. Skyline	Skyline	My family moved to our current house in order to walk our kids to school and to be able to intentionally connect with the school neighborhood community as we raise our family. Oakridge has extra rooms that could accommodate more students; we could host one of the more magnet type of programming offered through Granite district. Also, I believe our neighborhood enrollment has hit its low and will turn around; there are many homes that have been owned by elderly people who raised their families and are downsizing into retirement life, and young couples and families are purchasing those homes.	
3/10/2025 12:32:49	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	6. Oakridge El, 11. Church	Skyline	I hope the study will take into account the impact of the Montessori preschool at Oakridge Elementary. See how many this program feeds into the school and eventually Churchill.	
3/10/2025 15:43:07	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	11. Churchill Jr, 17. Skylin	Skyline	We recently moved to this area to be within the boundaries of the Skyline network as we wanted our kids to attend a strong network of public schools. While we have no experience with Oakridge Elementary, we are concerned about those living in Olympus Cove having an elementary school nearby to attend. We also have a child at Churchill Jr. High and appreciate having such an excellent school so close to our home. We want to ensure that our children continue to have the opportunities to attend Churchill Jr. High and Skyline High School as we moved specifically for the schools in this area.	
3/10/2025 18:25:23	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	4. Eastwood El	Skyline	Neighborhood schools are the pathway to a thriving community	
3/10/2025 20:22:20	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	12. Evergreen Jr, 13. Olyrn	Olympus	My kids all attended Rosecrest Elementary and Evergreen Jr. High. My oldest three all graduated from Olympus, my 4th has attended Skyline, and my youngest will attend Olympus. We, along with most of our neighbors, live equidistant from both area 5 high schools. I also teach at Olympus. In our years of trying to convince neighbors to attend the neighborhood school (Rosecrest) instead of the also-nearby charter school (Canyon Rim Academy), we noted that part of what draws so many to the charter school in the Canyon Rim neighborhoods is the fact that the public "neighborhood" school for many is not in the neighborhood at all. Morningside's split boundary feels so impractical and Canyon Rim families decide that it makes more sense to try to get into the charter school that is nearby. It's also a challenge for Rosecrest because people often decide at the start of elementary school to which high school network they'd like to belong and they are fed the assumption that an IB program at Skyline is further reason to opt for the charter school that feeds more into Wasatch Jr. and Skyline. It seems that the boundary between the high school networks needs to be carefully studied (along with the special programs that each school has adopted, such as dual immersion and IB) as school closures are considered. I also hope that those making this decision will consider the trickle-down effects of closing certain schools with respect to high school network boundaries. For example, closing Rosecrest would lead to more families opting for the charter school rather than moving to the other Evergreen feeder school (Penn); consequently, fewer kids would feed into Evergreen Jr. High.	
3/10/2025 22:21:22	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	3. Driggs El	Olympus		
3/11/2025 8:13:13	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	10. Upland Terrace El	Skyline	The Upland Terrace community is a very strong, dedicated community. Parents are involved in the day-to-day activities and lessons at the school. We love Upland Terrace—the teachers, the administration, the parents, and the physical location and would love to have it stay open. I understand that change needs to happen and I believe the Upland community would adapt to whatever change was necessary. However, because of the physical location of our school and its student population, I believe keeping it open should be strongly considered. Because Upland is situation directly within a neighborhood, many students (and their parents/guardian/older siblings walk to pickup, drop off, and when helping at the school. I believe this adds greatly to the community feel at Upland. If kept open, I believe our strong community would be excellent at welcoming additional students and parents, coming from schools that have been closed. We already accept (and love!) students who have come from other areas. They have fully integrated and are a very valued part of our community. Thanks for your time and for doing this study! I'm sure it will positively impact both students and teachers.	
3/11/2025 8:28:20	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	4. Eastwood El	Skyline	Eastwood is a premier school with parents living out of the boundary seeking to place their kids here due to Eastwood Elementary school's high-level academics. Closing the school would have a detrimental impact on its students and our neighborhood. Other commercial or residential use of that land would bring in too much traffic to an already over crowded and congested traffic area.	
3/11/2025 12:29:03	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	4. Eastwood El	Skyline	Eastwood has been a very parent involved public school for decades. It has also been a sought after elementary by people looking to move to this area. Our neighbors have chosen to live in this neighborhood because they want their children to go to Eastwood. I went there as a child and I wanted my children to go there so we moved to the neighborhood for that reason. The parental support at Eastwood was so great that parents had to hurry and fill in slots for volunteering because they would fill up so fast. It's a wonderful school in a great location.	
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3/11/2025 14:34:53	C) I am an employee of Granite School District (Soy	5. Morningside El	Skyline	I recently attended the information meeting held for Granite employees to learn more about the boundary study. I came away from the meeting feeling much more prepared and with a greater understanding of the factors influencing the study and the purpose of school closures. I think that it was helpful to view the first several slides which showed the declining enrollment, studies from the independent demographics studies, etc. I know that there were more slides which were skipped over for the sake of time, but I think that being able to hear and view that material, even if it takes time and is repetitious is very helpful. I work at Morningside Elementary, and have taught in both the traditional track and in the DLI program on the English side. Each year I witness the difficulties in filling classes and programs completely so that FTE numbers stay high. I completely understand the necessity of having full programs to keep a school healthy and viable. That being said, I have also witnessed the incredible strength that has developed in the school between the three programs. We are a healthier school because of the way the students from each program interact with each other. I have also seen how the different programs have allowed siblings to stay at the same school, even if a sibling didn't test into the ALC or isn't participating in the DLI program. This is a definite plus for parents and guardians trying to get their children to school, but also a positive thing for the siblings. There is a strength that comes in knowing your brother or sister is there with you at school. Thank you for the hard work you are doing in considering all the many facets. You are greatly appreciated.	
3/11/2025 14:49:05	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	4. Eastwood El	Skyline	I don't have kids at the moment, but plan to in the future and having a school nearby would affect my decision to stay or leave this neighborhood — if Eastwood were to close down, it would have a major influence on my choice to remain in this neighborhood and I would seriously consider leaving to raise my kids in a place with a more accessible school. Though I don't have kids now, I would still be affected by the decision to close Eastwood — it's a community space that I use to walk my dog, I use the park to meet and connect with my neighbors (it's one of the only reasons I know most of the people in our community!) and I am close with many families in the neighborhood whose children attend the school. Closing Eastwood would be an incredible loss to our community for so many reasons.	
3/11/2025 14:57:05	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	4. Eastwood El	Skyline	Eastwood elementary is a big part of the neighborhood and grandeur peak paragliding. I would be very sad to see it shut down.	
3/11/2025 15:00:58	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	2. Crestview El, 17. Skylin	Skyline		
3/11/2025 15:08:13	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	4. Eastwood El	Skyline	My 4 children attended Eastwood. They love their experiences there and their teachers. It's a great school!	
3/11/2025 15:50:40	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	4. Eastwood El	Skyline	Eastwood is a great school. Easy to get to right off the freeway for any parent. Many children coming up in the neighborhood, can walk over. That was a plus for us when our children attended. The school has a big area for children to play.	
3/11/2025 16:20:54	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	4. Eastwood El, 11. Churc	Skyline	Please keep Eastwood Elementary. This school creates a community	
3/11/2025 16:23:58	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	4. Eastwood El	Skyline	As parents of former Eastwood student, I firmly believe that the school is one of the finest in the state. Our daughter is now a successful lawyer, and the foundation, support, and curricular excellence or Eastwood (and Wasatch and Skyline) were superb, and set her up to think critically and to become such a successful and productive member of this community. Eastwood should continue to be available, as it perpetuates the educational opportunities and outcomes our society and state desperately need!	
3/11/2025 17:11:41	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	4. Eastwood El	Skyline	We love eastwood elementary. Dont shut it down	
3/11/2025 17:21:09	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	4. Eastwood El	Skyline	Eastwood has historically provided top notch education to students. They out perform all charter schools in the area. The school brings generations of families to the school. There needs to be a boundary school above Wasatch Blvd for safe walking. To take a walkable community and turn into a busing only option is not smart planning. As a homeowner I don't want to watch busses sliding up and down our neighborhoods in the winter trying to collect kids and having bus stops on Wasatch is not safe.	
3/11/2025 17:38:30	C) I am an employee of Granite School District (Soy	5. Morningside El	Skyline	I've been at Morningside for 10 years. Having programs and a traditional classroom has been a challenge for sure. We have worked hard as teams to make it work and it is working. It's a wonderful learning environment for all. Why dismantle something that took so long to build? What we have works and works well. Dividing us up and moving programs around starts the process all over again. We have families coming all the way from Herriman to Bountiful to be at Morningside in all programs, because we offer something unique.	
3/11/2025 18:55:44	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	4. Eastwood El	Skyline	Please don't close our school	
3/11/2025 20:09:19	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	4. Eastwood El	Skyline	We so adore the community that Eastwood brings. We love having kids in the neighborhood and use the communal space after school hours often!	
3/11/2025 21:09:40	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	18. Other / Unknown	Other	I'm a Paraglider and Speedflyer and an active member of the community. I hope we can come to a place to still be able to fly and land safely.	
3/12/2025 0:26:12	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	4. Eastwood El	Olympus		

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3/12/2025 6:32:39	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	1. Cottonwood El, 3. Drigg	Skyline	Do not remove Eastwood. Thanks	
3/12/2025 7:54:38	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	10. Upland Terrace El	Skyline	We have been grateful for Upland Terrace and the amazing teachers there. It seems silly to close it, seeing that geographically it feeds right into Wasatch and Skyline. My child has qualified a couple of times for the gifted and talented program at Morningside, but I have not wanted to move him from our neighborhood school. Since Skyline is known for its high academics, and since Upland is just below it, to me it would make sense to bring the GT program to Upland and keep it open.	
3/12/2025 7:59:52	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	4. Eastwood El	Skyline	I as well as many other neighbors came to this neighborhood specifically for Eastwood Elementary. We love the school and the neighborhood and we don't want to see it shut down. It is an integral part of our community and we need it. The other families and future families here will also benefit greatly from this school in the future. Please don't shut it down.	
3/12/2025 11:17:22	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	6. Oakridge El, 11. Church	Skyline		
3/12/2025 14:11:55	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	4. Eastwood El	Skyline	I am writing to request that Eastwood Elementary NOT be closed. Eastwood is an integral part of our community. We have had several families move to our street specifically for their children to attend Eastwood. Eastwood is one of Granite's highest performing schools. Closing a highly performing school such as Eastwood would further erode Granite's rating. Our neighborhood is anchored by Eastwood.Children who attend Eastwood are recognized and their extracurricular activities are supported by their neighbors. Eastwood has always had high parent participation. Educators beg for parent involvement. Why would you close a school that has historically had a strong parent volunteer program? The Eastwood grounds provide neighborhood open space and is heavily used after school hours. I live behind the school and can vouch that the after school users help maintain the grounds by picking up trash and preventing vandalism.	
3/12/2025 14:21:34	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	4. Eastwood El	Skyline	Eastwood elementary school is a consistant shining star in our community drawing more parent volunteer hours and support than other schools. Eastwood has been able to attract amazing and talented educators because of the dedication of the school staff and leadership. Eastwood provides a quality education equalled to that of a private school with many parents commuting 10 miles and more each day to provide this experience for their children. This tier of education must be protected and supported.our community thrives because of the influence of Eastwood elementary school.	
3/12/2025 14:59:56	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	4. Eastwood El, 17. Skylin	Skyline	I'd like to see the grounds for Eastwood El stay within public use and control. I enjoy the hub of community activity that Eastwood creates, besides its value as an elementary school. Many small schools with a strong focus on students create a good base for Utah's population, especially since k-12 education is so so important. Besides the school, the grounds around Eastwood are an important green space for activity ranging from sledding in the winter to sports practice and relaxation in the summer months.	
3/12/2025 15:49:00	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	4. Eastwood El	Skyline		
3/12/2025 17:02:58	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	4. Eastwood El	Skyline	Do not close Eastwood it is one of the only schools in the area and the teachers and staff are outstanding! The school is a huge part of our community and is extremely important to keeping our neighborhood desirable to families. We don't need more real estate development we need schools for our children to learn and grow! We love Eastwood, keep it open!	
3/12/2025 17:05:00	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	4. Eastwood El	Skyline	I live in boundary and Eastwood elem is such a lovely hub for the community! So many people count on that space as a place to build community. I hear amazing things from neighbors about the school and their children love it. I also hope to send my own children there one day. Please keep Eastwood elem!	
3/12/2025 17:05:57	D) I am a student attending one of the schools with	8. Penn El	Other	My home is closer for my children to safely walk to William Penn however they are out side their boundaries and it's so hard to do the new school they were being sent to. We are at [Address removed]	
3/12/2025 18:18:22	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	4. Eastwood El, 11. Churc	Skyline	Eastwood Elementary is an amazing school that when moving to this area 25 years ago gave us the confidence to take our kids out of private school so they could attend Eastwood. We were not disappointed with the amazing teachers they had and learned life long lessons from. [Names removed] and more were all great influences in my sons lives. This school shares it's spirit and community spirit with its neighbors and surrounding areas. Please do not close Eastwood Elementary . It is an amazing school with an outstanding history. Thank you for reviewing this response.	

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3/12/2025 20:44:09	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	4. Eastwood EI	Skyline	I would like to express my strong support for Eastwood Elementary as a welcoming community school that is eager to grow and thrive. While Eastwood is a neighborhood school, we take pride in being a place that embraces families from all across the valley. Our inclusive environment is reflected in our diverse student population, with children attending from over 20 zip codes — including 17 students who travel from West Valley. Eastwood’s convenient location near freeway access makes it an ideal option for families whose parents work in various parts of the city. This accessibility has allowed us to serve a wide range of students while maintaining a strong sense of community and belonging. In addition to its welcoming environment, Eastwood’s property offers significant potential for growth. With available space to expand, there are valuable opportunities to enhance the school’s capacity and better serve even more students. Lastly, I believe Eastwood would be an excellent candidate for an International Baccalaureate (IB) Elementary program. Establishing this would provide a seamless educational pathway into the existing Churchill and Skyline IB programs, further strengthening our district’s commitment to academic excellence and global learning opportunities. I encourage the committee to consider Eastwood’s strong community ties, growth potential, and strategic location as key assets that support its continued success.	
3/13/2025 13:18:57	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	6. Oakridge EI	Skyline	Oakridge due to its location allows children to experience recess regularly. It’s a school that tends to have great air quality, which isn’t easy to come by in SL.	
3/13/2025 19:02:49	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	7. Oakwood EI	Cottonwood	My son is in second grade but has now attended three different elementary schools. First, Spring Lane, which closed after his kindergarten year, then William Penn, now Oakwood due to a change in employment. Moving schools is incredibly difficult and the prospect of another school he is attending closing is brutal for an 8-year old and utterly destabilizing. This is also incredibly hard as a working parent not knowing where to send him and wondering, with these closures, can Granite continue to provide for his education? Will he end up on hour long bus rides to overly congested schools while perfectly serviceable buildings sit empty? I understand the need to address shifts in demographics but what I've seen over the last few years causes me major concern that the leadership in Granite school district can no longer meet the needs of the communities they serve. Closing these schools will only lead to worse outcomes for these students. It's especially alarming to see the only two Eastside DLI schools listed on the chopping block despite the programs being widely successful. Please take this as two concerned parents very against the closing of Oakwood.	
3/13/2025 19:07:28	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	7. Oakwood EI	Cottonwood	Closing these schools will severely impact our community. I am a property manager at a local apartment complex and part of what builds our community is Oakwood Elementary. My son as well and multiple other kids in the area have already had their school closed once just a couple years ago, with Spring Lane. This is horrible for our kids and communities and I can't express my disappointment with the district bouncing our children around so they can't build roots.	
3/13/2025 19:34:58	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	7. Oakwood EI, 11. Church	Skyline	I urge the Granite School Board not to close Oakwood Elementary or Churchill Junior High.	
3/13/2025 19:55:36	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	7. Oakwood EI	Cottonwood	Oakwood a long along with others is a great school why in the hell would you close down all those schools. School is so important my son has sensory and on the spectrum and he thrives with school all those schools on this side are wonderful schools. I am a sub crossing guard and I have seen with my own eyes how busy all those schools are and it would be a horrible decisions to close those schools .	
3/14/2025 10:38:02	C) I am an employee of Granite School District (Soy	5. Morningside EI	Skyline	Please close or change my school. The three different programs occurring in the same building have built a segregated culture. The traditional track is treated as less than by the community. The students mostly stay in the same track all through elementary and never get to know students from other tracks. This has created little unity among the student body. PLC’s at this school are a complete waste of time because there is little to no collaboration. I have learned from my colleagues that they think they cannot possibly collaborate with three different programs. Please close this school or move some of the programs.	
3/14/2025 10:41:31	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	4. Eastwood EI	Skyline	Parents as well as our GEA representative have commented on the unity at Eastwood. We can accommodate and would welcome additional students and their family members.	
3/14/2025 10:44:18	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	4. Eastwood EI	Skyline	Eastwood is the only eastside STEM school.	

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3/14/2025 10:51:01	C) I am an employee of Granite School District (Soy	4. Eastwood EI	Skyline	Eastwood has successfully achieved designation as a STEM school, demonstrating the collaborative efforts of its educators to accomplish this goal. Having previously worked at two other Granite School District elementaries, I have come to appreciate the significance of a faculty that can work cohesively to overcome challenges. In today's technology-driven landscape, I believe that Eastwood's designation as a STEM school enhances its reputation and sets it apart from others.	
3/14/2025 10:57:22	C) I am an employee of Granite School District (Soy	4. Eastwood EI	Skyline	It is essential to take into account the location of Eastwood when evaluating potential elementary school closures. Eastwood's central position within the district, from north to south, offers significant advantages. This strategic location provides convenient access to the freeway, making it particularly beneficial for working parents commuting to their jobs. Due to its proximity to main roads, accessing the school during snowy conditions is more convenient. It is not situated in a secluded subdivision that might remain unplowed or at the top of a hill..	
3/14/2025 11:48:33	C) I am an employee of Granite School District (Soy	4. Eastwood EI	Skyline	Positive Aspects of the Eastwood Building I would like to highlight some of the advantages associated with the Eastwood building that contribute to our operational efficiency and the safety of our students. Firstly, we have a secure gate that separates the parking lot and pick-up area from the playground and child activity zones. This feature enhances safety during school hours, allowing for safe recreational activities for the children. Additionally, this gate facilitates overflow parking for events after school, which is a significant benefit. The gate area also includes flat land on the blacktop, providing wide, ample space for the transport and placement of multiple relocatable classrooms should we need to accommodate additional students. Furthermore, our garbage and recycling bins are positioned outside of the play area, further contributing to student safety when vehicles approach for waste disposal or collection. We have developed a dedicated bus lane, (along with a separate, single drive-up lane leading to the lunchroom if needed), ensuring that students can be dropped off safely at the building rather than at an alternative location. Additionally, we have a hill utilized as an amphitheater for spring dance performances, and our upper-grade restrooms are conveniently located for easy access. The bathrooms also feature a pulldown gate, allowing patrons to use the facilities while maintaining the security of the rest of the school. Eastwood has a limited number of entry points to ensure safety, with no designated exits for restrooms or the gym. The lunchroom does have two exits, though they are not used by students as they are on the opposite side of the building from the playground area. Eastwood also features a separate gym and lunchroom, which enhances opportunities for enrichment and engagement through increased utilization of the gym facilities, as well as adding usage of the lunchroom space before and after lunch times. Our location on two main roads ensures that our roads receive snow plowing services earlier than those of other schools, leading to a smoother and safer operation for our faculty, staff, and students. Finally, Eastwood boasts a substantial amount of land that allows for a future rebuild or the expansion of additional parking and/or drop off zones. Thank you for considering these important aspects of our facility.	
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3/16/2025 14:38:44	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	4. Eastwood EI	Skyline	We continue to see an increase of families with young children in our area as many of homes are being sold by older owners moving to downsize accomodate. For our children to walk/bike out of the neighborhood is difficult because of Wasatch and Millcreek Canyon. It is very important to have a school servicing our island neighborhood and students accessibility to school when buses are limited and more families need dual incomes.	
3/16/2025 14:41:19	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	4. Eastwood EI	Skyline	Please provide and support this school that has significant space to contribute to Granite District and a growing population of elementary aged families that can walk safely to school	
3/16/2025 15:56:08	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	4. Eastwood EI, 18. Other	Skyline	1). Eastwood should remain open to provide the neighborhood North East of Eastwood with a safe way to walk to school. 2). The Eastwood boundary has a wave of elderly who are moving out or passing which will peak in the next 2-5 years. We have already seen this starting and those households are being replaced by young families having babies and elementary age kids. 3). For those in Emigration Canyon closing Eastwood is not an appropriate option. Any other location will add busing or carpool time. 4). This is a school with better teacher retention rates while also having a mix of new and experienced teachers. 5). The manipulated north Morningside boundary includes natural friends for Eastwood boundary familes and that facilities boundaries could be better optimized. 6). Eastwood has the best property layout to build an expanded school that does not sacrifice the recent investment in the administration spaces.	
3/16/2025 15:56:40	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	18. Other / Unknown	Skyline	I went to eastwood as a child, it was a wonderful school then as it is now. I would hate to see all the kids in the neighborhood have to leave this area. It's a shame granite school district wastes its money and can't keep a great school open.	
3/16/2025 15:56:47	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	18. Other / Unknown	Skyline	I went to eastwood as a child, it was a wonderful school then as it is now. I would hate to see all the kids in the neighborhood have to leave this area. It's a shame granite school district wastes its money and can't keep a great school open.	
3/16/2025 16:01:57	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	18. Other / Unknown	Other	To whom it may concern, Consider keeping Eastwood open as it is a good school for children here in the neighborhood. A local school is a good thing.	
3/16/2025 16:08:22	D) I am a student attending one of the schools with	4. Eastwood EI	Skyline	It is important that we have a local school that is close, is a space that hosts local events, (ex. venture out, soccer games and a playground that is available for public use. Eastwood is a space that provides all of these things.	

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3/16/2025 18:51:16	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	4. Eastwood EI	Skyline	My son went to Eastwood 25 years ago. At that time there were very few young people in my neighborhood which is just north of Eastwood. Now my wife and I are empty nesters but 80% of the homes in this neighborhood have turned over and have young children of elementary age or younger. Eastwood is needed in this area now more than any time in my residency here.	
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3/17/2025 15:23:27	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	17. Skyline High	Skyline		
3/17/2025 15:27:52	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	17. Skyline High	Skyline	I would hate to see Eastwood shut down. It is a treasure for the neighborhood...not only as a school but as an open space for all to enjoy. The last thing our neighborhood needs is more development.	
3/17/2025 17:00:30	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	4. Eastwood EI	Skyline	In addition to being a local resident, I'm an educator. I'm passionate about keeping Eastwood Elementary School open, not just for 1) the added property value (walkable schools are so appealing), but for 2) the sense of community, and 3) green space.	
3/17/2025 17:31:51	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	4. Eastwood EI	Skyline	Eastwood is an important part of our community and neighborhood. It is conveniently located to serve many students who are able to walk to school. It is known for having high quality teachers and staff, respectful students and an involved PTA. This is a culture that is developed over time and can't be duplicated. I love that it is a small school where I know the staff and principal, that my daughter feels comfortable being herself and I know many of the other parents. We aren't lost but feel like an important part of a community. The facility and property also serve the community as sports fields, a popular sledding hill and an emergency response location. We love Eastwood and hope that you will consider its importance in our community.	
3/17/2025 20:43:02	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	4. Eastwood EI	Skyline	Please keep Eastwood open	
3/18/2025 10:47:12	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	4. Eastwood EI	Skyline	Hi. I'm very worried about the possibility of Eastwood closing. I have two daughters who attended K and 3rd grade here. We've loved Eastwood, because it's small, feels like a tight knit community, there's a high level of parent engagement, smaller class sizes, and it's a STEM school. I spent a year researching all the elementary schools in the area and they all have huge class sizes which for my kids wouldn't work. I feel like this would hurt a lot of people in the community for those reasons. What can we do to keep Eastwood open?	
3/18/2025 11:02:39	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside EI	Olympus	Morningside is a wonderful school that provides a welcoming community environment. It also offers a dual immersion program and the ACL track which makes it a pivotal school in this boundary study. The teachers are excellent and the multiple tracks gives kids the option for an education that fits their personal needs.	
3/18/2025 11:36:59	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	4. Eastwood EI	Skyline		
3/18/2025 13:07:32	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	4. Eastwood EI	Skyline	I have a 5 year olds and 3 year old. My 5 year old will be going to Kindergarten this fall and a closure would be devastating. We moved to this neighborhood because the population was changing from retirees to young families. I think if the school district waited 2 years, they would see an increase in population. This neighborhood is starting to establish young families again. This would greatly impact our community.	
3/18/2025 14:24:43	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside EI	Skyline	My child has been in the ALC program at Morningside since 1st grade. Please don't remove the program. The students need it. We understand if Morningside is an older school that needs to be remodeled/rebuilt. In that case, please move the ALC to a different school that my child can attend. We also have a child attending kindergarten this upcoming school year, who could potentially be in the ALC program. Thank you.	
3/18/2025 17:39:15	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside EI	Skyline		
3/18/2025 20:43:13	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	4. Eastwood EI	Skyline	We moved to Emigration Canyon 3 years ago in large part because of the schools, especially Eastwood Elementary and Skyline High School. The boundary survey seems biased and doomed from the start. It is frustrating that a board member would even suggest closing a school prior to the results of a boundary study being analyzed. The group will mine the data to find whatever answer they have already decided and the school board is not speaking for its citizens and constituents. Closing any school will not save money and it is school of choice (without added cost) that is altering the demographics in a manner that is not acceptable.	
3/18/2025 20:49:37	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	4. Eastwood EI	Skyline	We moved to a new house three years ago and specifically selected a home in Eastwood's and Skyline's boundaries as they are academically the best schools in our area. Eastwood provides strong academics paired with a smaller school setting with a community feel. Our son is just in kindergarten and we have been so pleased with the school. He also attended the preschool program at Eastwood where our younger daughter is this year. I asked around neighbors and friends, all of whom had only positive things to say about Eastwood. I have over ten years experience working as an educator in private schools, and I echo a friend who told me that Eastwood feels most similar to private school based on all of the extracurriculars, special attention to students and academic success. Threatening to close small neighborhood schools that are way above and beyond larger newer schools in terms of state testing and academic growth shows that the district's goal is completely about money. Please listen to the parents, students, neighbors and teachers and do what is best for the students and the district.	

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3/19/2025 12:00:13	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	4. Eastwood EI, 6. Oakridg	Skyline	I have two children, one of which we are planning to send to Eastwood for the 2026/2027 school year and beyond. He is currently in preschool at Oakridge, where we would also like to send our newborn once he is old enough. I live about a block away from Eastwood and part of the reason I chose my current house was the proximity to schools (Eastwood/Oakridge/Churchill/Skyline). I will be following the proposed closure/boundary study closely and I look forward to attending the Town Halls. I am strongly apposed to the potential closure of Eastwood or Oakridge Elementary. Thank you for taking the time to read my feedback.	
3/19/2025 14:34:46	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	8. Penn EI	Olympus	We are not in Penn's boundaries but I have 2 kids attending and one more that will be in K in 2027	
3/19/2025 18:32:59	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	6. Oakridge EI	Skyline	What if you put 6th grade back in the elementary schools, no closures!	
3/19/2025 18:41:31	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	6. Oakridge EI	Skyline	Is moving 6th grade students back to elementary schools a consideration?	
3/19/2025 19:43:14	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	6. Oakridge EI	Skyline	How have the previous school closures turned out? Are educators, students, and parents happier overall? Doing significantly better than before schools were closed?	
3/19/2025 20:08:41	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	6. Oakridge EI	Skyline	Wouldn't selling the properties of previously closed schools help to fund/solve some of the problems we're are looking at? (I.e. funding more teachers and staff members at each school site)	
3/19/2025 20:14:01	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	6. Oakridge EI	Skyline	Looking forward to learning more about what is best for our children and the community through this process. Thank you.	
3/20/2025 0:04:12	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	6. Oakridge EI, 11. Church	Skyline	Save Oakridge. Fantastic school, teachers, resources. Lots of parent involvement.	
3/20/2025 8:14:54	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	6. Oakridge EI	Skyline		
3/20/2025 11:17:46	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	6. Oakridge EI	Skyline	Oakridge is one of the most special schools in Salt Lake City. It's the only elementary school in Olympus Cove and also serves as a community center/park for the residents. I attended Oakridge when I was younger and it was the best school experience I had. The incredible teachers, large outdoor facilities and walkable neighborhood was unmatched. We would truly be losing a special sanctuary if the school were to close.	
3/20/2025 12:58:36	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	4. Eastwood EI	Skyline	As a former elementary educator in both Granite and Salt Lake Districts and a patron living in the Eastwood Elementary boundaries, it is imperative that I voice my support in keeping Eastwood open. I've lived in this neighborhood for over 30 years, and now I'm witnessing the neighborhood turning over to young families. Every morning I watch the children walking together to Eastwood with a parent, their dog and a baby in a stroller. It's wonderful to see once again children walking to their neighborhood school. Also every morning and afternoon a line of cars on Wasatch Drive are waiting to drop off or pick up their child/children. I am aware that district committees and School Board members look at the data to determine closures. I ask that when making your decisions that you carefully review the comments from teachers, patrons and parents in our Eastwood community. Because SCHOOLS make a difference in building a community!! thanking you in advance for your careful consideration. Please keep Eastwood Elementary Open!	
3/20/2025 17:39:14	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside EI	Skyline	Hi. I live in morningside boundary. When my husband and I bought this house 10 years our number one priority was a great school for our children. We have absolutely loved morningside and the French program. We think it's so special and incredibly unique for our children. I have nothing but positive feedback about our school. My 4 year old will also be starting morningside in two years. We have 6 children on our small street who will attend morningside in the next 1-4 years. My husband and I and all the neighbors I've talked to desperately want morningside to stay. Thanks for listening.	
3/21/2025 10:04:08	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	4. Eastwood EI, 11. Churc	Skyline	We plan on having more children soon.	

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3/21/2025 15:53:13	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	10. Upland Terrace El	Skyline	0) Please post the number of students who WALK TO SCHOOL at each elementary. This is not equivalent to the number of students not bused, because many parents drive their kids to school. I think we should incentivize solutions that maximize the number of students who ACTUALLY walk to school. 1) Make sure your numbers match. The numbers for current enrollment and projected enrollment shared at the info session at Skyline do not match the ones posted online on the slides from the PAC Meeting on Feb 4th, 2025. 2) If the primary goal really is to balance out class size and not to save money (as claimed at the Skyline info session), then I think there are better ideas than just closing schools. I would suggest considering something I'll call "flexible boundaries". Essentially, the small schools have “caps” and when they go over a classroom (or 2) worth of students in a grade, then the students on the edge of the boundary get sent to another school. Obviously with exceptions for siblings, etc. This way you can have the right number of students in each classrooms with no split classrooms, but you also allow more students the opportunity to walk to school. 3) If after everyone's feedback, you are convinced you still need to close 2 schools, I suggest the following solution based on everything I learned at the info session: (sorry I am an engineer and I like working on trade-offs and optimizing non-ideal solutions) Close 1 school east of 215 (Eastwood or Oakridge) and close Morningside. Rationale: -Eastwood and Oakridge have the smallest enrollment and need the most repairs. They could be combined into 1 school. -There should probably still be one school east of 215 (Perhaps Eastwood near the freeway to consider the ones busing from Emigration Canyon or perhaps Oakridge if that allows more students who actually walk to walk) -Morningside's two special programs adding to its population could be located in any school -Morningside has the area it is pulling students from already geographically split in 2 -Morningside is located very close to 3 different other schools where students could be relocated -Morningside had the 3rd lowest FCI score	
3/21/2025 18:27:07	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	4. Eastwood El, 17. Skylin	Skyline		
3/21/2025 18:27:33	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	5. Morningside El, 11. Chu	Skyline	Please don't close Morningside — we just moved to the neighborhood and part of the reason we chose this house is so that our nearly 3 yo and future children could walk to their elementary school. We're also SO excited about the language emersion program.	
3/22/2025 11:46:55	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	4. Eastwood El	Skyline	As a mother and community member, I feel Eastwood should be kept open. I see students walking daily with their parents, parents with strollers, riding bikes to get to school, many times picking up or joining friends along the way. This builds independence in a child knowing his lay of the land, community, resources as they evolve to independent traveling to school. I understand budgets and numbers to maintain a school are taken in to consideration as well. I know Eastwood has long been a desired school to attend in Salt Lake Valley. Please know the community here would like to maintain our school.	
3/23/2025 14:37:03	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	4. Eastwood El	Skyline	Please keep Eastwood open!	
3/23/2025 14:38:57	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	4. Eastwood El	Skyline		
3/24/2025 12:53:52	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Skyline	I want to urge you to consider the following concerning Morningside - 1. The school is a one-story building and, therefore, a safer place in case of an earthquake and has plenty of classrooms to accommodate more children. It is also very central to the area. 2. The school has two specific programs - French and ALC - if you close Morningside, you would have to move entire classes to a new school versus being able to break up a class and send the students to the closest school near them. This latter gives you far more flexibility to place students in schools nearby instead of trying to move an entire class to a new school. 3. Morningside has actually increased in enrollment over the last few years compared to the majority of the others being considered. I am obviously a parent who loves Morningside and more importantly, my kids love Morningside. They both transferred there from Crestview to take advantage of the special programs but we also found Morningside to be superior overall in the way the faculty provides for the students. Both of my kids had a negative experience at Crestview and had to catch up at Morningside, and now they are thriving. I understand the predicament you are in and no matter what families will be upset over the decisions made but I do hope you consider my logical and realistic arguments on why Morningside should stay open. Thanks for your consideration.	
3/24/2025 13:39:36	C) I am an employee of Granite School District	5. Morningside El	Skyline	Please give serious consideration to keeping Morningside Elementary open. It accommodates approximately twice the number of students as Crestview, Oakridge or Eastwood and houses special programs which would be a huge detriment to lose. One fear I have regarding the possibility of Morningside closing is the resulting class sizes once the displaced students are reassigned. Many of these classes are already around 30 students. More is less. A second concern is the potential loss of the ALC and French programs. As a parent with a child in each of these programs, I would consider it an enormous loss to have these programs removed or altered. Thank you for your time and consideration.	
3/24/2025 14:03:06	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	4. Eastwood El	Skyline	Keep Eastwood open!	

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3/24/2025 16:37:03	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	2. Crestview EI, 13. Olymp	Olympus	I went to Crestview as did all of our children. I believe the population in this area will be getting younger Elementary age children in the next several years as many of the residents here are currently older and will be passing on and selling to the younger generation. We don't need any more apartments in Holladay	
3/24/2025 20:49:39	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	2. Crestview EI, 10. Upland	Olympus	I would hate to see a split in Granite District and fear this may happen if schools are closed. However having grandchildren in Canyons district I also see the benefits of this small sized District. Please make wise choices and listen to the parents. Cut costs on the district level. Put the kids first.	
3/25/2025 13:30:50	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	4. Eastwood EI	Skyline	I appreciate the positive impact Eastwood elementary students and families have on the neighborhood.	
3/25/2025 15:11:16	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	2. Crestview EI, 13. Olymp	Olympus	My children have all attended Crestview Elementary School since my husband and I moved to Holladay 8 years ago. One of the reasons we moved to our neighborhood is because the schools are excellent and all within walking distance (Crestview, Olympus Jr., and Olympus High) from our house. I love the community of neighbors and parents that support Crestview. Most of the kids in my neighborhood attend Crestview, with many more kids in the neighborhood hoping to attend Crestview for years to come. I have many neighbors with young children who are hoping to send their kids to Crestview for the same reasons I stated above - excellent education in a parent-supported and walkable community. I cannot overstate the importance of walkability in creating vibrant school communities and cultures. Because my children can all walk to and from their schools, it teaches them independence at a young age. Keeping Crestview open is key to fostering the healthy development of our children and to contributing to the vibrant community that I live in. Academics is critical to a student's success, but other factors (walkable neighborhood with accessible schools and other amenities, etc.) contribute to creating a whole child who can succeed in the world. Please keep Crestview open for years to come!	
3/26/2025 6:31:39	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	2. Crestview EI		We specifically chose to move to this neighborhood for the excellent schools, including Crestview. It's an important part of our community and it is crucial that it remains open for our students and families.	
3/26/2025 8:12:22	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	2. Crestview EI, 16. Olymp		My wife and I moved into the area because we want our kids to attend Crestwood Elementary. Please keep this school open, thanks!	
3/26/2025 8:54:29	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	6. Oakridge EI	Skyline	At your meeting last week Morningside was listed as being able to accommodate 500-600 students, but I notice they have trailers parked on property. Are those counted in the overall student accommodations number? Doesn't seem fair to count temporary classrooms as official numbers.	
3/26/2025 11:08:18	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	3. Driggs EI, 13. Olympus	Olympus		
3/26/2025 11:30:25	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	10. Upland Terrace EI	Skyline	Keep Upland Terrace.	
3/26/2025 12:20:30	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	3. Driggs EI	Olympus	Driggs has added additional kinder and 1st grade teachers for this school year. The class sizes finally seem reasonable but still big. Our neighborhood was older residents but now turning over to young families. Please don't close Driggs!	
3/26/2025 13:51:12	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside EI	Skyline	We love Morningside. It is the heart of our community. It has a unique feeling of acceptance and understanding toward all students and faculty. I would also like to note on our street is growing - young's kids not in school yet are coming up. Four babies born this year, both with toddler siblings. We are a growing community. We need and want our neighborhood school to continue thriving.	
3/26/2025 13:59:55	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside EI	Skyline	As a parent I am happy to volunteer my time to help teachers/aides/workers of the schools involved with this situation. Please ask for help from the community before making any closures. We are here to help. We love our community. Morningside is an amazing school with great teachers and faculty. Our children love walking to and from school as well as participating in the dual immersion program. It has a thriving community of invested parents who support the schools many programs and activities. There student population is sure to be growing due to the new families who have moved in to the area. Closing our neighborhood school would change the nature of this neighborhood and make it a worse place to live. Please keep Morningside Elementary open. It would be a mistake to close this school.	
3/26/2025 14:14:59	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	6. Oakridge EI	Skyline	School in our community and close to home means too much to just close. It's an area that our children get to learn and play close to their homes and friends. DO NOT CLOSE OAKRIDGE.	
3/26/2025 14:22:30	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	6. Oakridge EI, 11. Church	Skyline	Please remember that property values in Olympus Cove are directly correlated to the neighboring schools. Without them, property values will decrease having a broad reaching implication on property taxes collected. Please keep Oakridge open, bring the GT program from the over crowded Morningside School, and give high net worth families a place to send their children with academic rigor, outside of private school.	

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3/26/2025 14:35:48	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Skyline	I want to encourage the district to keep Morningside Elementary School open. The strong reading and French program always draw students from across the district, keeping the school full. The traditional program is high quality with stellar teachers (my daughter is in this program now). Additionally, Morningside is considerably more accessible than some of the other schools being considered, as it is located inside of the I-215 circle.	
3/26/2025 14:37:06	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Skyline	I have 3 kids. 2 are currently at morningside and 1 will hopefully attend morningside fall 2026 for kindergarten. It would be devastating to our kids and community if morningside closed. We walk to school. We participated in all the morningside activities. We love morningside	
3/26/2025 14:37:56	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Skyline	We have our child in the advanced learning class at Morningside which a fantastic program and service. We love the school but we previously had our child at Eastwood before she got into the program at Morningside and switched schools. Morningside has many more students, maybe even too many students, perhaps because it has both the ALP program and the French immersion. I believe that both Morningside and Eastwood are fantastic schools and should be kept open. Eastwood has some of the highest scores for public elementary schools in the state. Potentially could the either the ALP program or a dual immersion program be held at Eastwood to move some kids there? Then possibly less schools would need to close. I do feel strongly that both morningside for its strong programs and Eastwood for its amazing scores should be kept open.	
3/26/2025 14:38:33	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Skyline	Keep Morningside open! Morningside has a strong and vibrant community. It's accessible and located in a walkable neighborhood. We had one child complete the French dual immersion program, and another is currently in the traditional program. All of the teachers are outstanding, and each of the three programs provide great experiences to our students. Morningside is widely known as one of the top rated schools in the district, and the various programs always draw students from across the district. We can't say enough good things about this school and encourage the district to keep it open!	
3/26/2025 14:38:46	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Skyline	This is a profound concern and urgent plea regarding the potential closure of Morningside Elementary. My children attend this school, and I am deeply worried about the devastating impact closure would have on their well-being and educational progress. One of my children has autism and has made unprecedented strides at Morningside. Before attending this school, he struggled to connect with teachers and special education support. However, at Morningside, he has flourished and is now learning and growing independently. This is a direct result of the extraordinary dedication and unique teaching approach of the Morningside staff. These are not just "normal" teachers; they are exceptional educators who understand and cater to the specific needs of their students. The potential closure of Morningside would be absolutely detrimental and devastating for my autistic child, their special education teacher is just different and absolutely is an absolute outstanding special ed reached. The staff is one of a kind. The progress my autistic son has made, the trust he has built, and the sense of security he has found would be shattered. I truly fear that many children within the special education program at Morningside would experience a severe regression, losing all the hard-earned progress they have made. My other child, who is also receiving vital speech therapy support at Morningside, would also be significantly impacted. The consistency and specialized attention they receive are crucial for their development. I implore you to understand that the Morningside teachers provide a level of care and expertise that is irreplaceable. The impact of their work goes far beyond academic achievement; it is about building confidence, fostering independence, and empowering children with special needs to reach their full potential. Please, I urge you to reconsider the closure of Morningside Elementary. The consequences for these children, particularly those in the special education program, would be catastrophic. Please do not undo the incredible progress they have made. Thank you for your immediate attention to this critical matter.	
3/26/2025 14:41:49	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El		The main reason that we have enrolled, our kids at Morningside is for the advanced learning curriculum. We moved to the area when my son was in second grade, and even though he qualifies for ALC he has been waitlisted for two years because the class sizes in adequate. Because he has tested high enough to enroll. I would like to keep him at Morningside so that if a spot opens, he might be able to join the curriculum. At the same time, my daughter will now start French immersion next year, also at Morningside. If these programs are split it would be incredibly difficult for our family. Morningside has done an exceptionally good job at facilitating an environment where special programs are thoughtfully incorporated into neighborhood classrooms. It is really important to us for these programs to stay in the same school whether that is Morningside or another.	
3/26/2025 14:42:22	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Olympus		
3/26/2025 14:44:30	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El, 11. Chu	Skyline	Thank you for all that you are doing for our children and genuinely having their best interests at heart. I can't imagine how difficult this process is. No comments other than we will be as supportive as possible and have a harmonious attitude as adults. The kids will be fairly resilient and I hope the adults can come together.	
3/26/2025 14:45:58	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	3. Driggs El	Skyline		

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3/26/2025 14:56:52	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Olympus	Population trends are cyclical, and the studies do not take into account the large number of new families we are seeing moving into the east side areas. Many of the homes on the east bench were built and purchased in the 70's by new families, and those homeowners are finally phasing out of ownership and there are many new families moving into the areas. Closing schools devalues homes and creates a problem when populations trend up. Parents would much prefer to have split classrooms and busing options rather than to close schools. Morningside is a valuable school that provides a much needed accelerated learning program. William Penn recently had to absorb a closed school and it has led to classrooms with 35 kids and kindergarteners being taught in a small windowless classroom. Closures will not help the situation, but will cause a new set of problems we do not want. Please don't move forward with any closures.	
3/26/2025 15:00:00	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	1. Cottonwood El, 5. Morr	Olympus	Closing the schools is the wrong choice. Increasing funding for teachers and support staff should be the primary goal. You will drastically change our neighborhoods and the future of the communities on the east bench by shuttering schools. You will stop attracting young families to this area. Public schools could be more localized and granite school district divided into smaller districts or by city. If one school did have to close Morningside, Driggs or Upland Terrace are pretty close to one another . Move the ALC program to Cottonwood Elementary.	
3/26/2025 15:00:54	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	5. Morningside El, 11. Chu	Skyline	Hi - we are a family with young children who are not of school attending age. One of the main draws of moving into the neighborhood we chose was to ensure our children would have access to a great school system. Morningside was a huge draw and one of the main reasons to stay where we are so our child gets the best education. It would be devastating to have morningside close especially when other nearby elementary schools do not provide the same quality of education as Morningside. Please consider the future of the children living within Morningside boundaries and how much the school means to families currently attending, but also the families that moved to have their children attend.	
3/26/2025 15:08:55	C) I am an employee of Granite School District	5. Morningside El	Skyline	I am a teacher at Morningside Elementary. I feel that closing Morningside would be detrimental to the programs we have. If the boundaries are reconfigured for our boundaries, we would have stronger numbers for our traditional class sizes and would keep our school going strong. I love working at Morningside and I would not like to leave Morningside and the community. Thank you.	
3/26/2025 15:17:23	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	3. Driggs El, 16. Olympus	Olympus	Do t get rid of driggs	
3/26/2025 15:18:50	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El, 11. Chu	Skyline	I previously submitted feedback saying that canyon rim boundary kids should go to upland terrace but I see now that they should actually go to rosecrest to bump up their population as that is the closest school to them. This will help with rosecrest's population and canyon rim's current boundary school which is morningside should be okay with its current status and especially with their new STEM program coming in next year. Morningside cannot close as it will be detrimental to Churchill's population.	
3/26/2025 15:21:14	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Skyline	As a parent of 2 children current at Morningside, and another child that will matriculate in 1 year- I am deeply invested in keeping Morningside open. We moved to our neighborhood primarily due to the proximity to an excellent elementary school that offered a variety of programs to fit our children's needs (ALC program, French program). It is an integral part of our neighborhood community and enrollment is excellent. I have been very impressed with the quality of education at Morningside and believe it would be extremely detrimental to its students and their parents if it were to close. I do acknowledge the age of the school and need for expansion given high rates of attendance - and thoroughly believe there are alternative options to maintain current enrollment and high quality of education at the facility without shutting down the school. Thank you for your time and consideration.	
3/26/2025 15:25:30	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	5. Morningside El, 11. Chu	Skyline	I have a child who we were planning to attend Morningside. We were excited for her to attend and have heard about the quality of the school. This was an important part of our decision to move to this area. Please consider keeping Morningside, Churchill and Skyline open for the future generations.	
3/26/2025 15:43:13	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	10. Upland Terrace El, 14.	Skyline	As I realize you have to balance many different factors in deciding to close a school, I would request you include among the many considerations the walkability of a school, and particularly how many students are currently walking to that school. 40 years ago, my parents bought a home close to Upland Terrace because they loved that their kids could walk to the elementary school, Jr. High (Wasatch), and High school (Skyline) from their house. 3 years ago when I moved my family back to Utah, we also bought a home close to Upland Terrace for that exact same reason, and I know that many families in the surrounding neighborhood that feel that same way too. Pretty much everything about a building / school can be changed, except for one thing: location. To ignore the fortuitous location of Upland Terrace would be a mistake. It is a truly unique and special arrangement to have all 3 schools so close together like that, and I believe that just as it has been enticing to families to move to granite school district in decades prior, it will continue to be enticing to families for decades to come. And as the Upland / Wasatch / Skyline corridor continues to draw families to the area, it will help ensure Granite school district will have a thriving future. Further, the more students that walk to a given school, the greater the collective burden it would be then ask these students to go to a different school that requires a bus ride. As Upland Terrace is surrounded by highly walkable neighborhoods (filled with families that do walk to school), I ask that you please also take this into consideration.	

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3/26/2025 15:43:15	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Skyline	Morningside has known name recognition!! Even friends who do not live in Salt Lake have heard of Morningside because of it's stellar record and the advanced learning program. The reputational harm to Granite School District of closing a school with that high of name recognition may be unrecoverable. As a professional, I know the value of good publicity and the horrible ripple effects of reputational harm. I'd very sincerely advise against closing Morningside for that reason.	
3/26/2025 16:02:36	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Skyline	Morningside school seems very populated given that it has the French immersion and the gifted and talented program. The building itself is outdated and too small considering the population. Given the lot size, including the upper field is expansion, not an option?	
3/26/2025 16:12:42	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El, 17. Sky	Skyline	Morningside has a unique population with a French immersion and gifted magnet. It would be a huge loss for the community to lose the French immersion community and program.	
3/26/2025 16:20:56	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	6. Oakridge El	Skyline	Our children attended Oakridge Elementary, I served as PTA President and started an art program there that included grant writing and affiliation with Salt Lake Arts Council Artist in Residence and Tanner Dance. I believe some of this is still in place currently. It is a wonderful school and is in good condition, having had considerable recent work done which must have been expensive such as the drive through and elevator. I understand that Morningside is currently not in as good condition and needs improvements, but that some families (even in Oakridge boundaries) choose it due to programming that is different for each school. I would think that the solution would be to move programs to suit these needs and to maintain whichever school building that is in better condition. Olympus Cove has no other Elementary School that is walkable, and it would be sad to see it close for numerous reasons such as these. Morningside is not far from Upland Terrace, so it makes better sense to close Morningside when another school is nearby that could absorb some students, along with moving some preferred programs up to Oakridge that have taken students away from it and thereby increasing enrollment.	
3/26/2025 16:31:28	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Skyline	I am writing to offer my feedback on Morningside elementary. We have a 1st grader and she has thrived in this school, participating in the fantastic programs (i.e. book club, French dual immersion) and teaching staff. One of the greatest advantages of public school is allowing our kids to attend schools in their communities. It would be very disappointing to move our daughter to a new school and to lose the amazing programs Morningside elementary offers her and the other students. We live in the community and appreciate the access and ability for our daughter to walk to school when feasible.	
3/26/2025 16:33:41	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El, 11. Chu	Skyline	We love our Morningside and Churchill Jr High community! It is a very supportive , respectful and kind place for my children and myself. We are part of the DLI program and is has been woven into the core of our family unit. It is a community of people who encompass high educational standards with the idea of every student succeeding.	
3/26/2025 16:36:14	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Skyline	We love living close enough to walk to & from Morningside elementary school. Our 2 elementary age kids do kindergarten traditional & 3rd grade French program. Our 2 older kids go to Churchill because of the French program, otherwise we are in Wasatch Jr High boundaries.	
3/26/2025 16:39:41	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Olympus	My son is in ALC program at Morningside. It has been great for him and I think a school in that middle area is correct for the ALC program. I was kinda shocked that Morningside has ALC and French. Without those, their student population would be around 300 just like our home school Rosecrest. It seems like part of this evaluation should also which school should have special programs. If moving one of those programs out of Morningside would be beneficial for what happens with school closings, I think it should be considered. Most families I've met either have all their kids in ALC or all of them in French. Also should highly consider traffic and drop off. Many of these schools are horrible! Increasing student population at Rosecrest for example would only make traffic for pick up even worse.	

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3/26/2025 16:40:31	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	5. Morningside El	Skyline	I have lived in the Morningside boundaries my whole life, 68 years. Attended Morningside while growing up, my children attended Morningside and I have substituted at Morningside for the last 20 years, I am currently on a medical leave, because of a medical (cancer diagnosis). I have also substituted at Oakridge, Oakwood, Driggs, Upland Terrace, Rosecrest, Wasatch and Churchill over the last 20 years...so I am very familiar with these neighborhoods, as I grew up here and my 4 children have attended elementary, junior high and high school here. We have been very involved in the community and we have made life long friends here. I have substituted at Morningside most often, 3 to 4 times a week. Morningside is a unique school with its many different programs and it has amazing community support. Morningside took on two unique programs, coming up on two decades ago for the gifted and 15 years for the French Immersion. They have been worked hard and have been very successful in blending all three programs. My children and thousands of students have benefited from these unique programs. I also love the diversity of students who attend. The three programs are thriving there. As you can tell, since I have subbed at multiple schools, over several decades, I do especially love the Morningside they are always warm and very welcoming and thank me every time I come. Since I live in the bottom of the Morningside and top of the Driggs community...I see lots of new young families moving in and lots of babies being born in this neighborhood. I also love the green space that our neighborhood school provides and several groups use it. My 98 year father can see all the many people/students/sports groups and families who use this space. I love that Morningside is nestled in this beautiful community of Morningside Heights at the base of beautiful Mountain Olympus. Please contact me I would love to provide more input...as a former parent, current resident and on leave substitute of 20 years in this neighborhood.	
3/26/2025 16:43:52	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El, 14. Wa	Skyline	Thank you for carefully considering the many factors that go into this important decision. I would like to express my opinion and raise a few concerns. First, school closures should reflect population density of the neighborhood in which the school is located. I'm guessing that the density of elementary aged children in the Oakridge area is lower than in the Upland/Morningside areas (because few can afford a house up in the Oakridge area and they don't tend to be like my Upland neighbors who have 6 kids). Second, I hope you are also looking at issues like parking and traffic patterns. I can't imagine having more traffic going up into the Oakridge or Eastwood areas. Third, I do not think that Morningside should be closed, but the three programs there do not work well together and the two specialty programs should be separated. I have had kids at Morningside since 2016 and the three programs not only are very segregated, but they seem to harm each other. The Regular class gets a bad reputation for being a neglected program and often dwindles to 8-9 students, which puts excess strain on the GT teacher to take an inappropriately large number of students in order to make up for the expense of paying a Regular class teacher to teach 1/3 of a classroom. The French Dual Immersion teachers cannot take more students to compensate for the small Regular classes because of the language barrier for new students, and the DI classes also dwindle from student attrition, but they cannot be replaced, again because of the language barrier for new students. It makes no sense to spend the same amount of tax dollars for a teacher who teaches 9-14 Regular students, a DI teacher for 23-24 students, and a GT teacher who has 30-31 students. This year's 4th grade Dual Immersion French classes have around 23-24 students each, the regular class has 14, and the GT class started with 30, now 29. It is inequitable to both the teachers and the students to have such disparities in class size, which leads to less individual attention for students in the classes that actually fill. Personally I think the French program should be in a school with a large Regular student population, and the GT program should be at a separate school with a large Regular population, instead of both being in one school with what becomes by 4th grade a very small population by 4th grade. I would favor keeping either French or GT classes at Morningside and moving the other program to Driggs or another school with (relatively) easy traffic access to accommodate for the increase in commuting students. Also so many people are upset when their kids don't get into the 3rd grade GT program, why not add another GT class starting in 3rd grade? It is a popular program that fills and has a waiting list. Thank you for taking community concerns into account!	

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3/26/2025 16:45:30	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Skyline	I don't know how to put into words how Morningside Elementary School has profoundly impacted my family. It set the trajectory for us to live our dream of international living and preparing my four children to thrive in a global society. We have lived in France, Morocco and Switzerland all because of how this school has prepared my children to not only learn the French language, but to appreciate and find excitement in a diverse multi-cultural education. Morningside Elementary School is a vital institution in our community, providing invaluable opportunities through its dual immersion program. It attracts diversity and opportunity for international families to integrate with more fluidity. Additionally it has brought families to the community with a value system that chooses educational involvement for success. Closing this school would not only disrupt our children's education but also dismantle a program that fosters bilingualism, biliteracy, and cultural competence, skills essential for success in today's interconnected world. In each country we have lived in, each Principal and lead instructors are beyond impressed with each of my children's academic performance and cognitive abilities. After living in France and moving to the German speaking part of Switzerland, my kids continued to show extraordinary competence in linguistics and learned German quickly and proficiently. I have witnessed how Morningside prepared them for problem-solving and critical thinking. They have outperformed their peers academically having developed an educational confidence regardless of being foreigners. Most importantly Morningside has cultivated building strong social connections and cross-cultural friendships, creating a supportive and inclusive community both locally and abroad that benefits all families involved. I have successfully convinced multiple families to attend and even officially settle into the community specifically for Morningside Elementary. While abroad, we have cultivated more friendships that have encouraged families to attend there as well. It is an extraordinary attraction for these passion-driven education families. The scope of what Morningside Elementary offers to our community is immeasurable! For whatever reasons there are for consolidation as a solution, it's crucial to recognize the long-term value of preserving schools like Morningside Elementary. It's dual immersion and magnet/gifted programs prepare students for future leadership roles and global opportunities, making it an indispensable asset to our district. Closing this school would not only impact current families but also deprive future generations of these transformative benefits. Without it, we would not have the culturally rich diversity it has afforded us.	
3/26/2025 16:52:04	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	6. Oakridge El	Skyline	I think that Morningside elementary takes too many of our children for immersion and accelerated learning programs. I think Oakridge has an incredible location and staff. It feeds perfectly into Churchill and my kids can walk there without being on a busy road and it has been a blessing to our family.	
3/26/2025 16:57:53	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El, 17. Sky	Skyline	I love Morningside. I love that my kids get individual attention because it's not too big. I love the French immersion program. We are inside Morningside boundaries and love the location. Please consider not closing Morningside!	
3/26/2025 17:00:29	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El, 11. Chu	Skyline	Our two daughters attend/attended Morningside elementary. We were drawn to the school because of the French immersion program, which has been such an important part of their educational experience. Our elder daughter has a level of fluency in French that would just not be possible with traditional secondary language studies in junior high and high school, and our younger daughter is learning so much now. Beyond language, they have gained so much in reading, math and science and have also been making close friendships within the community. We have been in the area long enough, my wife attended Morningside several years ago. We don't want Morningside to close, it's a great school and extremely important in the community.	
3/26/2025 17:15:42	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	11. Churchill Jr, 17. Skylin	Skyline	I live in the Oakridge boundary and sent my children to Morningside for the Dual Immersion program. With the pedestrian bridge over I-215, both schools are within walking/biking distance for children in either boundary area with the exception of those in Canyon Rim who are currently bused to school. Because both schools are close enough for students to walk or ride bikes. Factors I think you should consider include 1) the number of students a school can accommodate, 2) the condition of the buildings and grounds, and 3) ability to accommodate additional traffic and parking. Additionally, please consider bike lockers at all schools that will remain in the Olympus and Skyline network. This would help reduce traffic and encourage the development of healthy habits for our children.	
3/26/2025 17:21:00	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El, 9. Rose	Skyline	The Elementary schools are so crowded and both Morningside and Rosecreast use rels for classrooms. Closing the school would cause even more crowding. Maybe making a new school first would be the way to go	
3/26/2025 17:36:14	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Skyline	Every school is important to our community. Closing and cramming children into large classrooms is a lose lose situation for the children.	

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3/26/2025 17:47:04	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	17. Skyline High	Skyline		
3/26/2025 18:13:15	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El, 17. Sky	Olympus	We previously lived in downtown salt lake but put our kids in Granite schools because of programs like French DLI at Morningside and the IB program at Skyline. We moved to the Millcreek/Holladay area so that we could be closer to the kids' schools, even if buying in boundary was not possible. Morningside is the closest French DLI program to Salt Lake and is extremely important to a number of parents who want their child in French dual immersion. It has a faithful following from private French preschools in Salt Lake. Morningside is also a wonderful school community and has been excellent for our kids. If Morningside were to close and we were to lose the French DLI program, we would strongly consider putting our children back in Salt Lake school district.	
3/26/2025 18:24:12	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	5. Morningside El, 11. Chu	Skyline	We love our neighborhood schools! We have 6 children who attended Morningside Elementary, Wasatch Jr. High School, Skyline High School and Olympus High School. We are so thankful for the many, many teachers, aids, special ed professionals and administrators who each had a huge impact in the lives of our children and in our lives as parents. We love that our children and now some of our grandchildren are in walking distance of our schools! And they did WALK! I feel very strongly that Morningside school should remain open! It is in an ideal quiet, loving and caring, and SAFE neighborhood. None of the children who attend Morningside need to cross any busy streets! To me, that is a big plus! Please keep Morningside open!!!	
3/26/2025 18:53:37	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El, 6. Oakr	Skyline	Oakridge Elementary School should stay open, it has a large space, bigger building, beautiful outdoor space and people love the school. Some of the Immersion or ALC programs should be moved to Oakridge.	
3/26/2025 18:57:11	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	17. Skyline High	Skyline	I am a crossing guard for Morningside Elementary, and I cross around 20 neighborhood students per day.	
3/26/2025 19:53:19	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Olympus	Morningside is home to three programs- ALC, French and core. This would displace three communities that are the soul to the school. The school has easy access for pick up and drop off- allowing safety for our children. Being a single level building the costs to maintain are reasonable. The grounds are beautiful and used for a lot of after school activities and events. Please save Morningside!	
3/26/2025 19:55:14	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Skyline		
3/26/2025 19:58:29	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	5. Morningside El	Skyline	Im a mom of two under two and looking forward to sending my two boys to morning side! We've heard only good things. Also friends with a lot of other young moms in the neighborhood. My two year old has 7 friends within a few blocks and my newborn is the third born this year with 5 more coming in the next few months.	
3/26/2025 20:05:21	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	10. Upland Terrace El	Skyline		
3/26/2025 20:13:41	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	10. Upland Terrace El, 14.	Skyline		
3/26/2025 20:27:26	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	6. Oakridge El	Skyline		
3/26/2025 20:42:39	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	6. Oakridge El	Skyline	If Oakridge Elementary closes and is sold for development, please put some guidelines on how the property is developed! It is such an important piece of land and a once in a lifetime opportunity to create a profitable and sustainable community area. The land that Oakridge sits on could be used in a much more efficient way. In so much, that a new school or community center could be positioned to maximize it for additional development, such as more housing, common areas, parks, green space, fields, pavilions, etc. Please do not simply sell to the highest bidder. I would be happy to be involved and find the right people to guide the development process if Oakridge must close and the real estate aspect is outside of the expertise of the school board. Thank you for the considerations!	
3/26/2025 20:47:53	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	6. Oakridge El	Skyline	Don't kill our communities. No area 5 school closures.	

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3/26/2025 20:50:33	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	6. Oakridge El	Skyline	What is your duty to keep all of these schools open given the 2017 Bond obligations? Also why keep closing schools when you have done zero studies on how they impact children and neighborhoods? Oakridge and Eastwood were on the list to be rebuilt on the bond obligation list. Follow up question-because of the bond obligations can you say you won't close Oakridge?	
3/26/2025 20:55:39	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	6. Oakridge El	Skyline	Good luck getting school buses in and around the Oakridge Cove boundaries on snowy days. #oakridgestrong	
3/26/2025 21:02:56	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	6. Oakridge El	Skyline	Closing more schools is only going hurt granite school district that much more ...student numbers will decrease even further due to not only closures but the threat of closures. People want community and stability which neither is currently being represented by our elected officials. No area 5 school closures. #oakridgestrong	
3/26/2025 21:10:54	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El, 6. Oakr	Skyline	Oakridge is a fantastic elementary school as well as Morningside.	
3/27/2025 6:54:33	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	6. Oakridge El, 11. Church	Skyline	We are very concerned about the closure of oakridge elementary. We have young kids and live one block away. We bought our house two years ago with the dream of sending them here and then to Churchill. Closing down this school would hurt the Olympus hills neighborhood so much. Please rethink it.	
3/27/2025 7:00:10	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	4. Eastwood El, 17. Skylin	Skyline		
3/27/2025 7:09:09	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Skyline		
3/27/2025 7:52:14	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	2. Crestview El, 5. Mornin	Olympus	My child lives in Crestview boundary; he went there until he qualified for the ALP program. He is now at Morningside for ALP. Both schools are fantastic! Huge parent involvement at both and lots of kids, so surprising to hear they are on the chopping block. I know Morningside is a satellite school with ALP and French immersion, so why not make it an official school for only those programs? I onow the population for regular ed is smaller there — Those kids can attend driggs or crestview as they are both very close by.	
3/27/2025 8:11:49	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El, 14. Wa	Skyline	We love the location and programs offered at Morningside	
3/27/2025 8:33:53	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	10. Upland Terrace El, 14.	Skyline	Upland Terrace Elementary is a very important part of our community because of its proximity to Wasatch Jr High and Skyline. It attracts families to the area when the schools are so close together and within walking distance of home. It's also makes sense financially to keep the schools feeding into Skyline open as the district has invested so greatly into Skyline. Upland Terrace is integral part of our community and the district as a whole because of the special ed program. The educational opportunities that these classes provide to the special needs students in our community are invaluable and irreplaceable.	
3/27/2025 12:27:37	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El, 11. Chu	Skyline	Please remember population ages is cyclical. When I moved into my neighborhood it was only old people, now almost all houses have kids.	
3/27/2025 14:45:27	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	14. Wasatch Jr	Skyline	Population of students may have declined in the boundary of these schools, may be because of high cost of housing in these localities that parents of young children are not able to afford. But Morningside with ALC program and Driggs both are one of the best elementary schools in terms of education that Granite district has and attracts many out of boundary students too. If good elementary schools shutdown and good students are moved out of this boudary area 5, it may adversely impact quality of education and educational ranking that Wasatch junior high and Skyline has, as many students from Advance learning program attend these schools too.	
3/27/2025 16:20:53	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	6. Oakridge El	Skyline		
3/27/2025 17:12:02	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Skyline	As I was not able to attend the meeting last night, I've got a question, how does this affect my child who will be entering Churchill next year, followed by Skyline? Could those schools be closed? Skyline hasn't even completed their rebuild. If a school is closed, what happens to the teachers at a school that is closed? How is the new boundary decided? If a school is closed, is it just left vacant?	
3/27/2025 17:15:38	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	10. Upland Terrace El, 14.	Skyline	Hi! Thanks for dedicating time to figuring this out. We know you have students and their families as your top priority. Upland Terrace is a gem, simply put. It is tucked in a neighborhood which makes walking to it safe. Many students do this. It has great parent support. It is a school within walking distance to WAsatch Jr and Skyline - this appeals to many families. The long standing traditions at the school are a community unifier. The Upland Terrace school is what makes our neighborhood wonderful.	

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3/27/2025 18:43:00	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	10. Upland Terrace El	Skyline	Upland Terrace has many amazing qualities, here are the top 3: 1. It is in a unique location in a straight line with Wasatch Junior High and Skyline High School. My family owned this land before the district bought it and put schools on it. It was made to always be a school. I have children in all 3 schools- Upland, Wasatch and Skyline. My children feel safe and connected as they are close to each other. My son will often pick up his younger siblings at Upland. With all the violence in schools, I love that I can hear the bell ring and I know my kids will be running home within a minute. 2. It is the only true feeder to Wasatch Junior High. Wasatch Junior High is a well known junior high and has very high scores. It is important to keep Wasatch and Skyline strong. 3. The Special Education program is amazing at Upland. I love that my traditional children interact and learn how to help children with different needs. My 5th grader combines with the special education class for art and science. His empathy and knowledge have increased. Please don't change that.	
3/27/2025 21:04:37	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	10. Upland Terrace El	Skyline		
3/27/2025 21:57:45	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	10. Upland Terrace El	Skyline	My children will both be in junior high/high school before this decision is made, however I am saddened to see that the closure of Upland Terrace is even up for discussion. This elementary school is an essential part of the lifeblood of East Millcreek. The happy bustling of children to and from each day exudes happiness and breathes life into the neighborhood! Having the elementary, middle and high school all along the same path and just blocks from one another is so wonderfully unique. It provides families with an education system that seamlessly guides children through their school age years and allows many families to walk to and from and older siblings to easily access and pick up little ones along the way. It would be an immense detriment to the community to lose this school.	
3/28/2025 2:32:02	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El, 6. Oakr	Skyline	We chose to move to the Olympus Hills area largely because of the great schools. It would be a shame to see any of them go, not only because of the loss of a great school, but also because of the impact (for example, even larger class sizes) to the remaining schools. This would have a negative impact on the students, becoming a number in the classroom, as well as a negative impact on the teachers who are already short staffed and juggling too many responsibilities.	
3/28/2025 9:07:53	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	10. Upland Terrace El, 17.	Skyline	I love that my boys can walk to all 3 schools. (I am seizure free) but knowing that if I had a seizure and couldn't drive that they could still get to/from school easily is one reason I chose this area. As a former student at Upland Terrace I know and remember how cool it felt to walk from Upland Terrace to Wasatch to see the school play.	
3/28/2025 9:25:19	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	4. Eastwood El, 5. Mornin	Skyline	I have a 5th grader in the Morningside ALC and a 1st grader at Eastwood, our boundary school. The Morningside community has been wonderful and the teachers within the ALC program are what make it so special. They are exceptional at what they do, and transitioning the ALC away from Morningside and potentially losing those teachers would be a huge loss to future students and our district. Eastwood is a staple in this community. There are families here who have now lived in the area for years, with multiple generations attending Eastwood. Not being one of those families, attending Eastwood has allowed the children and subsequently the parents to know their neighbors. Walking or biking to school would not be possible at any of the other elementary locations in this study. More busing would be required and the students in this section of Millcreek would be more isolated and lose connections with one another. Additionally, the education is excellent. Students from other areas choose open enrollment to Eastwood because of its known excellence. This extends beyond the standard curriculum to the extra focus on community events and educational opportunities.	
3/28/2025 10:07:11	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Skyline	Morningside is such a positive, supportive community. The collaboration between the three programs is great. And since the programs bring in families from beyond just our boundaries, our kids have been able to meet and make friends with people they otherwise wouldn't have. Those cultural intangibles really make Morningside a special place.	
3/28/2025 11:55:19	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El, 11. Chu	Skyline	Thank you for your time in presenting the study information at the Skyline open house. I was so impressed with Steve Hogan and how he presented the information, spoke about previous studies from the other areas in the district, and how he handled the comments and questions from the meeting. Especially amidst the many unhappy and contentious comments and questions voiced there, I wanted to let you know I am in full support of what you are doing. I was in favor of the idea before attending the meeting, but after seeing the information and data presented there I am even more in favor of consolidating our students into fewer schools. I am grateful for your taking the time and going through this process to be able to provide better opportunities for the students and teachers and to better utilize the district's resources. Thank you for all you do. I appreciate the many dedicated hours you all spend discovering the best option for our students moving forward.	
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3/28/2025 14:36:13	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	9. Rosecrest El	Olympus	Why would you bus students close to Rosecrest to the north to attend Morningside which is much further from their residence? If these students were attending their local elementary school (some to Rosecrest), then Rosecrest would have an overfull student population. What’s more, I fear the population study may not capture recent demographic trends—particularly in the Rosecrest catchment area—where many homes, like ours, are being sold by an elderly resident to a young family. This is the trend throughout our neighborhood, though it’s sometimes difficult to capture.	
3/28/2025 14:43:57	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	6. Oakridge El	Skyline	If the school district plans to close one or more schools, I think it'd be more efficient to come out and say that and do it promptly rather than go through what is sold as an analysis that includes community input which I'm not sure will really be listened to in the end.	
3/28/2025 17:38:13	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte		Skyline	I am a parent that lived through the closure of East Millcreek elementary many years ago. It was a very tumultuous time and while I believe the best decisions were made in a no-win situation, . I would like to make known that as residence in the area, we were told that we would still have availability to the Green space that the Reid school now occupies. It effectively took every bit of green space that our family could walk to within a reasonable distance. Mrs. Reid had assured the community that she would allow community access to all of the green area. As soon as the deal was done, she subdivided the East Millcreek property Into lots featuring very expensive single-family homes. The rest of the school was chain-linked off and padlocked. No trespassing signs were immediately put up. While I understand populations ebb and flow, the need for Green space does not for the community surrounding it. It is my fervent hope if you make a decision to close one of these schools that the district carves out a large piece of green space and possibly create a new park for the community that will suffer a huge loss when the elementary school closes So many families just like ours used the green field area for recreation. We currently have to drive to Evergreen Park or one of the other area parks because it is not a safe distance for any children to navigate walking. I am sorry I missed the forums because I would have felt strongly enough to show up, even though I do not have elementary children attending any of these schools. Are there any other opportunities to speak publicly about this? I ask, I beg the board makes sure whichever school or schools you decide to close that you retain a big portion of the green space for the community it is located in Thank you for listening to my comments, I would be happy to speak with anyone about this further	
3/29/2025 7:44:55	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	3. Driggs El	Olympus		
3/31/2025 13:06:58	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Cottonwood	Morning side dual immersion and ALP are what drew me to this school.	
3/31/2025 21:39:43	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	10. Upland Terrace El, 14.	Skyline	Upland Terrace is one of few, if not the only, elementary school within safe walking distance as both the feeder junior high and high school. No busy streets to cross, sidewalks all along the way from one school to the other. Older siblings can walk down and pick up younger elementary age siblings. Special Ed programs at Upland help many students in the neighborhood, as well as building empathy among the “mainstream” students as the special ed kids integrate for music and other special programs. 79% of in-boundary students attend Upland. Upland has excellent teacher/staff retention and longevity. Upland has decades long community shaping traditions that have created strong ties between parents, school, and businesses.	
4/1/2025 20:06:16			Cottonwood		
4/1/2025 20:07:03		1. Cottonwood El, 4. East	Cottonwood		

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4/2/2025 12:53:26				Feedback given to the Boundaries email address: Mon Feb 10, 2025 "Hello, I've just been made aware the Morningside Elementary School could face a future closer. This school is part of our community and so our the teachers, administrators and students that make the school so special. The classes are already full. Moving all of these children to other schools, especially for the children participating in the French program, to even fuller classes doesn't seem like that is helping the students or parents in anyway. It seems to me that the school board is just trying to do more with less which is a recipe for disaster. I hope the school board will really take into consideration what is best for the bottom dollar isn't necessarily what's best for the students and the communities which they serve. I realize my words may fall of deaf ears but I do have my vote and a loud voice with a large online platform. Hopefully the school board will make the right decision to keep Morningside Elementary School. Regards, "	
4/2/2025 12:55:01				Feedback sent to Boundaries email Feb 27, 2025 "Hello, I submitted a feedback form as well, but wanted to reach out via email. I know there are many that are upset about a potential school closing, and I was also one of these at first. The more I learn about why this would be happening and the more I drive between the schools, the more I realize how much we do need this. I was not raised in Utah, so the amount of schools here is overwhelming compared to what I experienced growing up. I absolutely understand that there are too many elementary schools for the population that we have in this area. I am the parent of a Kindergartener at Eastwood (and a future Eastwood student as well). We are not in boundary for Eastwood. We are in boundary for Crestview. When looking at schools for my children, I decided pretty quickly that I want them to attend Skyline High School instead of our in boundary school, Olympus High, because IB programs along with AP programs are very important to us as well as Skyline is the #1 rated school in Utah. The educational opportunities and focus on STEM are much greater at Skyline (in my opinion). Because of this,I thoughtfully figured out the feeder schools I would like my children to attend so that they have stability of friend groups etc. I have put hours and hours into my decisions about the schools that I feel are best for my children. I thought it may help the board to understand why I picked Eastwood. I picked Eastwood because of the focus on STEM. That is very important to me for both my son and my daughter. I also picked Eastwood because their test scores are much higher than others in the area. Finally, I picked Eastwood because I started talking to parents. Overwhelmingly, the amount of positivity I heard about teachers, students and faculty at Eastwood made it be a very easy choice for me. We also have selected an afterschool care program that only transports to Eastwood, Oakridge and Morningside, so I selfishly am hoping that no matter what happens, I can maintain stability for my children with friend groups, maintain the afterschool care program that we participate in, and stay in the Skyline track. Finally, I also think it is interesting to note that 90% of the parents that I have met at Eastwood are not in boundary for Eastwood. It appears we have mostly all selected Eastwood purposefully. All this said, I understand that Eastwood has a lower enrollment combined with a lower FCI score. In looking at the maps and boundaries and data, Eastwood would make sense to absorb another school because of it's geographic location, except for the low FCI score. I am sure all of these things are being taken into account. I would love to speak with anyone who is wanting input from parents and community. This is a big decision that affects so many of us, especially those of us that are working parents that require more resources than just schools and have made thoughtful decisions about their childrens' education. Thank you so much for time,"	
4/2/2025 12:56:06				Feedback submitted to Boundaries email March 2, 2025 "Hi - We have a 3 year old (and a baby) and I am starting to look at elementary schools. We are technically assigned to Rosecrest at this point. Does your study look at only current students or also future students? Thanks!" *A response has been sent to this question	

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4/2/2025 13:03:31				Feedback submitted to Boundaries email March 5, 2025 "Just my 2 cents by I think these are your only three options and I have spent quite a bit of time trying to make different combinations work. It seems to me that Eastwood and oakridge have to close. They have the lowest FCI ratings and the lowest enrollment. You could stop there (second pic above), merging oakridge into cottonwood, Eastwood into morningside and the north piece of morningside being added to rosecrest. The problem with that is those people won't want to move their kids just because of the boundary which is why I think morningside has to close too. Morningside also has the third lowest FCI rating. Closing Eastwood, oakridge, and morningside (1st picture above): Eastwood boundary will merge with upland terrace. North piece of morningside will merge with rosecrest. South piece of morningside will merge with Driggs. Oakridge will merge with Cottonwood. The predicted enrollments with this plan seem reasonable solving the schools with low enrollment. The only problem I see would be if everyone at Morningside bands together to all transfer to Driggs. So you may have to say that you are giving priority at Driggs to those in the southern morningside boundary and cap the enrollment at a certain number. Then the northern section of morningside will be forced to go to rosecrest. Just my thoughts. 3 of my kids go to Rosecrest. Thank you for your service, " *Maps were also provided https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EoMTsFE0m_UAy5KK86q0QEK1hiavs2Fs/view?usp=sharing https://drive.google.com/file/d/19vXIKf62JPFTXN_CcSr0JYXqU25uul3d/view?usp=sharing	
4/2/2025 13:05:31				feedback submitted to Boundaries email March 14, 2025 "Eastwood Elementary effectively delivers special education and related services due to its inclusive environment, dedicated faculty, and supportive staff. Should Eastwood Elementary close, students with Individual Education Plans (IEPs) would be required to attend neighboring schools, many of which already serve a significant number of students with IEPs. This situation would lead to increased caseloads for special education educators and related service providers in those schools. Additionally, general education teachers and staff would face larger class sizes. The faculty at Eastwood Elementary is instrumental in delivering the necessary support to special education students. It is essential to consider whether these students would receive the adequate support, modifications, and accommodations they require and deserve if they were to be transferred to other schools. I have significant concerns about the implications of Eastwood Elementary's closure for both myself and the students who depend on my services."	
4/2/2025 13:06:14				Feedback submitted to Boundaries email March 17, 2025 "Hello! I want to make sure that accessibility of school locations is being considered while working on the boundary study. In order to maintain your student population, many of the students who travel from outside the neighborhood need to continue to have easy accessibility to an elementary school to stay within the the Skyline network. Eastwood has amazing accessibility for families driving to school, being right off the freeway. I know that I, and other parents I've spoken with, are not interested in navigating into neighborhoods to get to school every day. This kind of driving is a nightmare in winter, creates neighborhood traffic and adds too much time to a school commute. As you look at campuses, I really want to make sure that accessibility is considered. Eastwood has the best accessibility, hands down, with Rosecrest being a great second, with its location right off the 2300 exit on I-80. I fear that your student population will further dwindle, exasperating your issues, if it becomes too cumbersome for families to access east bench schools that Skyline and Olympus rely heavily upon. Sincerely, "	

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4/2/2025 13:07:29				Feedback submitted to Boundaries email March 18, 2025 "Stop excluding special needs students from every sport every activity even the yearbook and maybe more parents would be willing to let their kids go to your school you guys excluded my son from all of those things which he did prior to coming to Granite district! He was a championship swimmer, gold medalist with the real special Olympic team. None of that existed at Cottonwood. He could've been on the swim team. He could've been on the snowshoeing team he could've been on the Cross country ski team, but we never got flyers information or any information. In fact when I asked his teacher about the swimming team. She didn't know anything about it not to mention the fact that I told her I wanted him on the team and she thought I meant the class and that she couldn't get a swimming spot for the special-needs class. I only met him as a student and if he could participate in the sports, he should be able to! Exclusion isn't for every special needs student some like to be included. In fact, my son does better being included in those types of things with atypical students. This pure exclusion! Ugh, if he's not able to even walk like all students and be announced with in his cap and gown with all regular seniors, I will be very upset go up do it myself because we have so many announcements going out! And his picture should be in the regular yearbook not just the ones they make for them every year. It's just not ok. That inclusion regressed him, which was awful to watch. They should get the same treatment that any student at Cottonwood gets, if they can do it they should be able to. If they can't fine but if they can, they should be treated equally not separate not this inclusion that you guys do inclusion and exclusion it's not fair. Granite need to have a really serious discussion about these issues."	
4/2/2025 13:08:51				*This feedback was sent to the appropriate SPED department members for follow up. Feedback submitted to Boundaries email March 19, 2025 "To whom it may concern at the Granite boundaries committee; I have a 3rd grader who currently attends Eastwood Elementary. We moved to Salt Lake City in 2022 and based on the outstanding experiences of her cousins at Eastwood Elementary, we initially rented a home in the boundary so that my daughter could attend Eastwood. In 2024 I purchased a home in the same area to ensure that she would be able to attend Eastwood Elementary, Wasatch middle school, skyline high school. I am horrified to hear the granite school district may be closing Eastwood elementary. I cannot speak highly enough about the outstanding teaching, supportive staff, and current principal. My daughter thrives in the supportive environment, and learns much more in its classrooms. Eastwood has a somewhat smaller student to teacher ratio than other schools in the district. This greatly contributes to the outstanding teaching , results on standardized testing, and high ratings on real estate websites. Due to funding cuts, some positions at the school have sadly been eliminated- but it still offers an outstanding education. It is tragic that granite school district is considering closing elementary schools . I strongly believe in public education. Moves to increase class sizes will further alienate families who can afford to send their children to private or charter schools - this will further decrease funding for the district and diversity. If Granite school district insists upon closing elementary schools, they should prioritize the quality of education and school rankings. - Prioritize keeping open good schools . - Do not force children from excellent schools to attend schools of lesser quality - with increased class sizes, lesser quality schools will provide an even worse education. The district will not supply enough support staff to compensate for this. - If children from lesser quality schools are sent to better schools, they at least have a chance of a better education, although all will suffer from increased class sizes. Taxpayers within the granite school district already contend with some of the highest housing prices in the nation. Closing of high-quality schools will negatively impact those real estate investments, whether they have children in schools or not. Please do not close Eastwood Elementary! I intend to send my daughter to Eastwood, Wasatch and Skyline. Sincerely,"	

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4/2/2025 13:10:08				Feedback submitted to Boundaries email March 20, 2025 "Hi Steve, Thank you for taking the time to answer so many questions at the Skyline meeting last night. After that meeting and looking online, I'm curious about some specific details and wanted to reach out for clarification. Specifically, I'd like to better understand the differences between the ALC program at Morningside and the ALC clusters at our local elementary schools. I'm curious as to why a separate, specialized program exists when ALC options are already available at neighborhood schools. Additionally, I have a few other related questions: Is there information available regarding permit numbers and whether students are permitted into a special program versus a traditional program? For example, I can see how many students permit in and out of Upland, but I'd love to understand how many are leaving specifically to attend a special program. Similarly, I can see how many boundary students at Morningside/Penn stay at their school, but is there data showing how many are enrolled in DLI or the ALC program versus those who remain in the traditional learning track? One last question: Do you have data on how much it costs to maintain an empty elementary school building and its land? I'd really appreciate any insight you can provide on these topics. Thanks again for your time! Best, Upland Elementary School Parent	
4/2/2025 13:11:11				Feedback submitted to Boundaries email March 23, 2025 "Hello granite board, I am writing to tell you of my loving history with Oakridge Elementary and my distress over the potential closure. I grew up in the area on idlewild road and loved going to Oakridge, I have adhd and dyslexia so school was never effortless for me, I had to work at it. Oakridge made me feel taken care of and my teachers had the time and resources to care and help me individually. In 2010 we had to move and I have missed this community ever since. So to hear that oakridge could potentially close distresses me greatly! It's a huge part of the Olympus cove community! My husband and I worked very hard to afford a house that's 10 minutes away from Oakridge and gladly make the commute and do all the paper work to transfer our daughter that started kindergarten this year, it felt like a finish line. Seeing her in my same classroom and playing where I played blesses me daily I love it and the views Oakridge provides. So to hear of this study after I finally feel like I made it and provided for my daughter is so disheartening. Please take care of us and the generations to come. Thank you"	
4/2/2025 13:12:35				Feedback submitted to Boundaries email March 27, 2025 "I am voicing my concern that Eastwood Elementary seems to be on the chopping block again. I have lived in East Millcreek for many years. My children went to Eastwood, and attending Eastwood was, without a doubt, the first, best step in their education. I have lived through the closing of Millcreek Elementary because of the maturing of the neighborhood and a 'lack of students.' Not too long after, as is always the case, new families began moving in and now there isn't a neighborhood school. The next closest school, Canyon Rim, was closed for the same reasons. And now a broader area of Millcreek doesn't have an elementary school. Funny that the two schools that were closed are now successful charter schools. If you close Eastwood, this will be the THIRD SCHOOL you will close in our area. The families in East Millcreek need - and deserve to have - ONE elementary school for the children in our neighborhood. Please take closing Eastwood out of consideration."	

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4/2/2025 13:13:23				Feedback submitted to Boundaries email March 28, 2025 "Boundaries, Thank you for the presentations and materials made public this month regarding elementary school boundaries in zone 5. I recognize and appreciate the efforts made by the supporting staff to promote transparency and support data points with observed trends. Steve Hogan presented a thorough and accessible presentation while maintaining a warm and empathic stewardship throughout the meeting that I attended on behalf of my family. However, I didn't feel like the comments and the questions my family have were appropriate for the environment present in this week's open forum at Olympus High School. In no way was this sentiment a reflection of the presentation, rather a causal result of the nature of dual immersion language programs and the voices heard on Wednesday. The conversations I witnessed that night led me to believe that an email would be a more effective way to share our perspective from a seemingly under represented community within zone 5. Our family lives on the west side of Highland Drive. Our boundaries put us at 1.2 mi walking distance from the elementary school Crestview. Both my wife and I were born in Utah, but have elected to speak Spanish in our home to preserve our hispanohablante heritage. We purchased our house in 2018. At the time, our children could potentially enroll in Millcreek or William Penn. We were grateful for the odds we were given to potentially enroll our children in a Spanish immersion program. We were and remain incapable of moving directly within those boundaries. We recognize that we were never guaranteed placement in the program, and that the same is true for those living within the boundaries of DLI programs. Millcreek closed a couple years back. William Penn is at capacity and rejected our open enrollment request. Crestview is not exempt from being closed. Should Crestview close, our neighborhood on the westside could potentially have to travel miles to attend school via new bus routes and the presence of an elementary school within our immediate community would be redacted. Could you please consider our neighborhood and community's unique circumstances when addressing boundaries? We lie on the boarder of different Granite District zone, and we are already withstanding the effects of school closures and boundary realignments. By way of acknowledgement, we understand that DLI programs are a luxury that our district may have to forgo as we deal with budgeting and privatized education programs that pull resources from our community. We have personally witnessed and we have spoken with people within our district who see magnet programs like DLI as part of the problem when addressing class size and previous closures. Nonetheless, I serve a Spanish-speaking immigrant community in Millcreek, and I see the need for Spanish speaking dual immersion programs within our area. I also see the need to have at least one school serving near the west side of Area 5. I see how these realities conflict. If asked to choose between the availability of a DLI program or an elementary school in our community, our family would choose to keep Crestview close to home. We previously accepted that reality when Millcreek closed and William Penn rejected our open enrollment request. A concerned parent"	

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4/2/2025 13:14:32				Feedback submitted to Boundaries email April 1, 2025 "Hi Boundary Committee, Thanks for the time you spent at the March 19 open house at Olympus High. I was able to attend and appreciated the information shared. You asked for feedback and things you should consider as you look at which schools might close, so I wanted to share a few thoughts from our family. We have three kids who will all be at Cottonwood Elementary next year—one in kindergarten, one in 3rd grade, and one in 5th. We’ve absolutely loved our experience there. Every one of our teachers has been outstanding, and there’s a real sense of care and quality in the whole school. The data you presented makes sense for things like enrollment numbers, building capacity, and transportation planning. But I also think there’s another side to the story that’s harder to capture in charts—things like the strength of a school’s teaching team, the systems they’ve built, and the overall experience students are getting. From my perspective, the real question is: Which schools are doing the best job educating our kids right now, and how do we keep those environments intact? If a school is working well, with great teachers and great outcomes, shouldn’t we protect that? Evaluating School Closures in Area 5: What Matters Most What the District Is Looking At (from the study): Enrollment and projected growth How full each school is vs. its capacity Age and condition of school buildings (Facility Condition Index) Geography and boundary lines Bus route needs (legal busing beyond 1.05 miles) Walkability and safe routes Budget efficiency and resource use Equity across the district Protection of vulnerable student groups School programs (like DLI) Community input Other Things That Should Also Be Considered: Teacher Quality and Teamwork Cottonwood and Driggs both have strong, experienced teams that work well together. That kind of collaboration takes serious time to build. The thought that these could disband is scary. Academic Success Cottonwood is ranked in the top 1% of all schools in Utah. Driggs is number 2. The thought that one of these schools could close seems crazy. Strong Systems and School Culture The support, routines, and systems in place help kids thrive—and those can’t just be picked up and moved somewhere else. Community Involvement Cottonwood has a strong parent and volunteer network. It’s a big part of the school’s success.	

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4/2/2025 14:04:28	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	2. Crestview El	Olympus	I am a mother and I have a young family (oldest child in Kindergarten at Crestview, with 2+ more kids to attend Crestview in the coming years). We walk to school each day. We love the Crestview community. My daughter walks home each day with her friends who live on our street. We understand the need to close the schools with low enrollment, but please keep Crestview open as our numbers are not nearly as low as some others.	
4/3/2025 21:04:14	D) I am a student attending one of the schools with	5. Morningside El	Skyline	Hi. I'm a 3rd grader at morningside. I walk to school every day with my family. I love my school. I was in the ALC program, but I didn't get to be in ALC in 3rd grade because I only got a 94% on the exam. I'm in the traditional track now. It's been really hard to switch classes. But now, I have friends in my new class. Please don't close my school. It's been really hard to switch from ALC to traditional and I really hope I don't have to change again. Also, my sister is in ALC in first grade. It would be terrible if we had to go to different schools. I love morningside.	
4/3/2025 21:39:22	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affected	18. Other / Unknown	Skyline	I am hearing about people wanting to break off and start their own district. I strongly oppose this idea. It is elitist and doesn't solve any of the problems facing the east side. What do we do if our schools try to leave the district?	
4/4/2025 22:16:16	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	2. Crestview El	Olympus	The Crestview community is strong and the geographic proximity to Olympus makes a solid bond for the Holladay neighborhoods. We love having our kids walk to school to be healthy and involved in the community.	
4/5/2025 10:54:58	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affected	4. Eastwood El	Skyline	Save Eastwood! This school is important to my community, both as a neighborhood school for students and a gathering and recreation space for all of us. We value the green space for walking and meeting up with friends and neighbors. Too much of our urban area is being developed with concrete and apartment buildings.	
4/7/2025 8:26:50				Feedback submitted to the Boundaries email April 5, 2025. "I am writing to voice my concern over the proposed closures of elementary schools in the Salt Lake Valley. As a long-time resident of this community, I believe such closures would have far-reaching and lasting consequences for local families, property values, and the overall vitality of our neighborhoods. Elementary schools are more than educational institutions—they are foundational to the social and economic health of a community. Their presence plays a key role in attracting families to specific areas, directly influencing where people choose to live and invest. Beyond academics, these schools act as neighborhood anchors—fostering community engagement, providing stability, and helping create a sense of place. Closing them would not only disrupt the lives of current students and families but would also erode the fabric of our communities. Research has consistently shown that homes located near quality schools tend to retain higher property values. The elimination of a local school can diminish demand in surrounding real estate markets, putting undue financial strain on homeowners who rely on their property as a primary investment. For families already navigating tight budgets, a drop in home value could be devastating. While I understand there are financial and logistical challenges behind these decisions, I urge you to consider the long-term ripple effects—economic, social, and educational. Rather than school closures, I respectfully ask that more sustainable solutions be explored—solutions that preserve both the quality of education and the strength of our communities. One such idea proposed by residents on the east side is a district split. Granite School District is among the largest in Utah, covering 257 square miles and serving approximately 60,000 students. Its size makes it increasingly difficult to meet the diverse needs of all students while maintaining equity for taxpayers. Given the potential impacts of school closures on property values and community cohesion, we believe a feasibility study into dividing the district is not only reasonable but necessary. This would allow for more focused, localized decision-making and could better serve the unique needs of our area. We ask that you consider the voices of long-time residents who are deeply invested in keeping our elementary schools open and our communities intact. Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter. I appreciate your leadership and your continued support of the families and neighborhoods you represent.	

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4/7/2025 8:28:02				Feedback submitted to Boundaries email April 5, 2025 "Hello, I am writing to express my concern regarding the potential closure of elementary schools in the East Salt Lake Valley. As a resident and member of this community, I believe that the closure of these schools could have significant and lasting consequences on families, property values, and the vibrancy of our neighborhoods. Elementary schools are often a key factor in attracting families to specific areas, and the presence of a local school greatly influences families' decisions when choosing where to purchase a home. Schools are not just places of learning but also central hubs that foster community engagement, provide a sense of stability, and create long-term value for neighborhoods. Closing schools will diminish this sense of community, which could, in turn, make certain neighborhoods less appealing to prospective homeowners. In addition, studies have consistently shown that homes located near high-quality schools often have higher property values. The closure of elementary schools will likely lead to a decrease in demand for homes in affected areas, which could negatively impact homeowners' investments and destabilize the local real estate market. This is especially concerning for families who may already be financially stretched and rely on their home's value as a means of building wealth and security. While I understand that there may be financial challenges driving these decisions, I urge you to consider the long-term effects on families, property values, and the community as a whole. I respectfully ask that you advocate for a more thorough analysis of the potential impact of school closures, and explore alternative solutions that preserve the quality of education and the integrity of our neighborhoods. One alternative that the local east side community has come up with is exploring the idea of a district split. Knowing granite school district is one of the largest districts in the state of Utah with a boundary covering 257 square miles, it makes it difficult to meet the needs of all 60,000 kids while keeping things equitable to the tax payer. Considering the home interest and potential home value decrease upon closure of any school, we feel it only fair to allow us to entertain the idea of splitting the boundary by completing a feasibility study. Please consider the long time residents in the neighborhood and their desires to keep the elementary schools open to help preserve this community. Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter. I look forward to hearing from you and appreciate your efforts in supporting our community.	

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4/7/2025 17:29:30	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El, 11. Chu	Skyline	REASONS TO VALUE MORNINGSIDE AND KEEP IT OPEN: LOCATION: * Housing Prices: Morningside is situated in a neighborhood where housing tends to be less expensive than those just West of 2700 E or East of Wasatch Blvd. This little pocket is a more affordable neighborhood for young families who may wish to settle in the Holladay area. If housing prices are a contributing factor to our decreasing student population, it makes sense to keep a school in the areas that are more affordable for young buyers. * Safe Streets: Morningside lies in a fantastic location. It sits away from busy streets, but is close and easily accessible from 3900 S, 4500 S, and 2700 E. It also offers safe walking routes from the cove via the pedestrian bridge. * Parking and Drop-Off: Morningside’s parking and drop-off arrangement is by far the best in the area. There are safe drop-off areas on three sides of the school, and the arrangement with the neighboring church provides ample parking and an additional drop-off zone. * Proximity to Churchill: The close location and pedestrian bridge provide easy access to the Jr. High. Many older students walk down from Churchill to pick up younger siblings at Morningside. COMMUNITY: * Despite many neighbors telling us we should go to Oakridge, we sent our oldest child to Morningside so he could walk and attend his neighborhood school. While the location is what brought us to Morningside, it is the community that has kept us. Morningside is an exceptionally kind and accepting community. Because we have students coming from all over, our school offers a little diversity in an otherwise very homogenous area. The diversity of our school is a huge benefit to community: promoting kindness, open-mindedness and reducing competitive pressures among families. This is the number one thing I love about our school. * Many schools seem to think that if they had Morningside’s programs, it would fix everything for them. They say this without understanding the unique challenges that having programs creates. Our teachers, administrators, and PTA have worked tirelessly to create a school with a single, integrated community. This is not something that happens overnight. It has taken years of intentional and continual efforts. I know the programs were a painful growing process for our school when they first came. I worry that moving these programs in conjunction with these school closures, will heap on an additional layer of growing pains to what will already be a difficult transition for school communities. * Should we have a school merge with ours, I know our community would be ready to accept and integrate those children immediately. Because of the work we are continually doing to mesh our programs, we have already been practicing this for years. PROGRAMS: * Having a school with multiple programs and learning options is a great benefit for families with diverse needs. Many families have students in multiple programs. * The Morningside community chose to bring in the DLI program. Many of those participating live within the school boundaries. Moving the French program may make it so families who have invested in the French program are no longer able to continue. It is also convenient and common sense to have the DLI program close to the junior high it feeds into. BUILDING: * While every school up for closure is in need of a rebuild, Morningside is stable and able wait until funding for a rebuild became available. Should there be a large earthquake prior to rebuilds, Morningside would be far safer than the two-story schools in the surrounding area.	

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4/8/2025 21:10:56	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	6. Oakridge El	Skyline	Thank you for organizing the town halls to share additional information and answer questions from parents. I want to take a moment to share a bit more about our family, how the boundary study will affect us, and some of our comments and questions for your consideration. My husband and I moved to Olympus Cove four years ago. Right now, we have one daughter who is less than a year old and are hoping to grow our family in the coming years. Both Oakridge and Churchill Junior are just down the street from us and we loved that they would be able to go to school in their neighborhood and walk there. We are among a new generation buying homes in Olympus Cove as older generations leave - just on our street we have three new young families that moved in all within the last 5 years and have children under the age 5. The boundary study will affect not just us, but all of the young families that just moved to this neighborhood and others that were planning to move here. After the town halls, I now more fully understand and appreciate the factors contributing to the need to revisit the number of schools and school boundaries in Area 5. And I walked away from the town hall feeling more confident in the process and individuals leading the study. For better and for worse, the district has had a lot of experience closing schools recently and I'm hopeful will take lessons learned from those closures when approaching this study. I also thought that the list of factors the PAC considers was very detailed. However, there were a few factors I did not see listed and wanted to encourage the PAC to take into consideration 1) Environmental Health - Both Oakridge and Eastwood are located higher on the bench and I suspect may be spared some of the worst air quality during inversions that tends to settle at lower elevations. In addition to air quality health, I would also take into consideration other environmental factors, including noise pollution and general surroundings. Oakridge, I believe, has better air quality, quiet neighborhood, surrounded by trees and natural beauty, which I believe can play a huge role in the physical and mental health of children. 2) Teacher Considerations - I didn't see in any of the factors, any mention regarding teacher or staff considerations. Do we have amazing teachers that we will risk losing by shutting down a school? What input and say do the teachers have based on their knowledge of the schools and their environment? What will happen to the teachers and staff at a particular school, will it involve layoffs? If so, will the performance of the teachers or staff influence which schools remain open? 3) Facility Scores - I was disappointed to see Oakridge and Eastwood rate so poorly relative to other schools on Facility index. It would be helpful to have more comprehensive information on what factors into those assessments and how schools will be judged based on this information. I'm not clear on whether Oakridge rates so low because we've deliberately neglected investments and have prioritized investments elsewhere, and thsu other schools rate higher. How much capital and/or how good do we believe a school like Oakridge could get with investment. Is it worth that investment? 4) Historical Value - Finally, what value are we placing on architectural and community value? Oakridge and Eastwood are some of the oldest schools in the district - generations of families have attended those schools and the architecture of Oakwood in particular is beautiful - how can we ensure we take into consideration the historical value of these properties and schools? Finally, I just wanted to say that I am generally supportive of school closure(s) - the demographic information is clear and I believe we need to take proactive and prudent action to get ahead of these changes. I also am in favor of schools closing if it can help ensure that we maintain an optimal size school so that we don't have split classrooms and can maximize additional services at schools. I am supportive even if that means Oakridge is closed. I do hope however that the PAC takes into consideration other factors including environment/air quality, teacher retention / engagement, as well as the historical and community (not just financial) value of the schools. If you've made it this far, thank you for taking time to read this.	
4/12/2025 21:18:46	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	4. Eastwood El	Skyline	Why I choose to stay out of boundary at Eastwood: high academic performance, STEM designation, and the culture. I love so much of Eastwood's culture and I am worried about losing it— notably, things I would not have had at the nearby charter school—such as STEM night, Art night, Fun run, 5th grade buddies, the awards that motivate the students, the reading curriculum, and so the list goes on. I do think changes may be needed and this could be positive if the students had more computer days (rather than sharing a teacher with Oakridge), no combined grades, more after school activities, and my children could still attend a STEM designated school with high academic performance. I also think something that has come up in my chats with other moms is maintenance of after care pick up programs, which currently make some sites not feasible for our family. Thank you so much for the educational night at Olympus. I appreciate learning about the process and learning from the other parents.	

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4/13/2025 19:59:24	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	4. Eastwood El	Skyline	I’m writing on behalf of my family to express our deep concerns about the Granite School District’s recent PAC study and the potential closure of Eastwood Elementary. We understand the complex challenges the district is facing, particularly in light of declining enrollment. However, the possibility of closing Eastwood—or any small neighborhood school—raises significant concerns for us as parents, community members, and advocates for quality public education. Our family intentionally purchased our home because of Eastwood’s proximity. The school’s walkability and strong sense of community have enriched our lives in meaningful ways. Our oldest son, now in kindergarten, thrives in this environment. Together with our neighbors, we’ve even created a “bike bus”—a group of families who ride bikes to school together each morning. It’s a joyful, healthy, and community-building way to start the day. I would be delighted to invite you to join us sometime; we depart from Teton Street at 8:20 AM. Eastwood has become much more than a school to us—it is a daily touchpoint, a green space, and a vital part of our child’s routine. For our son, who has struggled with anxiety and separation in the past, the close, familiar environment of Eastwood has made an extraordinary difference. He feels safe and excited to go to school each day, and that sense of stability is invaluable. As a former elementary teacher, I also want to acknowledge the unique role Eastwood plays within the broader district. Its small size and dedicated staff enable a level of individual attention and community connection that can be difficult to replicate in larger schools. In a district as large and diverse as Granite, preserving environments like this is crucial. We respectfully urge you to consider the long-term value of neighborhood schools like Eastwood—not only in terms of academic outcomes, but also their role in fostering safe, supportive, and engaged communities. I think you’re moving too quickly with closures in this district. I don’t think you’re letting the dust settle before moving into a new area of study. Closing schools is a divestment in community.	
4/13/2025 20:01:35	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	4. Eastwood El	Skyline	This PAC feels premature. I appreciated Ben Horsley and Kris Nguyen comments from the Feb 2025 meeting discussing whether to put a pause on the PAC to determine whether or not it is effective. i’m disappointed that Julie Jackson was able to pressure the board to proceed. To move forward without understanding the impact of closing a school is wreckless. I've spoken with parents from William Penn who say that after Millcreek elementary closed, the morale at William Penn has gone way down. I've knocked on doors in my neighborhood talking about this and everyone brings up when Canyon Rim was closed. These closures reverberate. I would rather have a school my children can walk to than have a musical. It's also my understanding that Julie Jackson wasn't correct in the Feb 2025 board meeting when she said she had spoken to all of her schools and they all wanted this. She had in fact not discussed this with Eastwood. In a PTA meeting at Eastwood in March she acknowledged that she hadn't discussed this with Eastwood. Finally, my wife approached Julie Jackson at a District Community Council meeting and asked if the District was concerned about losing students to other districts, should a school close. Her response was that parents "won't do that because they want their kids to go to Skyline". This is inaccurate, but also disingenuous. If we live in the boundary, we can send our children anywhere we want for elementary and still utilize Skyline when they are high school age. I don't think Julie is accurately representing Area 5. Please stop the study in Area 5.	
4/13/2025 23:27:39	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	1. Cottonwood El	Olympus	If Cottonwood closes it will cause a 3-5 mile gap for kids to get to the next closest school in granite district. There have been many parents in South Holladay say they'll move to canyons district because that'll be closer than Driggs, Crestview, Morningside and Oakwood. Something to keep in mind if Cottonwood elementary school closes.	
4/14/2025 9:17:26	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	18. Other / Unknown	Other	Eastwood Elementary is a good school with students and parents that value and adore it. It is an asset to the community and losing it would be a mistake.	
4/14/2025 22:47:55	C) I am an employee of Granite School District	5. Morningside El	Skyline	Morningside's DLI and ALC programs can't operate successfully side by side. As a faculty and a school community, it is very challenging (near impossible) to create a community when the different tracks exist.	
4/16/2025 7:43:36	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Skyline	My children LOVE Morningside. We came for the fabulous French program but have fallen in love with the amazing community and atmosphere of Morningside. My children have connected with children and teachers in all of the programs -not just French. It has been an amazing place for them to learn and grow.	

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4/16/2025 19:04:18	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Skyline	I am a parent of a 1st grader in the French Program at Morningside. I chose Morningside with the idea that I would have my child attend the advanced learning program. We came from Salt Lake school district. After talking to parents, I opted to not accept the invitation to the advanced learning program and enrolled him into the French program. He is thriving! This is something that we would have missed if we did not attend a school with multiple programs. Morningside is in a unique position because of their two programs. By choosing to attend Kindergarten at Morningside, parents do not have to decide where to send their child before they even start school. It gives them the option to not switch schools if one program does not work out. I know that the principal is also working with the Traditional track of students to incorporate more STEM and technology time. This gives everyone family the opportunity to pick what works best for each of their students. Since the Advance Learning program has to re-test in 3rd grade, having the STEM and technology time in the traditional class gives parents more incentive to stay at Morningside if they are not able to continue into the Advance Learning program. A lot of families would be tempted to return back to their home schools but since Morningside is building up a strong "traditional" track, there is no question that they will stay at Morningside if they are not continuing in the French Program or Advanced Learning Program.	
4/16/2025 19:58:49	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Skyline	Morningside was the school I attended as a child. We moved into this area to raise kids in the boundaries of Morningside. Being able to walk to school is important to us. Morningside has a very accepting culture, the staff is exceptional and is an excellent, well-rounded school in its offerings of programs to students of various interests and learning abilities. It would be detrimental to the neighborhood to close this school.	
4/17/2025 17:52:14	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	10. Upland Terrace El	Skyline	I have appreciated that Upland Terrace has so many kids who walk to school. Its location makes it safe for kids to walk regardless of where you are walking from - no big or busy roads have to be crossed. I know many people who live at opposite ends of the school boundary who are able to walk. I also really love that walking offers a strong sense of community. Upland is also in a prime location, being just down the street from Wasatch Junior High and Skyline High School. It makes it quite convenient for older siblings to walk down and pick up younger siblings, reducing transportation making people's walk safer. I have appreciated that my other kids who go to school up the street at Wasatch Junior High can walk down to Upland and meet their younger siblings there. It's made a great difference in safety and minimizing traffic.	
4/18/2025 12:45:13	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Olympus	Morningside is a top notch excellent elementary school. We have been deeply touched and super impressed with the DLI program, the teachers, the staff, and even the community. We are incredibly fortunate to have our child attend this school, and we also benefit from the wonderful people that make it all work, including other parents. There is no better place!!	
4/23/2025 22:30:03	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El, 11. Chu	Skyline	Morningside has 5 crossing guards at 5 different locations. There is only one other school in the study that has as many as Morningside does. This indicates that many of the Morningside students are walking to school– a school that is truly the heart of the community, safely nestled in the neighborhood away from any busy streets. Key word being safely!	
4/24/2025 19:34:04	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Skyline	We are so happy to get to be a part of Morningside. My experience with the teachers, who've helped my son has been amazing. They are responsive and have helped him to thrive. My daughter's teachers have been so kind and incredible. They individualize learning so well and are so supported. I believe the parents and teachers work together so well at this school. It's a community that we are happy to be a part of.	
4/26/2025 12:06:28	C) I am an employee of Granite School District	5. Morningside El	Skyline	As a teacher in the district I understand the financial necessity of closing schools. I appreciate the hard work of the Population Analysis Committee and Superintendent Horsley. I ask that if the ALC is to be moved, that our Sped. teacher, Kim Weston, remain with the program. She has works miracles with our twice exceptional students. If the autistic students that she works with must move schools, the trauma of losing Ms. Weston will almost be unbearable for them. I also ask the ALC program remain at its current 9 am start time. We would like as little change as possible. Thank you for your time and consideration. Warm regards, XXXXXXXX	
4/27/2025 16:29:59	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Skyline	We love Morningside. I have one child in the advanced learner program and one in the general ed. classes. My kids love being in the same school and it's so nice to have teachers that accommodate to their specific needs. We have had phenomenal teachers at Morningside that care so much about the kids and are very responsive to parents. The support staff knows each of the students and really cares about them. We're grateful to have a school so close to our house that we could walk to school for the year when we didn't have a car.	

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4/29/2025 12:08 PM	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Olympus	The following feedback is from Julie Jackson, questions asked at a meeting with Eastwood Community Council: 1. What are some of the pain points we are feeling here that we'd love to get resolved? -Rumor that Eastwood is closing (sped meeting, lunch people, parents from other schools, etc.)- where is it coming from, people are not enrolling/bringing back kids because of this -Uncertainty of future- worried about enough jobs/surplus- without being able to place everyone this year, is the problem going to get worse each year -Committees/Duties/workload isn't unmanageable/cause of stress/anxiety- unknown is -Open enrollment- kids being accepted at multiple schools, counting on enrollment, not knowing who is actually coming -Would like more communication/updates from district 2. What are some strengths that we should try to keep intact? -Inclusive community- welcoming to SES, religious diversity -Community without being geographically close- families from around 20 different zip codes -Culture- we think it's one reason why test scores, growth, attendance, etc. are so high -support for each other/families/kids -Out of boundary kids- important for area east of Wasatch Blvd. that has limited in boundary population -jr high/high school feeders start here -families choose us for academics/location/STEM/feeder -some already established families will finish with friends but unlikely to draw as many new families/kinders if another location -Gold STEM school -Many kids that qualify for the magnet stay with us/able to provide differentiation/enrichment for them 3. What other things do they need to know? -Bus kids from Emigration Canyon -Perception that we don't want change-know/understand problem, only wanted to wait for other thing to settle first -Want to welcome new families/staff -Hoping to build something new-taking the great things from each community and making something amazing -Open to trying IB or other new program -Open space for rebuild/relös	
4/29/2025 23:09:25	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Olympus	Obviously elementary school closure seems to be needed. My request is to keep the advanced learning program within a skyline feeding elementary school. It only makes since since skyline has an IB program. If that IB program remains at skyline then the feedings elementary schools and junior highschools should prepare them for this.	
4/29/2025 23:09:25	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	10. Upland Terrace El	Skyline	Obviously elementary school closure seems to be needed. My request is to keep the advanced learning program within a skyline feeding elementary school. It only makes since since skyline has an IB program. If that IB program remains at skyline then the feedings elementary schools and junior highschools should prepare them for this.	
5/1/2025 11:08:03	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	10. Upland Terrace El	Skyline	One aspect I would like you to consider is which buildings would be more appropriate for a community center/rec center if the building is not used for a school. Upland Elementary is right in the middle of homes on all sides, compared to other schools like Eastwood and Cottonwood elementary schools which border a major and/or higher traffic street that already has traffic and/or businesses.	
5/1/2025 11:16:21	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	10. Upland Terrace El	Skyline	Another reason to keep Upland Elementary is because of its inclusive, and integrated Special Education Program. Providing programs like these in a neighborhood public school is a blessing to the students enrolled in the program and the students around them. I believe that this is one of the best ways to teach all students about compassion and diversity. I am so excited for my son to be a part of an integrated classroom this fall. I believe it will be extremely beneficial to keep Upland Elementary to provide these opportunities.	
5/1/2025 15:07:52	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	10. Upland Terrace El	Skyline	We are districted to Crestview, but attend Upland Terrace for Daycare and proximity to family reasons. Our kids can also walk to their grandparents or aunt/uncle house from Upland. The Upland community is so inviting. We have LOVED the school and the cohesiveness of the faculty and staff, [name removed] has been amazing. I would be really sad to have my kids leave this school. When I call the school or reach out for information, they have it at the ready and seem so organized and thoughtful... I haven't had nearly as much help from Crestview.	

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5/5/2025 8:49:50	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Skyline	Upland Terrace Elementary School provides a wonderful learning environment for my boys. It's central to our neighborhood with easy access to Wasatch Jr. High and Skyline High School. I especially love that my boys can walk to and from school with their neighborhood friends. Upland Terrace is the only walkable school from our house. Losing the option to walk to school would be a huge disappointment. We can make new friends and meet more families at a new school, but we won't be able to walk if Upland Terrace closes. We live on the edge of the school boundary and I worry that even if Upland Terrace remains open, we might be required to move schools. I hope that when a school remains open, the new boundary includes the existing boundary. Displacing current students of a school that remains open causes unnecessary disruptions for more families. Many students would apply for open enrollment at their previous school. Like many parents, I'd love to see Upland Terrace welcome new students without losing any of our current student body. I know we all love our neighborhood schools! Thank you for considering parent feedback!	
5/8/2025 8:32:42	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Skyline	What brought us to Morningside was the staff (Principal, front office, and teachers), the Gifted-Learner program (huge reason), and proximity to our home. We have loved Morningside and so has our son (soon to be two kids at Morningside). I appreciate all of the friendships both our son and we have made with the other students & parents, the activities the school holds, the community feel, and the programs offered (DLI and ALC). We truly love Morningside and hope our kids can continue to attend throughout their elementary experience!	
5/8/2025 17:53:12	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	1. Cottonwood El	Olympus	I've been a Morningside ALC parent for four years and I absolutely love the program and the school. Morningside has a unique vibe. The school feels slightly segregated between all of the different programs, but the community is so accepting, kind and open and we all work towards the same goals. Morningside parents usually make a sacrifice to send kids to Morningside by driving in for their programs, but it makes for a positive learning environment where all parents actively choose to place their students in their respective programs because the programs at the school are unique. I have two children in the alc program and can only speak to the alc cluster but the teachers and community are unparalleled. I feel so lucky that my children get to benefit from the quality of education Morningside teachers provide, not to mention choir, art, pe and dance. We love Morningside!	
5/9/2025 14:26:32	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Other	If you created an additional Spanish Immersion program at Cottonwood, you would attract a lot of families from the area. Plenty of families from Crestview, Driggs, Morningside, Oakwood, and Cottonwood Elementary boundaries are currently driving to William Penn for the Spanish Immersion program. Also, I strongly implore the district to please lower the student number count for class minimum. 27.5 students would be the ideal MAXIMUM number of students per class, not the minimum for paying an additional teacher. The large class sizes are the biggest deterrent to public schools in the Millcreek / Holladay area. I have friends who choose to send their kids to charter schools like Canyon Rim or Wasatch Charter to access smaller more intimate class sizes. I have even more friends in this area who can afford to send their children to Carden or Waterford or Slope since the class size average at the public elementary schools feels like it's 32 kids. Please work on lowering class sizes. Teachers, parents, and students all would benefit from this.	
5/9/2025 14:45:49	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Skyline	WE LOVE THE SCHOOL. I grew up in France and I am super proud and happy to find a school in our community with a GREAT french dual-immersion program. The teachers are really talented. This school is a GREAT ASSET to the community. The location feels safe and accessible via I215	
5/9/2025 16:14:12	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El, 11. Chu	Skyline	Culture and cohesion: Morningside has a fostered and grown an amazing community of school staff, students and families. Through much thought and effort over the years; staff, families and Morningside PTA have built a very cohesive school that houses three individual programs, French, traditional (now STEM), accelerated learning, in addition to our wonderful SpEd students. This diversity of programs also brings a diverse student body that thrive in our carefully shaped school culture. Many families currently have students in multiple programs and commute from out of boundaries to do so. Location: Morningside has the advantage of being surrounded by safe walking neighborhood roads. These safe neighborhood roads are accessible from the east side of I-215 via the Churchill footbridge. They also could be easily accessible via a crossing guard on 2700E, 3900 S and 4500 S. Additionally Morningside neighborhood is easily accessible to our many commuters via I-215, 4500 and 3900. Facilities: While older, Morningside's building functions beautifully day to day accommodating our over 500 students. With room to accommodate more students. Feeder School: As I understand it, Morningside is the main feeder school to Churchill, who also needs to keep its enrollment up. Family's who choose Morningside not only for its programs but also its culture may not continue to choice in our school and district if Morningside closes. The growing pains of trying to re-establish a cohesive culture of mixed programs somewhere else may be a deterrent. Churchill enrollment may suffer as a result.	
5/9/2025 16:26:37	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Skyline	I highly recommend keeping Morningside elementary. Morningside's unique programs are best-in-class and have taken many years to develop and get to where they are today. It would be highly disruptive and detrimental to the students' learning to try and relocate the French immersion program, for example. In addition, it's not far from the footbridge that allows students to walk from Churchill to Morningside and vice versa.	
5/9/2025 16:35:35	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Skyline		
5/9/2025 17:11:23	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Skyline	We love the French program at Morningside and want to continue that program.	

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5/9/2025 17:56:12	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Skyline	Hi! I know you guys have a difficult decision to make- honestly I think we all wish we could keep all the schools open, with smaller class sizes and more staff per student. That said, morningside is a school that feels like it was pulled from a storybook. I have a 6th grader, 4th grader and 2nd grader, and every single one has flourished here. We thought our house specifically to go to Morningside, 10 years ago! We knew this school, with the multiple programs, would be able to meet the needs of all if our kids- whether they needed a traditional program, wanted to learn French or needed more of challenge in the ALC program. Many families in our school utilize a combination of the programs, and without Morningside, these families could potentially be at 3 different schools. We love the book club, rendezvous, block walk, art night- all of it adds to the feeling that Morningside is this charming, effective, diverse, lovely neighborhood school. It feels like the school is a second home for me and my family, because it's nestled just three streets down from our house. Neighborhood schools like this are becoming less and less common, but the community feeling these in-the-neighborhood schools provide can't be understated. I love this school, but that isn't why you should save it- it's an excellent institution.	
5/9/2025 21:16:59	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Skyline	We have been sending our daughter to Morningside for two years and our experience has been fantastic. Each morning we drive past 9 elementary schools to bring her there and we are so glad we made that decision. The French Immersion Program has been incredible. Our daughter is not only fluent in French, but she is learning valuable life skills about how to approach challenges in unfamiliar settings through determination and hard work. The teachers are experienced and supportive and create an ideal learning environemnt. I am very impressed with what my daughter is learning--she is really getting life skills out of her classes and is able to apply those lessons in the world around her. She entered elementary school well behind grade level at reading and is now thriving in terms of her academics. I also appreciate that the focus is not on test scores but on learning skills that will really help you in the future. I have also been very impressed with the community as well. While my friends describe bullying, rampant cell phone use and a multitude of other problems at other schools we thought about for our daughter, our experience at Morningside has been ideal on so many levels. While I heard some discussion that the age of the building was a potential downside, I think that it is a valuable lesson for children to learn that the age of the a building is not what makes a school special, it is the values, the teachers, the students and the community that make it special. Their motto (Respectable, Responsible, Safe and Kind) is something that they really teach students to live up to and I am grateful for that. Our experience with this school has been amazing and we would be heartbroken to see such a gem of a school shut down. Morningside is a school that should be celebrated and emulated and I appreciate you giving us the opportunity to share our admiration and appreciation for what this school has offered our family. Thank you.	
5/10/2025 8:49:25	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Skyline	My son attends Morningside in second grade. He loves his school and the teachers. We especially love the French immersion program and want our children to be able to attend French immersion throughout their schooling. The class sizes are already on the large side and I worry about class sizes getting even bigger. Morningside elementary is an exemplary school and I support its longevity in the community.	
5/10/2025 9:09:55	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	5. Morningside El	Skyline	There is so much land at the Morningside campus. Has anyone discussed expanding on the land? Given that Morningside has the most space, the most programs with the highest attendance, and is central to the other two schools being considered for closure, there are many reasons to keep morningside open. If it's funding that is needed, I am sure the Morningside families would assist. If it's government funds needed, I am a professional grant writer and would be happy to help. I ask that the board identify the needs associated with keeping the school open so that each need can be adequately addressed.	

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5/10/2025 12:59:07	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	10. Upland Terrace El	Skyline	Thank you for taking the time to consider my feedback. Morningside Elementary is a true neighborhood school. Its location within the heart of our community means that children can safely walk to and from school without having to cross any major roads. For the past 16 years, my own children have attended Morningside, and I have also served as a crossing guard there, witnessing firsthand how many students walk in all types of weather. Morningside serves a growing and evolving neighborhood. Over the last two decades, many original homeowners have aged out or passed on, making way for younger families seeking safe neighborhoods and quality schools. Demand for this area remains high, especially among upper-middle-class families who value both safety and educational opportunity. A standout feature of Morningside is its French Dual-Immersion Program. This program attracts not only neighborhood students but also those from outside the area. My now high-school-aged and adult children were part of this program and often could be heard singing and speaking in French with their peers—experiences that shaped them academically and socially. The continuity of the program through elementary, junior high, and high school has helped students build lifelong friendships and a strong sense of community. In addition to being a parent and crossing guard, I served as an AmeriCorps member at Morningside for three years. I helped implement a literacy support program aimed at students who were at risk of reading difficulties but didn’t qualify for intervention services. This initiative, supported by a government grant, reflects the deep commitment of Morningside’s teachers and staff to student success. Closing Morningside Elementary would be a profound loss to the families it serves and a step backward for a thriving, diverse, and growing community. I strongly urge decision-makers to keep Morningside Elementary and its French Dual-Immersion Program open and active for the benefit of current and future students.	
5/10/2025 16:58:40	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	10. Upland Terrace El, 14.	Skyline	I just want to say what a fantastic school Upland Terrace is in our community. I’ve had 4 kids come through their schooling at Upland and it has been an extremely positive experience. The teachers, staff, and parents there go above and beyond for their students. Please don't vote to close this amazing school.	
5/10/2025 21:25:14	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Skyline	My 4 children attended Upland Terrace and it was a major part of our community involvement. Kids from all around would meet up to walk to school together. My child with special needs was as able to stay at the school with friends and siblings. Parents are very invested here and make it possible for kids to get a good education at lower cost due to their volunteer efforts	
5/11/2025 8:19:47	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Skyline	We bought into this neighborhood so our kids can go to Morningside Elementary. We love the long standing faculty, the well established academic and extracurricular programs, the kind student body, the supportive PTA and families, and the safety of the school nestled into a watchful neighborhood. We support Morningside remaining open and with its central location welcome new students from nearby neighborhoods!	
5/11/2025 11:26:18	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Olympus	We absolutely love Morningside. We chose to come here from out of district because of the amazing experiences of our friends and could not be happier. The French Immersion program is incredible. It is an amazing gift for our child—not just the linguistic skills. We are seeing firsthand the other benefits of a dual immersion education that have been found in educational research—improved attention, improved ability to face adversity, improved problem solving and are grateful for that. I am so grateful for the experience and skills of the English classroom teachers we have had so far as well. They understand how to modify their classroom to meet the needs of a dual immersion program. Instead of worrying about test scores, they have focused on making learning fun. Now our child loves to read (she used to hate it)—this is far more valuable to us than the marked improvement in her test scores (which are also a bonus). There are things about Morningside that cannot be replicated at other schools. The positive culture, the experience of the teachers after years of working together, the collective commitment towards building a community of fun and engaged learning. These are things that a more modern building simply cannot replicate. We are grateful to have had the opportunity to send our child to Morningside and sincerely hope that this amazing school is not closed. Thank you for allowing us to share our input!	
5/11/2025 12:18:58	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	10. Upland Terrace El	Skyline	I am a parent as well as a Granite School District Occupational Therapist. So I have had extensive exposure to numerous schools. Morningside Elementary is an excellent example of bringing the community together in a school based environment. Everyone, no matter your background, feels welcomed here. We unfortunately cannot make this same statement for others schools within the Olympus network in Granite School District. We are proud to be part of the French Dual Immersion program despite my children being eligible for the Advance Learning Curriculum. I do agree that environmental and structural updates would be beneficial. However, this school has some of the most caring, skilled, & genuinely loving staff that I have ever met and worked with when I helped cover for one of my fellow Occupational Therapists. I truly am proud to send my children to here and Churchill JH! I also look forward to them attending Skyline HS. Keep up the good work Skyline network! They are doing amazing things for our community and making Granite School District proud!	
5/11/2025 15:36:12	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Skyline	Upland is the only elementary school that feeds into Skyline. My kids are able to walk to school and her sister in middle school at Wasatch is able to pick her up on occassion.	

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5/11/2025 19:14:25	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Skyline	We have been delighted to have easy bus access to Morningside and to be able to take advantage of both the ALP and French dual immersion programs with fun activities like STEM club and chess club. We love the field space with its incredible views and the functional facility.	
5/12/2025 11:38:01	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	10. Upland Terrace El, 17.	Skyline	Morningside is accomplishing exactly what it needs to: 500-600 students, 4 teachers per grade. Its risky to mess with something that is working. Morningside brings in more students from other school districts than other schools in the study. Good programs and good reputation.	
5/12/2025 15:53:10	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El, 16. Oly	Olympus	All 3 of my children attended Upland Terrace. It is an excellent neighborhood school that is walkable. It feeds 100% into Wasatch Jr and Skyline High.. Upland has tremendous family involvement and always will because of the locality of the neighborhood. We've known the teachers and staff for decades, they are some of the best in the district and work very well together! We urge you to keep Upland functioning as it has, it produces outstanding students and we know that it will continue on the path of success!	
5/12/2025 17:00:29	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	10. Upland Terrace El, 14.	Skyline		
5/12/2025 20:40:13	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Skyline		
5/12/2025 21:24:58	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Olympus	Morningside is a clear keeper in the district. We don't live in district but chose to send our kids to Morningside to participate in the DLI French program. We have been very impressed with the strong community as well as morning clubs and love sending our kids there. Based on the criteria for the border study it seems clear that Morningside should remain operational - the building is in better shape, the student population is at an optimal level and it is home to the great French and other programs.	
5/13/2025 8:03:17	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	10. Upland Terrace El	Skyline	We love Morningside and have sent 3 children there- and still currently attending. It has been instrumental in the growth of our children. Morningside is located in a neighborhood with easy drop off. It is consistently ranked among the best. The building is a low-cost renovation.	
5/13/2025 8:27:38	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Olympus	Preserving Upland Terrace is important to me. Preserving this vital asset will continue to provide a walkable community with elementary, junior high and high school in close proximity and will help working families safely transport children of different ages. The open space this school provides also allows children to safely play outside when school is not in session. The school is used by many for soccer, lacrosse and other activities. Please keep Upland Terrace as a thriving school in the Granite District.	
5/13/2025 8:39:36	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Olympus	This has been such a great school and community to be apart of. it would seriously affect our student attending who loves the school, staff and community it has built for him. it always him to have a stable routine and gives him something to look forward to seeing his teachers and friends everyday.	
5/13/2025 10:30:55	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	10. Upland Terrace El	Skyline	My kiddo [NAME REMOVED} attends Morningside ALP. He is currently in 3rd grade. He transferred over from Crestview for the ALP program. Let me tell you this about MSide – this school is WAY MORE than a commuter school. Yes, it's true that most of us commute to this school – but the teachers, staff and location make it the ideal community/hub for these very special programs – ALC and French immersion. Disrupting the lives of so many families and children by closing this school and relocating us somewhere else – not a great idea on many fronts. The teachers, PTA and specialized programs are running fluently, smoothly, and operating at a high level. Disrupting this by relocating us somewhere else will impact too many students for the worse. We need cohesion – which we have at Morningside. Teachers and staff at Morningside are already adept at meshing our programs, inviting in newbies, and ensuring that we have a clear and present community here. I suggest keeping the ALC and French immersion programs at Morningside – and possibly expanding more advanced learners into the community. I can tell you from experience: the Advanced programs at other schools – the little cohorts within regular classrooms – don't really fulfill the needs of gifted kiddos. We moved here from California when my son was in 1st grade, so the ALP was already set and no more spots were available. [Name removed] basically had to wait 2 years to get into the ALP – where he belongs given his giftedness (IQ and EQ). Anyway – expand ALP to 50 kids total – have 25 per classroom; keep French immersion programs at Morningside; then, the community boundaries for regular students can be changed to either Driggs (which feeds into Skyline as well as Olympus); shut down lower performing schools with lower enrollments and place those kiddos into schools with already decent enrollment and test scores.	
5/13/2025 12:07:58	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Skyline	I oppose closing Upland Elementary School as it would significantly degrade the quality of our neighborhood by impacting the walkability and safety for school children, and increase the housing density. Our children attended Upland Elementary, we found it an excellent school with a fantastic special education program. It would be a shame to lose such a wonderful community school.	
5/13/2025 12:53:12	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	10. Upland Terrace El, 14.	Skyline	The school is nestled safe from busy intersections. Their ALC program is what my son needs to continue to learn year after year without getting bored of standard curriculum. Other students in the French program are thriving. Morning side is top rated with multiple families out of district bringing their kids to morning side to learn. The bus picks my son up right in front of our house and it is so convenient for our family.	
5/13/2025 18:31:30	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El, 16. Oly	Olympus	We love Upland for it is in a safe, walkable distance from our house. My kid doesn't have to cross any major roads on his way. My kids and all his friends will get to go together to Wasatch JH and then to Skyline HS. I love the fact the Upland Terrace has a special education program which helps my kid be aware of different kids, learn how collaborate and understand the world a bit better.	
5/13/2025 18:43:21	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El		Morningside is an integral part of our neighborhood and education system. Offering dual immersion, easy walkable access and high academic achievement	

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5/13/2025 19:54:02	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	3. Driggs El, 5. Morningsic	Olympus	An effective choice, we chose morningside even though it is farther than other schools and have been happy with the choice. Our daughter has prospered in the nurturing environment. She looks forward to her time at school.	

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5/13/2025 23:04:43	D) I am a student attending one of the schools with	1. Cottonwood El, 5. Morr	Olympus	We came to Morningside for the ALC program. We stayed at Morningside because of the way my child is treated here. My Morningside child is autistic. I can confidently say, even if he had not continued in the ALC program, I would not have returned him to Driggs Elementary. Here are some things that have made Morningside a positive experience for my autistic son: - Morningside teachers and administrators are responsive. While our Driggs counterparts avoided telling me their concerns with my son, we found our Morningside crew was actively engaged with him and responsive to his classmates’ needs as well. They were actively engaged in helping all of the kids understand getting “stuck” and ways to help themselves and one another. Teachers, aides, administrators, and even parents create a positive, can-do environment. Staff partnered with me, giving me valuable, daily feedback on academics, behavior, and social interactions - both positive and negative. Additionally, the social worker and teachers taught me several aspects of the challenges ASD kids have with their social skills and some techniques to help him. My son has thrived at Morningside! - Having multiple program options gives families the opportunity to serve all of their children in the same school. About 12% of Morningside families span multiple programs. Morningside hosts French DLI, STEM-focused track, and the Accelerated Learning Center. - Morningside's program options bring in families from all over the area and outside the district. This confluence of many neighborhoods provides a more diverse population and softens the negative competitive pressures some areas are experiencing. There is so much sameness in Holladay and East Millcreek that people become hyper-focused on our differences. I’m so grateful for the diversity and good people of Morningside. Because so many of us live out farther, we’re more willing to work at understanding one another and we avoid neighborhood drama. - My son feels welcome and accepted at Morningside. Some school communities engage in active exclusion of neurodiverse children. This was our experience at our neighborhood school. One parent went so far as to tell me “those” kids don’t belong in “real schools”. this wasn’t a parent interested in dialogue. She was just in "tell" mode with no curiosity at all. As we live near our neighborhood school, there s still a ton of interaction with those families - at church and around town. While there is often tolerance, there is not welcome. Most often, they just ignore him. It’s so different at Morningside. His friends are so good to him; his classmates are kind. Even the parents go out of their way to tell me what they appreciate about my kid. It’s just a nurturing culture. I’m not saying it’s perfect at Morningside, but dang Gina, there IS welcome and kindness! - 215 students participated in the Morningside 2025 STEM Fair. K-5, all of the students are encouraged to present a project. With the teachers supporting STEM and ALC requirements for 4th and 5th graders, many more children are excited to also participate! With all the excitement, it’s much easier to gather a big group of judges and support volunteers. Morningside volunteers have the depth and experience to run a big STEM Fair. I ran the STEM fair for a few years at my neighborhood school. Many schools are not willing to run a STEM fair anymore. Morningside is ready for another banner year. - Morningside educates the whole child and respects “kid-ness”. Spanning 2 schools, I can see how my older children's cohorts were pushing and pushed to grow up. Morningside’s culture doesn’t feel that way. Kids are kids! Investing in Tanner Dance year after year exposes our kids to creative play into 5th grade, and the kids really respond to it. Even the choir directors end their club meets with sing-songy games and the older kids are all in! It’s very sweet. Class operas, Wax Museum (kids give a report on a historical figure including dressing up), and lots of arts-based extracurriculars like Art club, Mustang Chorale, arts-focused field trips, and hosting Riverton band and orchestra gives our students a greater exposure to the arts and healthy emotional expression. Some communities have these opportunities because their parents are able to fund them privately. Morningside wants all of our students to enjoy the arts! - Morningside community puts a lot of effort into bringing all of our students together through extracurricular activities and specials. Our PTA hosts Art, Book, Choir, French, STEM Jr and STEM Sr clubs. Riverton music has great participation in band/orchestra. Morningside parents lead Race Cats and Girls on the Run after school in fall and spring. The school hosts Lego League, Student Council, and Safety Patrol. Halloween and Valentine parties are sponsored by the PTA with classes mixed up by grade for the event. All of this effort ensures our students engage across the programs to make friends and get to know one another. It takes time to understand how to bring these programs together and lots of energy too. We are well-trained and dedicated to this process. - Accessibility: Morningside is so easy to get to from all directions. We have a lot of people driving in to school. With 3-sided access, Morningside is the only school with the street space to accommodate that kind of flow. What other building can accommodate that? Not the schools on dead ends. Not the schools with single-street access. Not the schools whose drop-off/pick-up are already super crowded after school. Morningside neighborhood kids frequently walk to school too. My neighborhood school... crickets in the am. - Building: It’s old, and it’s still safe. Our students have close access to 2 exits without traversing any stairs! Each building in this study is rated “2 or less” on the FEMA 2022 earthquake study (</=2 out of 7 is not a good score and means an in-depth study is needed). Some schools in this study have new carpet and new furniture; new doesn’t make for a safer building. Let’s rely on data when these buildings are evaluated and not cosmetics. - Morningside feeds into Churchill. You can’t move these programs without further killing that school. - No need to mess with a good thing. Morningside is working and working well. Our registered students are INCREASING in 2025-2026 school year, and there is a waitlist on top of that.	

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5/14/2025 11:07:54	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	5. Morningside El, 16. Oly	Olympus		
5/14/2025 11:16:19	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Skyline		
5/14/2025 12:46:30	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	2. Crestview El	Olympus	Morningside is an excellent school that offers 2 special programs that both of my kids take advantage of - French and ALC. both programs have provided an avenue for my kids to flourish. In fact we moved our 4th grader to Morningside because of the ALC class. She was in another neighboring school and was not challenged enough. Once we moved, she began to thrive. Our second grader is in the French program and has been way more excited about learning now that she gets to learn a new language. The building is single story and has more than enough capacity to house more students and programs, plus it is safely in a neighborhood without any major roads or safety risks to the students. The Morningside Community is the best I have seen - very engaged parents and teaching staff which makes it an incredible experience for our kids. I completely understand the reasons behind closing schools, however I think you will find that other schools don't have the robust programs, enrollment, safe surroundings and community like Morningside. Thank you!	
5/14/2025 14:22:00	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Olympus	To whom it may concern, I am a Crestview parent. I wanted to reach out and discuss our community from my point of view. My family and I moved to Holladay, Utah from Chicago, Illinois in July 2024. My husband and I were born and raised in the Chicagoland area. We have 4 kids (ages 10, 7, 5, and 4). We came to Utah with no local support. You could even say, it was a blind move and a complete leap of faith. We ultimately decided on our location due to the proximity to a good school and the community that was palpable upon viewing our home. Kids were everywhere. In Illinois, we belonged to a public school in the heart of the community. Neighbors walk and grow up together. I think it's safe to say, it was what most parents want for their kids. Going to public schools beyond our boundary was not an option in Illinois. Upon investigation, we found that most neighborhood kids walk to Crestview together. That sealed the deal for us. We looked at other communities in Utah that felt more disjointed with respect to where kids went to school. Coming from a family-friendly community in the west suburbs of Chicago with fantastic schools and high walkability, this was everything to us. From the moment we moved in, our kids had neighbors at our door instantly sharing introductions and running off to play. With relief, our kids never looked back. The relationships that our entire family has built in such a short time have been life changing. This move was not an easy decision, and we debated not coming to Utah. Some of our biggest fears were that our kids wouldn't be included by their new peers and losing our support system. Looking back, I can tell you wholeheartedly how wasteful it was to spend time worrying about those things. In some sense, it felt like we picked up where we left off with strangers who have now become some of our best friends. I think it is incredibly impressive how welcoming the Crestview community has been for myself as a parent. I volunteer several days a month for my kindergartner's music program. Without parent volunteers, they wouldn't be exposed to music. This was mind blowing to me coming from a school with a dedicated music teacher. I volunteer in my 2nd grader's classroom weekly to help with their reading power hour and with their junior achievement program. I have volunteered for my 4th grader's school play and for safety week. My 7-year-old, without an ounce of reservation, was welcomed to the rec soccer team comprised of mostly Crestview kids in the fall and continues to be one of her favorite activities. We were instantly included in carpools without question. My 10-year-old participated in the annual play which was beyond impressive. It's hard to believe that quality is volunteer based and affordable. The parents and kids poured their heart and soul into the performances. If you haven't seen the annual Crestview play, I challenge you to go in the fall before making your decision. Truly, it's incredible. Crestview has become the cornerstone of our daily life from all angles: academics, practices, events, volunteering, recreation, growth, friendships, etc. My 4th grader could benefit from being in an accelerated learning program and tested into it for Morningside. She refuses to change schools and frankly, I would never ask her to leave. One of my greatest bucket fillers is hearing the students at recess while I am home with my preschooler. Honestly, we feel like we struck gold by moving into the Crestview community. I wouldn't be surprised if new families also felt this same sentiment switching to Crestview. Ironically, my 2nd grader's Junior Achievement lessons, which I volunteer for, are centered around the definition of a community and how to be a responsible community member. I think it would be a disservice if I didn't voice my point of view to you. I think the closing of Crestview would be problematic on many levels and a true tragedy to this integrated community. Crestview is full of parents volunteering as much as they can, which I can say with certainty. While you may not see huge representation at public meetings or certain events, these parents are doing as much as they can for Crestview. It may be invisible to the district, but it is overflowing and bounding. Crestview is a welcoming space, and I know that it would be a great school to welcome new families and grow its impressive community. You have something special at Crestview: use it, grow it, build upon it. Sincerely, *****	
5/14/2025 19:23:37	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Olympus	We should not be taking away schools that impact class sizes and teachers who provide such a valuable service.	
5/14/2025 19:27:36	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Cottonwood	Morningside is a small neighborhood school that serves its community so well. I think it would be a huge disservice to discontinue this school and have larger class sizes in accommodating schools. Salt Lake and its surrounding areas have been one of the fastest growing cities for years and we need to add schools not take them away!	
5/15/2025 7:56:18	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Cottonwood	Not a high traffic area. Unique French immersion program. Many kids can walk safely to and from the school.	

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5/15/2025 7:56:31	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Skyline	Morningside due to location offers a safe learning environment for my son, while offering unique programming otherwise not offered including French dual immersion and STEM. It's backed by a thriving, diverse community and a future-ready facility, it's a vital, irreplaceable asset to local families.	
5/15/2025 20:01:29	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	6. Oakridge El	Skyline	Morningside Elementary stands out as an exceptional school because of its dedicated and talented teachers who are committed to fostering a supportive and engaging learning environment. The school's dual language immersion program uniquely equips students with bilingual skills, cultural awareness, and enhanced cognitive abilities, preparing them for a global future. Additionally, the vibrant community of families, staff, and local neighbors creates a warm and collaborative atmosphere that promotes student success and lifelong connections. Together, these elements make Morningside Elementary a truly outstanding place for children to learn and grow. It would be devastating to the community to lose such a diverse and enriched learning environment like Morningside Elementary.	
5/15/2025 20:23:03	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	10. Upland Terrace El, 14.	Skyline	We appreciate you have tough decisions ahead in this process. As a real estate professional with expertise in the public and nonprofit sectors, I would encourage the district to evaluate the potential for sites to be repurposed into a beneficial use should they be closed. With that lens, there are clear sites that are infeasible for redevelopment due to factors like infrastructure and topography and others that stand out as viable for commercial or residential use. I have worked with several school districts nationally that are evaluating their portfolios with the objective of providing educator housing and would be happy to provide input should that be of interest to Granite. This was our first year at Oakridge Elementary and we hope that it will remain open for many reasons including: 1) it does not seem like a feasible site for another use; 2) it is a rare school these days where many kids are able to have the independence to walk to and from school; 3) while the school has been stretched, the quality of the education and parent engagement is high. We hope that you will keep Oakridge running as a model of what a strong neighborhood school can be. It really is an anchor in our community.	
5/16/2025 6:24:31	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Skyline	The neighborhoods surrounding Upland Terrace are truly unique. There are multi generations that live in the area. People come here to stay, and raise their families in this strong community. There is so much parent support at the school, as well as support from families that no longer have kids attending school.	
5/16/2025 8:03:54	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	6. Oakridge El	Skyline	Morningside school is thriving with people on waitlists to get into programs. The school is still enrolling many students and is in demand.	
5/16/2025 8:29:31	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	10. Upland Terrace El, 14.	Skyline	We recognize the district faces some difficult decisions in this process. As you assess potential school closures, we encourage you to consider the future use of each site. Some properties are clearly challenging to repurpose due to factors like infrastructure and topography, while others may have more potential for alternative uses such as housing or commercial development. This was our first year at Oakridge Elementary, and we truly hope it remains open. Our family would be devastated were Oakridge to be closed. There are several compelling reasons for this, some personal and some broader in nature: A) Oakridge is an integral part of the Olympus Cove neighborhood's identity, with deep community roots and strong local support that contribute to a unique sense of place and continuity. B) It's one of the few schools where many children still walk to and from school, fostering independence, connection, and daily neighborhood interaction. C) The quality of education and parent engagement remain strong, even under the pressures of limited resources, showing the dedication of staff and families alike. D) The site itself does not appear to be practical for other uses, given its location, infrastructure, and topographical constraints. We believe Oakridge stands as a model of what a strong, connected neighborhood school can be — and remains a vital anchor for our community.	

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5/16/2025 11:21:36	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El, 10. Upl	Skyline	My name is *****. I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the proposed school boundary changes that may affect our neighborhood and, more specifically, my family's future. My family and I just moved into a home located at [ADDRESS], within the current boundaries for Upland Terrace Elementary, Wasatch Jr High, and Skyline High School. We purchased this home for nearly \$1,000,000, making this not only a financial investment but a carefully planned decision based on our children's education. Starting this fall, our two young children will be entering 2nd grade and 5th grade, and we were excited to be joining this community and its schools. Before purchasing the home, I did thorough research and even contacted Wasatch Jr and Skyline directly to confirm that our address was within their school boundaries and that no boundary changes were anticipated in the near future. I was reassured that the current boundaries would remain stable for at least the next few years. Now, only months later, I have learned that boundary changes may soon go into effect that could potentially exclude our address from Wasatch Jr and Skyline. This development is extremely distressing. Beyond disrupting our children's planned educational path, it may also have a significant negative impact on our property value, the local tax base, and the sense of community stability. I fully understand the challenges involved in managing school capacity. However, I hope the committee to consider not only the short-term enrollment numbers but also the broader and long-term social and economic impacts of such boundary decisions. Families like ours made life-changing moves based on the current boundaries. Changing them places families in an extremely difficult position. Furthermore, schools like Wasatch Jr and Skyline already support high open enrollment rates, which should be taken into account when planning for capacity. It would be unfair to remove children's access to schools that their families bought into and planned for. If the proposed boundary changes result in our elementary school changing to Morningside, but still allow attendance at Wasatch Jr and Skyline, we would be supportive of the proposal. However, if our home is fully excluded from Wasatch Jr and Skyline, we strongly oppose the boundary change. Please consider the full impact of these changes on current residents, students, and homeowners before making a final decision. Thank you for your time and for the opportunity to provide input on this important issue.	
5/16/2025 12:48:57	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Skyline	Morningside Elementary- my children who are in the gifted program attend this school. My older children have both attended gifted and the traditional program. They have had excellent opportunities like learning languages, orchestra, arts, drama, dance, Stem fair, JA biz town, History fair and the program has been helpful to my kids to continue into the gifted program attend Wasatch. My kids have IEPs related to heart condition and one of them had behavioral issues. The school has supported them with the necessary resources my children have needed to excel in academics and socially. The teachers and the community are very supportive to all kids. We support Morningside . In addition, we support Upland Terrace our boundary school. One of my children who is not in the gifted program goes to Upland.	
5/17/2025 12:25:03	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Skyline	My son is currently in the accelerated learning track at Morningside and has greatly benefited from the program. We moved to Morningside from a different district elementary school last year for fourth grade and have had a wonderful experience! Comparing the two is a night and day difference and I can confidently say that Morningside is a top notch school that is worth keeping! Principal Gagon has done a fantastic job of creating a great community in her short time there already! My son participates in the choir, STEM club, and art club and loves them all! Morningside is more than a school, it's a valuable community that has irreplaceable value.	

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5/18/2025 19:27:46	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Skyline	I am writing to address the current elementary school closure study in the Granite District Olympus and Skyline network. I did extensive research to decide where to send my son for first grade, and Morningside Elementary was the only school that worked for us. He excelled at Challenger in Holladay for Preschool and Kindergarten, and was already above grade level in both reading and math, but as the Holladay Challenger only had classes through kindergarten, it was time for him to move on for first grade. I was looking for an ideal place to send him—a public school would be a relief for our finances, something that was close to home so we didn't have a long commute, a school with an advanced curriculum as he was already ahead, and very importantly, a school that was in the pickup route for his after school program, Champs from World Martial Arts. As a single, working mom, I visited multiple schools, multiple after-school programs, and spent months making a decision. Morningside was the only school that filled all the criteria and more. As a public school without tuition, I've been able to save thousands for his college. It is 5 minutes from our home, so we can spend more quality time together vs in the car and have time for lessons in the evenings. He is in the ALC program and doing very well, and I love that he will be with the same peer group for second grade. And the after-school program, where he has been taking tae kwon do lessons for years, includes Morningside in its pickup route. Plus, both my son and I have made friends in the school community. There are no other schools that fit all the right notes for us. I looked at Cottonwood, but it did not have the advanced program. I looked at Upland Terrace, but it did not have the advanced program and was not on the route for the after-school program. (And no public schools in the area have in-house after-school care.) If Morningside were to close, I would need to go back to the drawing board, hoping that wherever the ALC program ended up (if it even continued!) would align with the after-school program route and not be too much of a commute. Or, to be honest, I would re-evaluate sending him to Carden Memorial or the Sandy Challenger. Both would be a worse commute and expensive, but both offer advanced curriculum and after-school care. Morningside is a wonderful school with exceptional programs, a strong student body, and an excellent ranking. It has been wonderful to feel like my son and I have found the perfect fit. Please do not close Morningside, and please leave the ALC program in place. Thank you, *****	
5/19/2025 14:12:50	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Skyline	We moved to our current home to have the ability to walk to Morningside Elementary school. We feel it's important to have walkability in order to connect with other school families. We feel supported when we are connected with community members.	

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5/19/2025 20:48:16	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	4. Eastwood El	Skyline	Dear Granite School District Board Members, I am writing to you as a resident of Holladay and the parent of two young kids, one in 1st grade at Morningside, and the other who will be going to Kindergarten in the 2026-27 school year. Morningside is an amazing school. Our daughter, who is currently in the ALC classroom, loves it there. With summer coming, she tells us every day that she doesn't want first grade to be over, because she is so happy at school every day. I understand that you are conducting a study about closing some elementary schools in the east region of Granite. I understand there is a general trend of lower enrollment in the Granite elementary schools, and I understand that closing some schools may be the fiscally responsible decision and in the best interest of the district as whole. I am writing to you to because Morningside should not be one of the schools to be closed, and I want to express to you, as a local resident and a Morningside parent, how important this school is to our family and our neighborhood. Morningside is a true gem of a school. We moved to Holladay from the Avenues 3 years ago, and we chose the house we bought in part because of its proximity to Morningside. We live a block and a half away, meaning that our daughter is able to walk or bike to school every day. Beyond providing a great education and a safe, supportive place for our daughter, Morningside also has an incredible community. When the school has asked for parent volunteers, sometimes there was no space left by time I clicked on a sign-up link because others were so quick to fill the spots. We have a strong community of parents, and this means not just volunteers at school events, but also parents who support each other. Parents who I have been able to ask for help picking up my daughter or taking her to a birthday party I couldn't make it to. This sort of community doesn't happen overnight, and can't be packed up and moved; it is built over years and decades. The programs that Morningside offers—the ALC classroom, the French program, and the traditional program—all contribute to its excellence as a learning environment, but the school as a whole, and the community it has, is more than just the sum of these parts. I understand that lower enrollment across Granite elementary schools makes it appropriate to consider closing some schools. But Morningside should not be on this list. Morningside has one of the strongest enrollments among the schools in the study, and it has a thriving student and parent community. I am aware there has been conversation about moving some of Morningside's programs to other schools. This misses the point. There are over 550 kids at Morningside right now who are thriving across all of its classrooms. My daughter has friends in multiple programs; many of our friends have their own kids in multiple programs that meet each of their needs. We have a parent and neighborhood community that is supporting our kids, and they are doing well in their classrooms. Our kids are not apples in baskets to be moved around to better balance a load. They are young people who have friends, lives, and communities. Moving hundreds of kids to a different school will be a major disruption to their lives. If a school has challenges, then yes, this might be the only option. But Morningside does not. Morningside is thriving. And I am asking you to allow it to continue to thrive. For the sake of my daughter, for the sake my son who asks every time we drive by when he will be big enough to go to kindergarten there, but more importantly, for the sake of all 500+ kids who are at Morningside right now, enjoying their classrooms, their teachers, and their community, and who don't need anything to change. Please don't close Morningside. Please don't dismantle a thriving community to make some numbers work for other schools. Please let the kids at Morningside, like my daughter, continue to go to the school they love. Thank you for taking the time to read my letter. *****	
5/19/2025 23:56:39	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Cottonwood	Thank you for reading my feedback. Please review my analysis per the link below. It's about disruption in education, particularly the disproportionately adverse effect on schools with large out of boundary populations: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1qawx11Hi17-uf68PJtfWV2GuKYT1xWVt-v0nq66EGpQ/edit?usp=sharing	
5/20/2025 7:00:06	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Skyline	we are very pleased with morningside and the alc program and dont believe this school should be closed due to the great teechers, curriculum, and community	
5/21/2025 7:31:37	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El, 11. Chu	Skyline	Morningside has been such agreat school for my son. He tested into the gifted program and are so excited for him to learnal and grow from this program. We worked really hard with him to be prepared for the exam and to excel in reading and cogat testing. He has made some wonderful friends and his teachers have really connected with him. One of the things that I really like about morningside is the way the building is constructed. It has a long hall which helps insure the saftey and wel being off students. Its located in a safe beautiful neighborhood, that has quick freeway access and helps reduce traffic and congestion arounfd the school. A lot of other elementary's only have one pick up/ drop off areas and morninside really has 3 points. Ive seen other school traffic and congestion when they only have one pickup/dropoff in front of the school. Morningside also consistently has high test scores and is one of the better schools in the State. In addition to the high test scores the staff is exceptional in helping to support the students. The principal and Secreatary (Ms Gagon and Lisa (Secreatry)) have supported our son that has special diatary needs and kept him safe from exposure that could lead to anaphylaxis. I would be extremely dissappointed to see Morningside close and think it should be considered to stay open for some and more of the reasons that were outlined above.	

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5/21/2025 8:46:05	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	4. Eastwood EI	Skyline	WE MOVED and purchased an house to be INSIDE Morningside boundaries in 2022!!!! Our family has heavily relied on the multiple programs provided at Morningside Elementary. We have utilized both the traditional and French track. My children ride the bus. Having kids at the high school, jr high, and elementary school next year will put a very large constrain on our family if the programs are moved and bus transportation is not available any longer. PLEASE keep Morningside open!!! So many families rely on their programs!!!!	
5/21/2025 10:20:21	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	4. Eastwood EI	Skyline	Feedback sent to the Boundaries email address 5.21.25 "Please don't close Eastwood. It is a fantastic school and goes above and beyond. Plus it has a great location and is a stem school. If anything make it an immersion school with stem that feeds into one of the best high school and you won't lose students! Keep the class ratios low. Please consider keeping Eastwood open."	
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5/21/2025 10:24:06				Feedback was sent to the Boundaries email on 5.19.25 "I would like to know WHO wants to split Granite into 2 districts and WHY. I think the public should also know what the actual classroom size in students is. Many people think that student-teacher ratio means classroom size. (former Granite Teacher)	
5/21/2025 14:38:05	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	3. Driggs EI	Skyline	Please consider redoing the high school boundaries for the neighborhood south of 45th. It sucks living in this small pocket that is supposed to go to Skyline, when everyone else in the area (even neighbors literally across the street) go to Olympus. It feels very decisive and isolating and doesn't promote a strong school community.	

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5/21/2025 18:42:06	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El, 14. Wa:	Skyline	Morningside is an important school in the district with the ALC and French programs. My two children have been part of the ALC program and it is such an important program for gifted children in public schools. If you remove this program it will force parents out of the district to find options to challenge their children. Many families don't have the ability to go out of district, private school or other options and so removing this restricts access to a good education. My daughter was in a regular classroom in first grade and so far ahead of her peers she was so bored as the teacher had to focus on the kids that were far behind. The ALC program is the only reason my kids attend public school in Utah. Please don't remove this option as Utah is already so far behind the national average for education.	
5/21/2025 18:46:36	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Skyline	We moved into our home in 2011 with Morningside Elementary being one of the reasons we chose the neighborhood. We planned on starting a family and wanted a school that our children could walk to as we are both full-time working parents. Our oldest attended Morningside and is now graduating fifth grade. Our second child is going into 3rd grade, and our preschooler would be attending Morningside for kindergarten in two years time. This school has meant a lot to us. My oldest is in the gifted program, which has really supported his needs and challenged him at the right levels. He has also felt a sense of belonging at Morningside with all their clubs and programs, such as Lego League and Chess Club. He has made amazing friends, including a few who are out of the boundaries, but attend Morningside because of their gifted program. With my oldest attending Churchill next year, we were planning on him walking to pick up his younger brother from 3rd grade from Morningside. And when our youngest is in Kindergarten, we were hoping our second child could walk home with his brother as well. There are so many children in our neighborhood. Several new families have younger children who I am sure were expecting to attend Morningside. It would be so unfortunate if Morningside was no longer in our neighborhood. We ask that you please consider keeping Morningside.	
5/21/2025 18:54:23	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Skyline	Morningside Elementary is more than just a school for our family. It's the heart of our community, a place where all three of my sons have or will lay the foundation for their education. Nestled beautifully within Holladay Utah within our neighborhood, Morningside provides a cherished local experience that simply isn't replicated at other schools. My oldest son who will soon be attending Churchill Junior high, benefited immensely from the nurturing environment and dedicated teachers at Morningside. Now with my 8-year-old actively engaged and my 3-year-old eagerly awaiting his turn, we'd like to keep Morningside a consistent and familiar educational journey for our family. Its neighborhood location means less time commuting and more time for learning and after school activities; fostering strong connections among students and families, and truly embodying that invaluable community feel. Morningside isn't just a building, it's a vital walkable hub that strengthens our community by providing a trusted and accessible educational experience for our kiddos.	
5/21/2025 19:04:47	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	5. Morningside El	Skyline	I live with my daughter and her family. Her two boys, my grandsons, attend Morningside (3rd and 5th grade). She also has a 3-year-old who will soon be in Kindergarten. They live attending Morningside. It is such a big part of our community and neighborhood. My grandchildren will walk to and from school because I am not always able to drive them and their parents both work full-time. We love attending all the Morningside activities and watching our grandchildren thrive in their learning environments that are specific to their skills and needs. It would be very unfortunate to have Morningside no longer in our neighborhood. It has become such a major part of my grandchildren's lives and our family's lives.	
5/21/2025 19:34:43	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Skyline	Our experience with Morningside Elementary has been everything we hoped for in a school experience for our children. The community is diverse and inclusive, which fosters wide acceptance. The additional programs offered enrich students' lives through exposure to broad topics from STEM, Tanner Dance, French and Chess Club. Prior to relocating to the Morningside neighborhood, several families recommended the school and area to us. The widely known positive experience alongside the affordable neighborhood is a big drawn for young families to Morningside. Morningside is the heart of the Olympus Hills area. Even community members without children attending the school, take pride in the school's community. Morningside is special and we hope all considerations to keep it enact will be honored. We love Morningside!	
5/21/2025 22:45:58	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Skyline	Thank you for your efforts in leading a community meeting regarding the PAC study this evening. I am the employee and parent from Morningside who shared concern about not enough time being allocated to actually talking about the study during the meeting today. I left the meeting this evening with a sinking feeling in my chest due to what I learned about the subcommittee. During the initial PAC study meeting held for staff back in February, you made me feel confident that this study would be conducted in an ethical manner that would truly consider the best interest of Granite School District students. As other concerned parents reached out to me, I assured them the study would be fair and thoughtful. Unfortunately, all of my feelings of confidence of an ethical study have been shattered after tonight's meeting. I have serious concerns about the subcommittee. With all due respect, it is an irresponsible assumption that the 40 individuals on the subcommittee represent the opinions, experiences, and concerns of the thousands of parents and students in Granite School District. The community did not have opportunity to vote who would be on the subcommittee, so why do these individuals represent the community? The subcommittees will silence the voices of the community at large. It is disheartening that such an important decision will be highly influenced by whomever on the subcommittee happens to be the most outspoken, rather than collective community voices. Community members should have an equal voice, and the subcommittee strips community members of the opportunity for equality. I ask you to please consider dismantling the subcommittee. The continued existence of the subcommittee will result in a biased study outcome that does not meet the needs of our community as a whole.	

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5/22/2025 9:14:19	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Skyline	-Morningside should be 100% program based. —Relocate the neighborhood classes to Driggs to offer that population a greater sense of community. -Expand ALC program to meet the needs of more children in Morningside. -or move a program from another elementary school to Morningside. This will also open space for incoming students due to school closures.	
5/22/2025 10:40:20	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	4. Eastwood El	Skyline	Hi – thanks again for your attention and devotion. TL;DR the multi-grade class framework (i.e. schools get small and need to close to avoid multi-grade classes and suboptimal education opportunities) is causing substantial potential issues for the district and for the rest of the community. Please consider alternatives to the multi-grade class framework (i.e. a way for small schools to thrive). The reason I wanted to bring my wife and four kids to the Eastwood neighborhood last August was to give my children the trifecta that really only the Skyline network can bring – as things stand. I wanted my children to be neighbors with their family, fellow church members, and classmates while obtaining the best education. I graduated from the Waterford school. The academic outcomes between the Waterford school and the Skyline network are comparable. Sure the Waterford school has an ivy league network. But, the Skyline network beats out, in my mind, by having the best education AND the best community, due to proximity to the school. I remember that I would consistently drive 45+ minutes to visit with friends while at the Waterford school and never felt that I developed adequate relationships – even though they were some of the most amazing people. My wife's family grew up in the Skyline network (Churchill then Skyline) and, for now, are still here and I believed that the Skyline network has that missing community piece. If more elementary schools / jr. high schools were to close – I would think that the Skyline network would, school by school, lose it's crowning jewel for me – which is neighborhood connection due to proximity to each school. I propose that the PAC relay to the district administration an initiative to figure out a way to break the multi-grade class solution (and subsequent issue) without closing schools. If you could do that successfully, you would unlock unprecedented value and unparalleled enrollment attraction and retention. Perhaps pilot some initiatives within area 5 for 12+ months. As things stand, most students walk / bike to school with friends. However, post 3 closures, most students would be driving / busing to school. Plus, the smaller school sizes are already generally preferred amongst locals. I acknowledge that they are not preferred by teachers but are only not preferred amongst teachers due to the strain of the current multi-grade class solution. Perhaps the district could take conservative-hybrid approach by closing 2 schools and pilot small school programs for the remaining small schools. Moreover, announcing such an initiative or pilot program would undermine two of the core motivations behind the Split-the-District Initiative – 1) school proximity and 2) redistribution of closed school resources without adequate local representation. Thank you again for your consideration.	
5/22/2025 12:17:03	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte		Skyline	All of our children went to Upland Terrace! Was a fantastic school with incredible teachers and the other students were a great quality. Please do not shut the school down! We have the school very close to us. Plus the busing is wonderful.	
5/22/2025 13:30:47	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	4. Eastwood El	Skyline	My kids are within the Morningside boundary, and my husband and I deliberately chose to send our kids to Eastwood. We have 4 kids—2 currently at Eastwood, and 2 more that we are counting on being able send to Eastwood. Eastwood is closer to us—close enough to us that my husband rides the kids to school on the back of his bike. It wasn't just the location that swayed us, though; we visited a lot of schools before enrolling our firstborn, and the energy was immediately different at Eastwood. Kim at the front office knew my name and my child's name the second time we set foot in the school. As parents of a child with severe food allergies, the level of engagement and commitment we see from the faculty and staff at every level at Eastwood is vitally important to us. I know my child is not lost in the shuffle at our school. I know I'm 4 minutes away if an emergency arose. Closing neighborhood schools and making parents commute longer distances to school isn't just inconvenient for families, it can be dangerous, as well. Eastwood is so important to us that we decided not to move schools even when our oldest child tested into ALC. Additionally, I want to say that shuffling kids and teachers around that are already working so hard to recover from the incredible interruptions caused by the pandemic feels irresponsible. My child is halfway through his elementary school experience. He has a sense of place, finally. I do not wish to make him start over in his final 3 years of elementary school. We shouldn't lean as hard as we do on the “kids are resilient” cliché. Kids survive a lot of hard things. And we all know they THRIVE when they have a sense of community, belonging, and safety.	

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5/22/2025 13:43:34	E) I choose not to answer	4. Eastwood El, 5. Mornin	Skyline	•Maintain Equitable Access: Ensure that all students have access to a neighborhood school within a reasonable and equitable distance from their homes, minimizing long commutes and transportation burdens across the district. To truly serve all students fairly, schools need to be evenly distributed throughout the district, not clustered areas or “clumps.” This ensures families across Granite have reasonable access to neighborhood schools without excessive travel or overcrowding. •Eastwood’s Critical Geographic Role: Eastwood provides direct access to public education in a part of the district that would otherwise be underserved. Its removal would significantly increase commute times and reduce accessibility for many students. Eastwood is the only elementary school serving this corner of the Granite District with over 2 miles from any other Granite elementary school, and its closure would eliminate equitable access for many families who already have few nearby options. •Major Infrastructure Improvements Underway: Street redesigns, pedestrian upgrades, and traffic improvements around Eastwood—all of them in collaboration with Millcreek City, UDOT, and Federal Highway Administration—are actively increasing the safety and accessibility of the school. These developments should be viewed as investments that enhance Eastwood’s viability, not reasons for its removal. •Neighborhood Schools Are in Demand: A former Granite elementary school that once served this region is now a thriving neighborhood charter school—and it’s working. It has a larger population and a waitlist, showing that neighborhood schools are what families prefer. Area Five’s enrollment goals are being met more successfully through organic neighborhood models than through forced consolidation. •Age of Building Should Be a Low Determining Factor: Many schools on the east side of the district—including Eastwood—are aging and will require reinvestment in the coming years. Rather than using the building age as a primary criterion for closure, we ask you to prioritize the potential of the land, the school’s location, infrastructure access, and its deep-rooted connection to the community. Eastwood scores high on all these fronts and is well-positioned for long-term use. •Class Size Alone Doesn’t Fix Split Classes: We’ve seen at Morningside Elementary that even schools with larger populations are still struggling with split-grade classes. Simply consolidating schools into fewer, larger ones won’t solve this issue. Thoughtful, school-specific planning is required. •Pause to Assess the New DLI Magnet Model: Before making disruptive changes to established schools like Morningside, which operates as a hybrid DLI and neighborhood school, the district should fully evaluate the new DLI magnet school that is scheduled open Fall 2025. If the district does not take time to evaluate how the new magnet model performs, it risks making premature decisions excluding possible future options for established DLI hybrid and traditional schools. In summary, our schools are a vital part of our community. Eastwood Elementary is more than just a building—it is a strategically located and deeply supported neighborhood school with a future that aligns with both community and district goals.	
5/22/2025 14:02:05				Feedback sent to the boundaries email 5.22.25 "I attended the Boundary meeting yesterday at Wastach Junior High. Firstly, I want to thank you for your time and patience; that was a long meeting. I made a comment about the importance of considering the condition of school facilities, and after I sat down, a parent noted that Driggs' FCI rating is from before its renovation. I have one son at Driggs, and another at Cottonwood so I have spent a lot of time in each facility and I was shocked to see Cottonwood scored 37 while Driggs 27. I understand reevaluating every school's FCI would be an economic burden, but I also think when you're weighing a drastic decision of which schools to shutter, the data that you're using to inform that decision should be up to date. You don't need to reevaluate every school, but how about those that have undergone renovation? Or, extrapolate the evaluation criteria from when the study was done and give a modified score (just as you extrapolated the insurance premiums at the start of the meeting). If the district isn't willing to update the data to give the most accurate data, then at the very least, please put an asterisk next to those schools that have had capital investment and note how much money has gone into those repairs, so those making the decision are informed. The point I was trying to make last night is buildings are expensive; and construction costs are only increasing. A million dollars worth of upgrades in 2019 would cost about \$1.4M today. Please don't dismiss the taxpayer dollars that have already been invested into these buildings. Speaking only about the schools my children attend, I personally would be devastated to see either Cottonwood or Driggs closed, but objectively it would be foolish to close Driggs when it is one of the more updated facilities in Area 5."	

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5/22/2025 18:23:03	C) I am an employee of Granite School District	4. Eastwood EI	Skyline	Hello, I am writing to share some thoughts as a teacher in Granite for 25 years, a community member of the Skyline Network for 20 years, and a parent whose two children have graduated from Skyline, with one currently attending. I attended the meeting held last night, 5/21/25, at Wasatch Jr. High. The meeting felt somewhat unsettling. After some reflection, I believe that much of the difficulty arises from the disruption of well-established communities, as I am sure you are aware. Your community is like a home, and it can feel as though families are being fragmented. I understand that emotions are running high, and I have considered this carefully to remain objective and focus on potential solutions. Full disclosure, I teach at Eastwood. I am truly trying to be objective. One idea that came to mind — and I believe I am not alone in thinking this — is that transferring the programs at Morningside to Eastwood and Oakridge could help increase their student populations. This would allow students from the Magnet school and Duel Immersion program, to be redistributed without tearing apart their established communities, since the programs would be moving intact. Additionally, having two programs at a single school is not ideal. Another consideration is whether it might be possible to close one school and hold off on closing others, to monitor how the situation develops. It appears that some schools have become overpopulated following other closures. Finally, I am increasingly concerned about discussions of splitting the district. I believe this would be detrimental. A few months ago, I did not anticipate such options being considered, and while this might not directly relate to the current population study, the topic seems to be surfacing more frequently, which is somewhat alarming to me as an educator. In summary, I suggest closing Morningside while refraining from closing additional schools at this time, but keeping the possibility open depending on future data from the study. I would love any feedback.	

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5/23/2025 11:23:10	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	10. Upland Terrace El	Skyline	I am writing on behalf of many Upland families who are deeply concerned about the possibility of our school being considered for closure or repurposing. Upland Elementary is a vital part of our community, and I want to highlight several reasons why it remains an asset to the district: Walkability & Safety: Upland boasts one of the highest in-boundary attendance rates among the schools being reviewed, with 79% of students living within our boundaries choosing to attend. Its safe, walkable location prevents children from needing to cross major roads, reducing traffic-related risk and increasing daily student safety. Protecting District Investments: Upland is the only elementary school that fully feeds into Wasatch Jr. High and Skyline High—both of which have received significant financial investment from the district. Preserving Upland supports this existing infrastructure and maintains continuity for families across K–12 within the district’s long-term planning. Family & Community Support: Because of its location, older siblings from Wasatch and Skyline are able to safely walk to Upland to pick up younger siblings. This fosters a supportive family dynamic, reduces the burden on transportation services, and keeps more students within the care of family members before and after school. Thriving Special Education Program: Upland’s inclusive Special Education model is one of its strongest attributes. Students in these programs are integrated within traditional classrooms in meaningful ways, promoting empathy, patience, and collaboration across the student body. Relocating this program would be extremely difficult for many of these children, who depend on routine, consistency, and familiar relationships with staff and peers. Concerns About Specialized Programs: While we value the importance of programs such as ALC and Dual Language in the right settings, Upland is not the ideal location for them. These programs do not contribute to smaller class sizes or equitable access for all students. Instead, they often unintentionally create divides within the student body, encouraging separation and stratification within our small, close-knit community. We believe in maintaining Upland as a true neighborhood school that serves all children equally. We urge the district to recognize Upland not only as a school, but as a cornerstone of community connection, family support, and student safety. Any changes that affect our school would significantly impact the broader district ecosystem—especially for the most vulnerable students. Thank you for your time and consideration. We welcome any opportunity to work together to strengthen our schools while preserving the community and values that make Upland special.	
5/23/2025 12:12:36	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	3. Driggs El, 13. Olympus	Olympus	Please please please. Find a way to keep the schools open. And kids safe from the anxiety and stress of change. They deal with enough.	
5/23/2025 16:55:33	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	10. Upland Terrace El	Skyline	I’m writing on behalf of Upland Terrace Elementary and asking you not to close this school. Upland is a fantastic community school full of mostly in boundary students. We are a neighborhood school where our children can safely walk to school with neighbors and friends. The entire area of Upland Terrace feed into Skyline which is a highly rated school. The building of Upland Terrace, though old, is still beautiful, airy, and open. Please consider leaving Upland Terrace open. Thank you.	
5/23/2025 19:09:48	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	10. Upland Terrace El	Skyline	I agree completely with all the above reasons to keep Upland open. It is in such a safe neighborhood and all 3 schools Wasatch and Skyline walkable which is such a plus. I know people are dying to buy in our neighborhood. We have great parent and neighbor support. I truly hope it will not be chosen to be closed. I live right next to Upland and there never have been problems!!!	
5/23/2025 20:02:33	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	14. Wasatch Jr	Skyline	My older kids went to upland elm, Wasatch and skyline. I have a 7th grader at Wasatch now. We bought our house because we had all 3 schools within walkable distance, a rare find in Utah, to have all 3 schools with lg walking distance. All 3 schools are exceptional, with extra curricular activities, student help, invested teachers and staff and excellent test scores. It would be awful if any of these schools were to be closed. I dare say there isn’t another trio of schools (all self sustaining and exceptional) all feeding into each other in the valley.	
5/24/2025 12:37:56	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	10. Upland Terrace El	Skyline	My kids attended Upland Terace and the walkability and safety was critical to my children learning and feeling safe during this time. My son is on the spectrum and the programs at Upland Terace were critical for him to thrive.	
5/25/2025 9:00:46	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	10. Upland Terrace El, 17.	Skyline	Thank you for helping keep our schools strong and functioning. We have enjoyed having our children attend Upland Terrace. Its walkability and proximity it Wasatch Jr and Skyline High are definite strengths. The PTA is robust and responsive. It’s an older building but is still operating well. (This is in contrast to our experience at Canyon Rim Academy, where some classrooms routinely had brown water come out of the faucets.) Thank you for your consideration.	

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5/25/2025 14:45:41	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	5. Morningside El	Skyline	Morningside elementary School is a special part of our community and was instrumental in my children's education. My children went through the French impression program there and are now fluent. One is now doing humanitarian work in french-speaking Benin and the another served the people of Tahiti. Morningside gave them an incredible foundation.	

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5/25/2025 19:31:06	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El, 14. Wa:	Skyline	Dear Population Analysis Committee and School Board Members, I have two children who attend Morningside Elementary and one who attends Wasatch Jr. I wanted to express what a unique place Morningside is and urge you to consider keeping Morningside intact as we journey through the boundary study. I'm sure that you are well aware of how we have ranked as one of the top schools in the state, how we have an incredible PTA and parental involvement, how the physical positioning of our school allows for quick drop-off/pick -up and walking students, how our neighborhood provides some of the most affordable housing in the area for young families as we look ahead, and how we all just love our Morningside school community. While we know that our two special programs (French Emersion and ALC) make the numbers in our traditional classroom tricky, I ask that you consider the very reason why we are loosing so much enrollment in our Granite schools in the first place. Families want these specialized programs and if they are not getting them in the public schools, they will go other places, such as charter and private schools. Parents often want their children to be involved in these programs because they know that the other parents who want their students in these programs are usually very involved parents. We all know that involved parents are perhaps one of the greatest assets that a school community can have. So part of what makes Morningside special, is that shared mindset among parents of both programs. To put it bluntly, we are a bunch of really involved parents who value these special programs and want to be around other families who are similar. I feel like this is perhaps the "secret sauce" of the success of Morningside and what makes it so great. I don't hear much talk of this, but I can assure you, I have had children at Morningside for 7 years and can attest to the beauty of it. I have also had children attend Eastwood and Cottonwood, and while they are great schools, there is just something extra special about Morningside. Additionally, I would like to address another Morningside phenomenon that I don't hear mentioned very often either. The diversity of the Morningside students and families is truly needed in the Holladay/Millcreek area. Because of the diversity that both of our special programs draw, we are a unique haven for those who do not fit the typical profile that is felt so heavily at some other schools. I can assure you, as someone who is from out of state, Morningside is a breath of fresh air to those who do not quite look the same or share the same ideology as the majority of students and families in the area. I do not think we could achieve such a diverse, yet high achieving, school without keeping both programs at Morningside. I am concerned that those of us who attend Morningside and really appreciate this aspect of our school might choose to leave public school altogether if they find themselves in schools that are not as diverse, causing students to feel out of place. And remember, Morningside parents are super involved and do really care about programs, so I am concerned that some will choose to go the private school route instead of trying to blend into a less diverse school. Those who are different feel safe at Morningside and we trust that the common thread of strong parental involvement and a high value on education knit us together. I urge you to please recognize how unique this is in the area and really place a high value on this as you make your decision. I am concerned that we could potentially loose so many families to private schools, thus exacerbating the declining enrollment problem if you overlook this VERY important aspect of Morningside. From all of us who are a little different and NEED that diversity, yet want the common bond of a challenging education and strong community, please keep Morningside intact with both special programs. I know that our enrollment numbers for the traditional classroom are not the best, but I feel as though a few changes could potentially help with this. One of those changes would be offering a "cluster" class option for gifted students in the traditional classroom. Since we have the ALC, it seems odd that we would need this, but often students do not qualify for the ALC class or are not invited to return to the ALC class in 3rd grade. So instead of parents panicking and leaving Morningside, it would be amazing if they had the option to be in a "cluster" class that I know most of the other elementaries offer for high achieving students who have been in the program or qualify. It seems like this would be an easy enough tweak, by having the traditional teachers at Morningside get certified and trained to teach gifted students. I think that many more students would choose to stay or begin at Morningside if this were offered. I also, wondered if some of the teachers for the French program could be utilized more efficiently. I know that their class sizes can be small, especially as the students get older and some move or drop out of the program. What if there was a way to slightly reduce the number of French students initially and have them share a French/English teacher across two grades. For example, there would be one French class per grade level- and they would have half the day in French, half English. The teachers (God bless them) would teach half the day 1st grade then half they day 2nd with two teachers working together to handle two grade levels. They would at least only have one grade level at a time in the class and hopefully the switch wouldn't be too drastic- as I know we currently have students of mixed grade levels in classes together. This would open up an opportunity for another section of traditional classrooms for each grade level. So we would have one French, one ALC, two traditional (one with a cluster) per grade level. We could then easily absorb more students from another school that might be closing, and we might actually retain more of our boundary students and encourage families with multiple children who are in multiple programs to actually want to have all of their students at Morningside. I think this could really solve some of Morningside's problems and have it continue to be an incredible place to be. Also, I would add in one paraprofessional for the school to aid the dual emersion teachers, as they would have extra prep to do and this would help tremendously. Or really stress parent volunteers to help teacher in those classes as well- after all, we are Morningside and our parents are extra amazing. Thank you for your time and consideration as you make an incredibly difficult decision to close schools. Let's work on fixing some of Morningside's enrollment problems and keep it as a haven of diversity, parental involvement, and high achievement Sincerely, An Involved Morningside Parent (one of the many)	

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5/25/2025 21:42:53	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte		Skyline	Keeping a school open that is within walking distance of and feeds into Wasatch Jr. High and Skyline High makes sense for so many reasons. A walkable neighborhood is rare and promotes healthy exercise, better air quality and reduces car travel time for busy families. Keeping Upland Terrace elementary open attracts young families that will feed into Wasatch and Skyline. It provides open, green space for the surrounding neighborhood. It improves the quality of the neighborhood and renews and revitalizes the aging demographics .	
5/26/2025 13:34:18	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	10. Upland Terrace El	Skyline	Upland terrace is a feeder school To wasatch and skyline, it has great attendance and a wonderful musical every year that the community really gets into. I know numbers are down in ALL the schools you are considering but a nice bonus is that older kids can pick up their younger siblings after school. It is within such a short distance from the Jr. high and high school	
5/26/2025 18:29:11	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El, 6. Oakr	Skyline	From the 3 elementary schools in discussion for being closed... my thoughts are to close Eastwood. Keep Oakridge for the actual building and school grounds. It is bigger, has a bigger gym/gathering place. That is my biggest complaint about Morningside, it was/is too small. The gym was tiny for school functions. And I've always said they should move 1 program from Morningside. Why does any school need 2 programs? Duh, spread out the student body between local schools. The hardest accessible school is Eastwood. Any of the 3 schools are great and can continue to be if combined for a bigger student body.	
5/26/2025 22:25:39	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El, 17. Sky	Skyline	What considerations have been given to parents who live in bounds but their school is closing.	
5/27/2025 7:43:41	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Skyline	My concern is a change to the feeder network. My oldest child will be in 6th grade when his goes into effect. I don't want him to be re-discripted out of his current network. Similarly, I want my younger child to follow the same feeder flow as my older child.	
5/28/2025 8:29:40	C) I am an employee of Granite School District	4. Eastwood El	Skyline	I would like to propose considering an alternative approach for our schools. As we continue to discuss declining enrollment and the importance of attracting students, it may be beneficial to explore innovative solutions. One possibility is to reorganize the populations of Eastwood, Oakridge (and potentially the Canyon Rim area currently assigned to Morningside) by grouping K-2 students into one campus and grades 3-5 into another. This configuration would enable each community to have a neighborhood, walkable school without necessitating closures. Creating campuses focused on specific age groups could enhance targeted learning and better meet students' needs. Key considerations include: 1. Maintaining both schools operationally to prevent students from leaving due to potential closures. Keeping both schools open could help retain students who might otherwise opt for charter and private schools, or leave the district entirely. 2. Utilizing the existing bus routes in the Emigration and Canyon Rim areas, students can be transported to the respective school sites. Additionally, implementing staggered start times may alleviate scheduling challenges for parents of commuting students. 3. Each campus would serve approximately 250 students, distributed across three grade levels instead of six, resulting in a combined student population of around 500, aligned with our target. 4. Both campuses already share resources, including a tech coach, literacy coach, and PE teacher, facilitating potential collaboration and resource sharing. While further details will need to be addressed, this approach could preserve the small-school feel valued by the communities, reduce split classes, and provide adequate support for both students and teachers through appropriately sized classes.	
5/28/2025 15:30:20	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	10. Upland Terrace El	Skyline	When we moved to Utah nearly 30 years ago, we had 3 of our children yet in public schools—1 at each level. We lived in Salt Lake School District at that time but soon realized we'd made a mistake. Someone told us about an alternative located in Granite School District. We soon began commuting over to the Skyline/Wasatch/Upland Terrace neighborhood every day to drive our kids to good schools with excellent music programs, academics, and social experiences. Eventually, we up and moved into that neighborhood. What a delight it was, in so many ways! We were very grateful for the experience our youngest three had here. Many years later, our daughter's family moved up from California to Salt Lake City, and we sold our home to them. They love it here, for the same reasons we did, and fortunately, we were able to downsize into a home right across the street from them—same ward, same neighborhood, and with a lot of younger families now that have moved out since the old folks have passed on! Please do NOT change this little idyllic neighborhood by closing Upland Terrace! Where else can families have all their children within walking distance of all 3 levels of school, interacting sometimes between schools, in fact? High schoolers become volunteer helpers with the little kids, for example. And as I understand it, the land on which the school was built was donated by President Hinckley so that the school could be built there. You saved a lot of money then, and it has paid off well for all who attend here, ever since!	

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5/29/2025 17:47:13	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affected schools	10. Upland Terrace El, 14.	Skyline	Please do not close Upland Terrace! We bought this house down the street BECAUSE of its location and closeness to these schools I checked above. My children are currently too young but they will attend Upland in a few years. They will be able to walk there which is very important to us. We as a family can be involved in their elementary education because we are so close. Every day I hear the school bells from my house and it's lovely to know that my kids will be there one day and the bells will tell me that they are going back inside after recess, or they will soon be home. Please keep this important school where it is!	
5/30/2025 6:38:20	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending one of the affected schools	5. Morningside El	Skyline	To Whom It May Concern, As a parent, homeowner, and invested member of the Holladay community, I am writing to strongly oppose the inclusion of Morningside Elementary School in any boundary study or closure consideration. Morningside is not just another school—it is a cornerstone of educational excellence in the Granite School District and one of the top-performing elementary schools in the state of Utah. Families from across the Salt Lake Valley deliberately choose to enroll their children here because of its outstanding academic reputation, accessible and safe location, and one of the most successful French Dual Immersion programs in the region. I, like many others, purchased my home in this neighborhood specifically so my child could attend Morningside. This is not a casual convenience; it is a life-shaping decision made based on the school's proven performance, safe environment, and cultural enrichment opportunities. The idea that such a school—recognized for excellence—would be on any list of potential closures is not only baffling but deeply concerning. Closing Morningside would be a short-sighted decision with long-term consequences. It would: - Displace hundreds of students who rely on its specialized programs. - Diminish access to dual immersion education. - Disrupt the academic momentum of a high-achieving school. - Undermine trust in the district's commitment to supporting successful schools. - Damage the value and cohesion of the surrounding community. The school's central, easily accessed location adds to its viability and convenience for families from diverse areas. There is no apparent logic in considering Morningside for closure—unless the reasoning stems from factors that have not been publicly disclosed. If such an illogical decision is even being entertained, it raises legitimate concerns that go beyond enrollment numbers and budget considerations. I sincerely hope that this is not the case, but if it appears that real estate interests or private development incentives are influencing decisions that will negatively impact our children's futures, I reserve the right to pursue further inquiry. This may include engaging with investigative entities to examine potential conflicts of interest or misuse of public trust. I urge you to be transparent, thoughtful, and community-minded in your approach. Do not sacrifice a thriving, high-performing, and beloved school for expediency or external influence. Morningside Elementary should be a model for what we preserve, not what we dismantle. Sincerely, {Name Removed} Parent of a Morningside Elementary Student	
5/30/2025 11:12:02	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending one of the affected schools	3. Driggs El	Olympus	Driggs is an amazing school with the absolute best community and parental support. It would be a huge mistake to not keep it open.	
5/30/2025 12:18:19	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affected schools	10. Upland Terrace El, 14.	Skyline	I have a 2 year old daughter and hopefully a second child within the next year or so who will be attending upland terrace. We are bought out because of the proximity to this elementary school. We have 6 other children under the age of 4 on our street who will also be attending upland terrace in the next few years. Please do not close the school	
5/30/2025 12:20:04	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affected schools	10. Upland Terrace El, 14.	Skyline		

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5/30/2025 12:24:27	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte		Skyline	My daughter is 2 years old. We live next to upland elementary and we were looking forward to her attending upland elementary when she is old enough	
5/30/2025 12:31:46	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	10. Upland Terrace El, 14.	Skyline	These schools are a vital part of our community. We attend concerts, programs and theater events and love to support our neighborhood children. We love seeing them walking to and from school. Walkabiktybis important.	
5/30/2025 12:31:51	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	10. Upland Terrace El, 14.	Skyline	We do not want Upland Terrace to close. My children will be attending in the next couple of years.	
5/30/2025 14:28:58	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	10. Upland Terrace El, 14.	Skyline	I have been in upland terrace boundary and Morningside boundary. Currently live by upland. The community is great and local. It seems to me very few students go to another elementary out of boundary. At Morningside so many in boundary went to other schools and my kids friends lived miles and miles away. I have kids that walk to Upland, Wasatch and Skyline without crossing a busy street. All of upland feeds into Wasatch. I love that the elementary doesn't get split up in 6th grade. The programs at upland have been top notch it is so much easier to volunteer when you live close by and feel a draw to it.	
5/30/2025 17:27:30	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	4. Eastwood El, 10. Uplan	Skyline	Upland terrace especially should not be closed because it's the only walkable school in our area and there are many families with small children in the area that will be going to this school in the coming years	
5/30/2025 20:52:54	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Skyline	My family moved from Sugarhouse, in the Salt Lake School District boundaries after realizing our kids would have a long walk across a major busy street to school everyday. We really wanted to live in a neighborhood with a walkable school and we moved to Holladay and attend Morningside, just a block from our home. My older daughter just finished 5th grade and I have another that finished 1st grade this year. Both of them doing the DLI program. This is an older neighborhood but the homes are turning over slowly to younger families. It would really be a shame to lose a school that is in the middle of a neighborhood. I support having to make a hard decision for the benefit of all children, I hope that all schools are weighed for what they bring to the neighborhood.	
5/31/2025 0:26:06	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	10. Upland Terrace El	Skyline	There are a lot of students, including my own, who walk to school each day. Students from the junior high and high school pick up their younger siblings because it is so walkable. Shutting down Upland would require elementary students to cross busy roads, which I do not feel comfortable with. Students from both Wasatch and Skyline go to Upland to tutor and assist teachers. This relationship in our network would be impossible if the elementary school was located elsewhere. Many at Upland have qualified for the gifted program at Morningside, but have chosen to stay at Upland because it is a school they can walk to. There are already quite a few in the Skyline/Olympus area that attend Canyon Rim Academy. I do worry that closing Upland will push more students to leave the district and attend the charter school. Upland is unique in its location compared to the other elementary schools. There is no other in this area that is so connected to the secondary schools and more suited to be a Skyline network elementary school.	
5/31/2025 7:20:16	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Skyline	Morningside is a school where ALL children thrive. Morningside successfully serves learning disabled children, developmentally delayed children, gifted children, "behavior" children, and traditional children. For example, my first grader got a new student in his class this school year who was expelled from another school in the district due to behavior issues. He got off to a rocky start as expected, but by the end of the school year, the student had appropriate behaviors and several friends due to effective interventions from our social worker, behavior aid, teacher, admin, and appropriately modeled behavior/kindness from other students. Another example- both of my sons are dyslexic. My oldest applied for an Eastwood permit for his kindergarten year. He was accepted on a 30-day contingency and the Eastwood principal reserved the right to expel him at her discretion prior to the 30 days. I asked if this was the case for all permit students, to which the principal replied "Only special education students". The 30-day contingency was later revoked after I spoke to the district legal, but it is unfortunate that the culture of Eastwood is to discriminate against children with learning disabilities. My son ended up attending kindergarten at Oakridge where they did not understand dyslexia and he was denied FAPE. When we transferred to Morningside in 1st grade, he immediately started receiving appropriate intervention and completed 5th grade reading on grade level after chasing the benchmark since his kindergarten days at Oakridge. Additionally, many students have transferred to Morningside from Oakridge over the years due to being bullied at Oakridge and Oakridge teachers and administrators failing to protect students. These students found a safe and welcoming environment at Morningside, and achieved social and academic success throughout their years at Morningside. As a lunch recess duty helper on Fridays at Morningside this school year, my biggest problem was keeping Churchill students who had finished school for the day off of Morningside's campus because they wanted to visit their previous Morningside teachers. What a beautiful problem to have that even after graduating, these junior high students still consider Morningside their home. Morningside is a safe haven by so many in our community. Please don't take this safe haven away from our youth. These are only a few examples of Morningside's inclusive and safe culture. Please allow Morningside to remain open, so it can continue to serve as an example of how an elementary school should align exactly with the Granite School District's Mission "...to work with families and the community to achieve their highest potential by fostering a safe, inclusive, innovative learning environment..." I hope that Morningside's strong values will be a factor that is seriously considered in the boundary study decision. This value cannot be measured, but is invaluable to the future of our community.	
5/31/2025 18:27:27	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	10. Upland Terrace El, 14.	Skyline	One of the reasons we moved to this neighborhood is because it had three schools elementary, junior, and high school in walking distance for our 4 children all connected to Upland drive. Upland Terrace elementary, the students, teachers and green space are a vital part of our neighborhood community.	

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5/31/2025 23:00:27	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	4. Eastwood El	Skyline	I am a parent of children who currently attend Eastwood Elementary, having been enrolled since preschool. I would like to express my support for the inclusive environment that Eastwood provides for all students. At the same time, I wish to share some concerns based on my personal experiences. My background includes being part of a minority group, having no religious affiliation, and my family is currently considered a middle-class family. As a child, I was raised by a poor single mother in the Rose Park area. I was unaware of any differences I may have had until I transferred to a school located in an area represented in this study, which occurred in fifth grade. While I received a quality education and generally had positive experiences, I am aware of what it feels like to be perceived as different in a more affluent, predominantly Caucasian, and religiously affiliated community. My wife also attended schools in the area of study, and our extended family still resides nearby. When deciding where to enroll our children (we live in the Salt Lake School District but wanted to have our kids closer to our work and to family if we found the right fit), we considered factors such as strong academic performance, the convenience of the school's location for commuting with two working parents (Eastwood's location is amazing and was a huge selling point), and the diversity of the student body, including the inclusion of students from outside the immediate neighborhood. While we recognize that a very diverse east side school may not fully represent a broad range of backgrounds, we sought a school that reflects a variety of life experiences beyond the local community that would hopefully be welcoming to “outsiders”. Eastwood met these criteria. Our children have been part of the Eastwood community for five years, and the experience has exceeded our expectations. They have never expressed feeling different—whether in terms of race, as they have commented positively on the presence of peers who share similar backgrounds (though such peers are not abundant), or in terms of religion and economic status, which have never been issues. The parking lot reflects a diverse range of vehicles, indicating economic variety, yet all children interact like that doesn’t matter, because it shouldn’t. This inclusive and welcoming atmosphere is what initially attracted us to Eastwood and continues to sustain our commitment to the community. I am submitting this comment at the final hour because I initially hesitated to share this perspective, but I believe it is relevant to our decision-making process regarding the Granite District. During our research of schools in the area, we spoke with multiple community members who brought to our attention an issue related to inclusion that occurred at a nearby school. I want to be careful not to unfairly criticize any institution, but I feel it is important to be transparent about our concerns. As a parent of children who may not fit the traditional mold of the "Cove" area, I am concerned by reports of some parents a few years ago at the other school that resisted open enrollment for children who do not live in the immediate neighborhood, with impressions that such students "don't belong." This situation raises worries for us about the inclusiveness of the environment. Recently, at the last study meeting at Wasatch, my sister-in-law overheard two parents (one was from each school) discussing schools above Wasatch Boulevard. One parent stated she lived "in the Cove, by Eastwood," and the other responded, "that's not the Cove." Such attitudes feel exclusionary and unwelcoming. This concerns me as a parent considering the future of having my children attend school in this area—particularly if Eastwood Elementary were to close and be absorbed by that nearby school. While I recognize that not everyone at any school shares this perspective, coming from my background, these attitudes prompt me to possibly reconsider our plans and return to our home schools in the Salt Lake District. If the two schools merged or some other situation where Eastwood could welcome students from other schools, implement its welcoming environment because they already draw so many of us that don’t already live in the boundary, that would sit a lot better with me when we have a lot to lose as a family that isn't from "the Cove". It would greatly alleviate my concerns, given the importance of inclusivity for our family.	
6/1/2025 11:30:14	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	10. Upland Terrace El, 14.	Skyline	We moved here as our kids were in elementary through highschool age. Schools were close in a fairly traffic free neighborhood. It was a BIG draw to us in buying a home in this area! Schools are needed in this area especially since the older generation who have lived here for a long time are moving away to care centers and beyond leaving vroom for young families with children who go to elementary, junior, and high school. It would be unwise to close school in this area at this time.	
6/1/2025 15:01:39	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	5. Morningside El	Skyline	Morningside is a safe, low cost, efficient and popular school. The STEM and French Immersion programs are strong and very beneficial. Our 6 children all went to this school. We love to watch as our neighbors send their children there under the watchful care of crossing guards and excellent teachers and administrators.	

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6/2/2025 8:53:04	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Skyline	Feedback submitted to the Boundaries email 5.31.25 "I am a parent at Morningside Elementary. I have two main considerations that I want to share, which I will then explore in more detail below. 1. It is helpful for parents who have differing ability children to have one school to fit both their needs. I have one son in the ALC program and one in the French program. Having both programs at the same school allows us to keep our boys together (for our family's sanity) while also giving different opportunities that fit their needs. 2. Having the ALC program at a school that has French has highlighted that ALC is just another option. Instead of the ALC kids being treated differently or feeling like they are better, they know they are just ONE of the great options. I don't feel like the French kids feel left out, as they have their own great opportunities. There does not seem to be teasing or tension between the classes. It seems like the ideal place to put the ALC program. Background I have boys that are a year apart in school. We left our neighborhood school to come to Morningside. The original motivation was to provide a rigorous education for our younger son in the gifted and talented program at Morningside. The ALC has been fantastic and has allowed my son to learn with others who love grammar rules and know everything about animals. Meanwhile, my older son was excited to try the French program, and it was wonderful to have an equally challenging program for him, even though he has different strengths. Morningside's French program has exceeded my expectations. My son is speaking fluently and loves to go to school. The teachers and staff are amazing! I love how seamlessly the French-English teacher pairs work together. As a parent, it has been invaluable for me to keep the boys at the same school but to give them different challenges to meet their needs. We have been so happy with the Morningside community. We enjoy the clubs, such as art, STEM, and reading, where the kids can interact with students in the other programs. It adds tremendous depth to the boys' education. They also enjoy the art instruction, dance performances, and musical instrument program. The families have been friendly and welcomed us from the very beginning. We love Morningside! Thanks for your consideration, [Name removed]	
6/2/2025 10:16:13	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	1. Cottonwood El	Olympus	Closure of Cottonwood Elementary would be detrimental, because we chose Cottonwood for its high academic success and outstanding teachers and staff. We were within the Millcreek Elementary boundary, which was closed down. Closure of Cottonwood would require us to potentially seek school options outside of Granite school district to stay close and not increase our commute. This would lead to less funding for the Granite School District. Closure also leads to further overcrowding in desirable schools. Many families in my area struggle to send their kids to schools that are highly rated and offer the best possible education for our children. The schools we are rebounded to are not acceptable. Our community does not want the closure of such an exemplary school.	
6/2/2025 10:19:01	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	1. Cottonwood El, 13. Oly	Olympus	We have loved our time at Cottonwood Elementary. Closing down that school would most likely lead us to having to make the very difficult choice to go private for a year before Jr High. It would be hard for our children geographically and if they would even get accepted into Crestview or Driggs. Oakwood is not rated as high as we would prefer to send our children and their network of peers do not go to that school. So it would make sense to pull them out and put them into private. We truly value the education Cottonwood has provided and hopefully continues to provide for our kids. Our neighborhood has a lot of kids that go to Cottonwood for their exceptional education and feeds into Olympus. We would all have to make the hard decision of whether to pull them out of public school if you take Cottonwood away from us. I know it is a very difficult decision and appreciate your time,	
6/2/2025 11:13:02		1. Cottonwood El	Olympus	We bring our children in to Cottonwood Elementary for 2 very important reasons for us. The results that we have seen from Cottonwood which we researched prior to making the decision. Since our children have started attending Cottonwood Elementary we have seen how amazing the results have been with the culture and teachers that they have there. If Cottonwood was not an option I'm not sure that we would make the decision on another public school for. Partially because I don't know that I trust that another school would be as good, but also for the 2nd reason we chose it initially which is location. Our kids are at a walkable distance to my office which would not be the case from any other school in this area.	
6/2/2025 11:17:25	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	1. Cottonwood El	Olympus	I have one child who just finished Kindergarten at Cottonwood Elementary. I have a 3-year-old who will enroll as well in a couple years. Closing Cottonwood Elementary would be a tragedy for our community and for us. We walk to school, which is extremely important to us. Friends at Oakwood say their dropoff is a nightmare with traffic and I would not go there. If Cottonwood closes I may leave Granite School District. I understand populations are changing but closing schools ruins communities. We need to find ways to keep schools open and retain teachers to get through population changes. I would rather have combined grade levels in a class than move schools. I am noticing more and more young children in my immediate neighborhood who can walk to school soon. Do not close Cottonwood, please. It would be a disgusting government failure. Public Education is so important, closing schools does not reflect that.	

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6/2/2025 11:34:02	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	1. Cottonwood El, 13. Oly	Olympus	I understand that some schools need to close, and I know it is not an easy decision; Everyone loves their school! I feel that Cottonwood should not be up for closure because of a few reasons besides my own personal love for it and great experience there. First, Cottonwood Elementary is a great neighborhood walkable school. While my children take the bus, most of their friends are able to walk to school and they all walk home together to each other's houses to play. I strongly believe the research shows having walkable neighborhood public schools is of vital importance to the health of the greater community - not just for the health and socialization of children and young families, but for the whole town. It creates a great strength in the community and strong bonds, and I believe it creates more community involvement because people are getting to know each other and spreading the word about community events and problems. Cottonwood is very walkable and most of the students and families that I know live in boundary. Second, I feel that the location of Cottonwood Elementary is such that closure would not make sense. It is located on the edge of the district as well as the Olympus High School network. If the boundary change causes a change in high school network, I feel that will cause a lot of problems especially for families who have children currently in junior high or high school. I do not anticipate that they would be comfortable with their older kids changing schools, nor do I think they would be likely to have their younger children go to a different high school than their older siblings. So if a change in high school network is part of the plan, I believe it would backfire because people will keep their kids at the same high school regardless as they are comfortable with it and passionate about it. Third, I think there are other schools where closure makes more sense. I don't want to point fingers, but genuinely feel that the closure and transition would be more seamless. I may have incorrect information, but from what I understand Morningside has two programs (Accelerated Learning and French Immersion), and therefore many of the attending kids live outside of the Morningside boundary. I believe the value should be placed in boundary attendance more than attendance due to special programs. Those special programs could be moved to other schools and caretakers are driving their kids from out of boundary anyway so it wouldn't be a problem to just drive them to a different school. Boundary study aside, I feel it doesn't make sense for Morningside to have two special programs to begin with. I also feel that other schools, (for example, Eastwood) are not safely walkable and therefore make more sense to close than schools where a majority can walk. Fourth, I think it will increase the likelihood of families in my area to send their kids to charter or private schools and Granite will lose more students and funding. There already are a few families in my neighborhood who go to private or charter schools, and I anticipate losing even more to charter and private with these changes, which is very sad to me! I love and believe in public schools because of many reasons and especially for the neighborhood bonds and community strength they provide. My kids don't know the kids at the other private and charter school well and therefore don't socialize with them much. I can visualize a slippery slope of deterioration in our community if we stop getting to know our neighbors - neighborhood schools create an easy method of getting to know people, which I believe is the basis for unity. If public schools no longer are synonymous with "neighborhood schools" then I would be more likely to pull my children out and send them elsewhere since I believe one of the greatest assets to a public school will have been taken away. I wish to thank those who are involved and giving their time in helping determine the best option to create the healthiest outcome for our children and community.	
6/2/2025 12:21:50	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	1. Cottonwood El, 13. Oly	Olympus	We were an out of boundary student that took our kids to cottonwood elementary for the best academic opportunity based on their scores. We loved the school and area so much we moved into the neighborhood. Having my kids walk to school has been such a blessing and has enhanced their independence and the social relationships as they can connect with so many more kids. Have to switch schools to deal with bussing and leave the academia at our school we have grown to love would feel devastating to our family. Everyone is so happy in there learning, friends, teachers and so much more that our community offers. Closing our school would cause so many families to leave the district and attend other options. Charter school, private and even the neighboring canyons district.	
6/2/2025 12:32:06	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	1. Cottonwood El, 13. Oly	Olympus	I would strongly encourage that you consider the location of Cottonwood Elementary and why it is not a good candidate for closure. Cottonwood is a largely walkable school located at the southern edge of the district. Closing it could result in significantly longer commutes requiring bussing for students and families in our area. It would leave a concentration of schools at the very north end of Holladay, leaving central and south Holladay without a neighborhood school. Additionally, there are TONS of families that will not send their kids to another Granite School district school but instead join extended family or other friends at Charter or Private Schools. Losing funding from Cottonwood Elementary families could be dire for Granite. Thank you for your consideration.	
6/2/2025 13:51:32	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	1. Cottonwood El, 13. Oly	Olympus	Please think about keeping cottonwood elem open- it is the furthest southern school and would add such a commute for lots of families!	
6/2/2025 13:56:38	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	1. Cottonwood El	Olympus	Closing Cottonwood would probably make me choose private or even home study. I literally chose my house because of proximity to the school and it's high ranking!	
6/2/2025 14:51:42	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	1. Cottonwood El	Olympus	I have many concerns about the possible closing of our school. My number one concern is geographic - my children walk to and from school with other kids in our neighborhood every day. If our school closes, we will have a significant commute time added to our schedules to get them to another school. They also lose out on the exercise and fresh air of having a school within walking distance. Our neighborhood is filled with families who can afford to send their kids to private school, but still choose Cottonwood because of the high caliber of teachers and the wonderful environment they create. If Cottonwood closes, our family and many others will choose to attend private school rather than attend another public elementary. Cottonwood has an excellent reputation and is a pillar in our community. It would be a real tragedy if the school was closed. Please keep our school open.	
6/2/2025 18:33:34	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	10. Upland Terrace El, 14.	Skyline	We currently have two children who are hoping to attend Upland Elementary and eventually Wasatch Jr and Skyline. Please keep the elementary open. We would love to continue the community we have developed in our neighborhood throughout their education. The quality of education at Upland was a large part of why we chose to raise our children here. Thank you for your time.	

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6/2/2025 21:59:06	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	1. Cottonwood El	Olympus	Our kids have attended cottonwood for the past 5 years. We love the school and appreciate the amount of parents involvement and the wonderful staff who work so hard to communicate with parents and give our students a wonderful education. It's been hard to see the school losing wonderful teachers over the years and classes being combined to compensate. This last year some classes were almost 40 kids. Cottonwood continues to be a highly ranked school and performs well on testing and the kids and teachers love it there. It would be sad to see such a well functioning school closed and combined with others. I feel cottonwood is a model school	
6/3/2025 9:28:30	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	1. Cottonwood El	Olympus	We love Cottonwood Elementary! It is one of the top performing schools in the state and we'd be heartbroken to see it closed. I have five children and if closed we will be homeschooling instead of transferring to other schools farther away. Cottonwood is walkable and is the heart of our community. While I am no expert when it comes to population analysis, it makes sense in my mind to close Morningside and adjust boundaries to go to Driggs and Upland Terrance and possibly even send the French Immersion program over to Cottonwood. My husband lived on Valley View Avenue growing up and went to Cottonwood and now that street goes to Driggs.. My suggestion would be to send the streets South of Kentucky Avenue back to Cottonwood to help grow our numbers since it's equal distance to Cottonwood! We love our school!	
6/3/2025 11:28:25	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	1. Cottonwood El	Cottonwood	As a parent, I'm deeply concerned about the potential closure of Cottonwood Elementary. Our school is walkable for many families in central and south Holladay — closing it would mean long bus rides and fewer neighborhood options. We love Cottonwood not just for its convenience, but for its strong academics and community. If it closes, families like ours may feel forced to consider private or out-of-district schools, which could lead to declining enrollment and funding for Granite District. Please keep Cottonwood open for our kids and our community.	
6/3/2025 19:22:57	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	17. Skyline High	Skyline	While declining numbers is a real thing, I am concerned the value of local culture is not being properly weighted. The schools in my area are some of the best in the entire state. Our success is due to a local culture, built over generations, that is highly engaged, and values education. Each time one of these schools are closed an entire ecosystem that cannot easily be replaced is lost. People come from all over the state to attend our schools and something significant and irreplaceable is lost each time one is closed. Some closures —hopefully severely limited, especially in schools that are already consistently full—are likely inevitable. Are there ways to divert programs —such as the Chinese immersion program at spring lane that was lost when that school closed? How is the district approaching reappropriating resources so they aren't simply lost?	
6/3/2025 22:09:35	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	1. Cottonwood El	Olympus	Our house is right behind cottonwood elementary (why we bought this specific house). There are not any other schools near our house and would really increase our commute time. If we don't have a neighborhood school and I have to spend time driving them to a further school, we might consider doing a charter school.	
6/3/2025 23:32:08	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	1. Cottonwood El	Olympus	We specifically chose Cottonwood Elementary for its strong reputation and consistent record of high academic achievement. It is widely recognized as one of the top-performing schools in the area, which is why we willingly make the daily commute from Taylorsville—passing closer schools that simply do not offer the same level of excellence. If Cottonwood Elementary were to close, we would be far more likely to explore charter or private school options, as the quality of education provided at our neighborhood schools does not meet the same standard. Being part of the Cottonwood Elementary community and the Granite School District has been a source of pride for our family. The school offers not only academic rigor but also a nurturing and inclusive environment led by a dedicated and exceptional staff. Closing this school would not only disrupt the educational success of its students but would also deeply impact the surrounding community. It would remove a beacon of academic excellence and stability—something that families have come to rely on and value. We urge you to consider the long-term consequences of such a decision, both educationally and socially.	
6/4/2025 11:43:48	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	3. Driggs El	Olympus	Please keep Driggs elementary open! It seems like it is a thriving school that the community here loves! I am very much looking forward to having my son enroll there this fall in kindergarten and would hope to see the rest of my young children attend this school in the many years to come!	

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6/4/2025 14:31:15	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affected areas	10. Upland Terrace El, 14. Skyline	Skyline	As a neighbor of the school and a parent of four children who all attended Upland Terrace, I feel I need to advocate for its importance and value. The school's location in an exceptionally safe and walkable area, away from busy streets, offers a fundamental benefit by allowing children to gain independence through safe commutes. Living directly across from a crosswalk, I witness daily the children who have the opportunity to simply be kids as they walk to and from school. Beyond its excellent location, the continuity of having my children stay within the same school district throughout their education was invaluable. My older children experienced transitions between multiple school districts, and the differences in funding and programs with outcomes that were not always ideal. Upland Terrace feeds directly into Wasatch Jr. and then Skyline, which not only provides consistent funding but also fosters familiarity and ability to form longtime friendships. Furthermore, when my children were in high school, they were able to easily pick up and drop off their younger siblings at the lower schools, simplifying our daily routines and strengthening their sibling bonds. Having lived in this neighborhood for over 20 years, it's clear that Upland Terrace is an asset to our community, and we sincerely hope it remains for years to come.	
6/5/2025 15:50:20	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending one of the affected areas	1. Cottonwood El		Feedback sent to the Boundaries email 6.4.25 "Hi- I am writing in regards to the east side elementary boundary study. I currently have three kids that go to Cottonwood Elementary, ages 9, 6, and 6. We come from an area in Murray and drive 20 minutes to and from Cottonwood. We have a Murray school district elementary right around the corner from our house. We chose Cottonwood because of its excellent academic and overall reputation within the state. My oldest will be going into 4th grade this coming year, and started at Cottonwood in Kindergarten. All three of my kids did their pre-school years at the Challenger in Holliday. My kids have excelled at Cottonwood academically and in every way. If Cottonwood Elementary is closed we will be forced to leave granite school district and look at going back to Challenger or other charter options that have high academic standards. The staff at Cottonwood Elementary are the best I have seen, from [Name Removed] to every teacher we have been associated with. Please don't close a school that is excelling and working right at every level! Thank you for your consideration!!"	
6/5/2025 17:55:24	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending one of the affected areas	3. Driggs El	Olympus	Driggs is far more than just educational buildings—it is a safe gathering place for students, faculty, families, and community members. What is the urgency in closing up to three schools? The schools being considered are located in Holladay and Millcreek. Closing even one school in each city would have a significant impact on the residents and the communities these schools support. Closing two schools in the same community would be even more detrimental. The closure of just one school in each area will already have lasting effects on students, families, and neighborhoods. I have heard chatter about Morningside and Driggs being good options for closure. These two schools serve a similar area and are both located in the heart of Holladay. Closing both would leave a large gap right in the center of the city. Holladay has worked hard over the past several years to enhance its appeal. Improvements to Holladay Park, the City Center, Harmons, and the shops near Walgreens have significantly increased the city's walkability and desirability. Closing two schools in this central area could severely damage the vibrant Holladay environment we've all grown to love and appreciate. I'm sure you're aware of the discussions around forming a new school district in Area 5. Personally, I'm grateful to be part of the Granite School District. However, if three schools in Holladay and Millcreek are closed, I believe that conversation will gain even more traction. In talking with friends, it's clear many parents view a new district as a potential positive change. They want to keep their neighborhood schools open and their children with familiar friends, peers, and beloved teachers. Additionally, a new private school—Slope School—has recently opened in Millcreek. Have you heard of it? From what I've found online, its values seem closely aligned with those of many families in Area 5. A significant number of families in this area have the means to pursue private or alternative education. If three local schools are closed, I believe many will opt out of the district entirely in search of other educational options.	
6/5/2025 20:11:22	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending one of the affected areas	4. Eastwood El	Skyline	While I would ultimately be happy with having my children at any of the area's schools, I have major concerns about school closures, particularly Eastwood. I do not want to see Eastwood closed to students for a handful of reasons. First, our family has had a wonderful experience with the teachers and community. The land being used for something other than a school would greatly degrade the value it currently holds for the community and neighborhood. We chose to move to this neighborhood specifically so we could enroll in Eastwood. Eastwood has the capacity to welcome many more students, and we should. Of all the amazing amenities and experiences the school has to offer, I wish we could extend it to any child who can attend! A great solution would be to move Eastwood students to Oakridge for a couple of years while Eastwood is rebuilt to earthquake safety standards. The location for parents dropping their kids off on their way to work is excellent, and the land needs to stay a green space.	

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6/6/2025 7:53:50	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	4. Eastwood EI	Skyline	Eastwood is our neighborhood school. We moved here specifically to be able to walk and bike to school and have that school in our neighborhood fabric. Eastwood is also among the top elementary schools statewide! Our neighborhood is on the brink of a huge turnover from the original owners. We purchased our home from the original owners five years ago. Young families are moving in and having kids. There are so many young kids newborn to 3 who aren't being captured in the study numbers—we weren't even asked if our kids at school have younger siblings who would be attending the elementary school in the coming years! If Eastwood closes, we will likely go to Salt Lake City school district. I hope you also consider transition options that may utilize two schools as one larger school but in two school buildings/campuses to right size the classes per grade. Also, provide a full school day option for preschool that parents can PAY for...this would also help with kindergarten retention at the school. Beacon Heights does this. Please TRY creative ideas and also give a few more years to see what may change in the neighborhoods. Don't forget about how many out of boundary/district students come to Eastwood and all of the students bussed in from Emigration. So many of those students will likely leave the district altogether if Eastwood closes. Lastly, Eastwood was bonded for a rebuild and was supposed to be rebuilt in the next few years if Skyline's rebuild hadn't gotten so expensive. It is not okay to ignore this and what the taxpayers voted for. Please do NOT close Eastwood. Let's work together to test some options. Please actually listen and consider creative ideas!	
6/6/2025 9:04:10	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	1. Cottonwood EI	Olympus	We love our proximity to cottonwood elem. and if we are forced to consolidate or close we will be enrolling our children in private schools rather than continue in the public school system. We would like to see schools focus on the kids' one on one needs in smaller more personal settings rather than numbers and statistics in a cattle yard system. Cottonwood elem. is the place to be! Let's not change that.	
6/6/2025 9:41:21	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	5. Morningside EI	Skyline	Dear Committee & GSD Board, I have lived across the street from Morningside Elementary for the past 24 years. All four of our children attended Morningside, then Churchill, and Skyline — with our youngest graduating from Skyline this May. Years ago, when Morningside was first considered for closure, I was a PTA member and volunteer. We went door to door in the neighborhood, showing that young families were moving in and enrollment would grow. When the opportunity came for Morningside to house the French Dual Immersion program after Upland Terrace declined, we eagerly embraced it. The school has also welcomed the Blind & Deaf School and the Gifted/ALC program over the years, creating an inclusive and supportive community for students of all backgrounds and abilities. Morningside has consistently done what it takes to stay full and serve its community. In addition to being a neighbor and parent, I am a current principal and former teacher, paraeducator, and substitute in Granite District. I've attended boundary study meetings and understand the difficult need to close some east-side schools as enrollments decline. However, Morningside currently serves 550–600 students — more than double the enrollment of other east-side schools with 250–300. It is a safe, well-kept, ADA-compliant building surrounded by a supportive neighborhood. While programs can be relocated, it would be inequitable to displace 600 students and their families when smaller schools with outdated facilities are better candidates for consolidation. I believe closures should be based on enrollment numbers, building condition, and long-term viability. If one Skyline network and one Olympus network school need to close, it makes sense to start with smaller schools that have struggled to fill. Thank you for your consideration.	
6/8/2025 18:15:24	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	10. Upland Terrace EI	Skyline	I moved here to be extremely close to Upland Terrace. I hear consistently positive feedback about the staff and teachers, and families keep moving to this area. There are few schools so walkable, and fresh sidewalks put in recently. This is the model to follow, not shut down.	
6/8/2025 23:31:32	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	1. Cottonwood EI	Olympus	Geographic concerns: Cottonwood is a largely walkable school located at the southern edge of the district. Closing it could result in significantly longer commutes requiring bussing for students and families in our area. It would leave a concentration of schools at the very north end of Holladay, leaving central and south Holladay without a neighborhood school. Retention of students within the district: Closing Cottonwood Elementary could result in families choosing private, charter, or out-of-district schools, leading to a loss of funding for Granite District. Retention of students outside of the district: Many families choose Cottonwood for its high academic performance, including some from outside the district. If the school were to close, these families may seek alternatives beyond Granite, leading to potential enrollment and funding losses.	

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6/9/2025 13:29:36	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	4. Eastwood El	Skyline	We have gone through this when East Millcreek Elementary was closed. It is the only green space in our neighborhood within walking distance without crossing major (3300 South or 2300 East). Now Eastwood will be the same situation if the school is closed--there is no place safe for children to access green space in that area (above Wasatch Blvd). I realize schools might need to be closed, but if the district sells the land off, they should create a neighborhood park that will serve these areas that will lose the green space. We were told we could use East Millcreek Elementary (now the Reid School), but within days, Mrs. Reid put up chain link and NO TRESPASSING signs. Please address this situation when you make decisions to close schools -- carve out neighborhood parks PLEASE.	
6/9/2025 13:37:04	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	10. Upland Terrace El	Skyline	I have two children that are under 5, but we are planning and hoping to go to Upland Terrace elementary. We live less than two blocks away from Upland Terrace and one of the biggest drawers of our current location was the close proximity to an elementary school. It is clear that it is a community school As we see so many children walking to school including younger siblings, being walked to school by their older siblings that are going up to either Wasatch middle school or skyline high school. There is no question that we would send our children to Upland Terrace and that we would walk the short distance there. Is an excellent elementary school and would be a loss to our community if it was to close. Please feel free to contact me for additional information.	
6/9/2025 14:20:49	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	10. Upland Terrace El, 14.	Skyline	I have lived in the Upland/Wasatch/Skyline neighborhood for 24 years, have been PTA president at all 3 schools, have sent my 5 children to all 3 schools, and now have grandchildren set to attend Upland Terrace in Fall 2025. We worked hard for and were delighted when the district decided to rebuild Wasatch Jr. after the fire, and have likewise been happy that the district is putting so much thought, planning and funding into rebuilding Skyline as well. Upland Terrace is an essential part of this tri-school area, and is very attractive to families with the schools in such close proximity to each other. Upland is a highly rated elementary that also has a superb special education program(that if moved would be extremely challenging to those children), and is the only true feeder into both Wasatch and Skyline. SO many children are able to walk to and from school, in this safe neighborhood area, and be picked up by family members without the use of a car. Upland Terrace seems like a very illogical school for the district to close.	
6/9/2025 14:40:12	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	10. Upland Terrace El, 14.	Other	I received a flyer saying they were considering closing down upland. I'm actually in favor of this decision. I do not see the school as valuable to our community and have chosen to send my children to multiple other schools to avoid enrolling in Upland.	
6/9/2025 18:55:07	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	10. Upland Terrace El	Skyline	We love Upland Terrace. We specifically bought our house so our children could go to Upland Terrace. Our kids walk to and from school each day because of its location in our neighborhood. My older son will be attending Wasatch Jr and will be picking up my younger son from Upland because they are so close to each other and to our home. If Upland Terrace closes, it will be a great hardship on our family. It would require my kids to walk to and from a school that is farther away and require crossing a busy street. I would be very concerned for their safety. We are a dual income household and do not have the ability to drive our children each day, so it would be a great hardship for our family. Additionally, we have grown to love the Upland Terrace community and the traditions it has including orchestra and musical both of which my son has participated in.	
6/9/2025 19:05:26	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	10. Upland Terrace El	Skyline	As working parents, the potential closure of Upland Terrace Elementary would have a significant and negative impact on our family. One of the main reasons we chose to live in this neighborhood was the safe, walkable access our children have to Upland Terrace. Our kids are able to walk to and from school without crossing dangerous intersections or relying on busy roads, which gives us peace of mind and supports their independence. This setup also helps us balance our work schedules, as we are not always able to do school drop-off or pick-up ourselves. Additionally, the proximity of Upland Terrace to the middle school has been a key part of our plan for next year, when our older child would be able to help with after-school pickup. If the school closes, that simple solution disappears, and instead, we would face serious logistical challenges with transportation, which would add stress and take time away from both work and family. Upland Terrace is more than just a school to us—it's an essential part of our daily life and our community. We urge the district to keep it open for the many families like ours who rely on it every day.	
6/9/2025 21:30:05	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	10. Upland Terrace El	Skyline	Upland is a true neighborhood Elementary. As it only feeds Wasatch Jr it is a vital part of the neighborhood schools. While the pupil numbers are currently down a little in the area I believe we will see a fair amount of new families move in as the incredible new Skyline facilities are completed and brought online.	
6/9/2025 23:21:20	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	10. Upland Terrace El, 14.	Skyline	The three schools, Upland Terrace, Wasatch and Skyline are close together in an ideal formation for families. This was eminent domain land; that should mean something. Skyline and Wasatch have just been rebuilt. No elementary school can match Upland terrace for safety of location, close proximity to the junior high and high school that it feeds, the number of students that can walk to the school, and the strength of its special education program and excellent teachers.	
6/10/2025 10:26:48	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	1. Cottonwood El	Olympus	I was only able to select one of the above options for affiliations above, but I am a teacher with a student at Cottonwood Elementary. My daughter just finished 5th grade (on special permit). She is currently enrolled at Olympus Jr. for next year. If Cottonwood closes the following year (depending on where I am reassigned), we will likely send her to her homeschool in Murray District. My goal is to remain a teacher with GSD, but it is also important to be on the same calendar as my children, for childcare purposes. Because of this, I would look at employment opportunities at schools w/in Murray as well. I appreciate your thoughtful and difficult work in this process. Thank you for your consideration.	

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6/10/2025 13:07:38	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	10. Upland Terrace El	Skyline	I would like to see Upland Terrace stay open. It is a valuable player in the Skyline network as it is a neighborhood school to which students can walk. It is a community school rather than one to which students commute. It unites the community as we have many neighbors who have students that share this building. I also appreciate their focus on the arts as well as the outstanding faculty.	
6/10/2025 15:32:39	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	10. Upland Terrace El, 14.	Skyline	Upland is the only elementary school that fully feeds into wasatch Jr. High and Skyline High, both of which have received significant district funding. Keeping a neighborhood elementary supports this investment.	
6/10/2025 16:36:46	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	10. Upland Terrace El	Skyline	Closing Upland would be very disruptive to the neighborhood! We have so many kids that go to this school that are in boundary and walk to school daily, including my own kids. We are the only feeder school for Wasatch junior high and Skyline. We have many older students who pick up their siblings from Wasatch and/or Upland. I also personally know in boundary students participating in the special education program and closing Upland would greatly impact those families. Upland is such a community school and has so much support from the neighborhood. It would deeply disrupt the neighborhood and those living here now and for future generations.	
6/10/2025 17:11:11	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	14. Wasatch Jr	Skyline	I’m not sure what the value of closing schools on the east side would be. I have lived in granite school district my entire 66 years. I have seen the population grow and dwindle cyclically every 20 years. The elementary schools that have a majority of walking population should probably stay open as they create a safe neighborhood environment. In the Upland Terrace area specifically you have already closed East Millcreek and Canyon Rim. It seems illogical to close the only other elementary below Wasatch blvd that directly feeds into Skyline.	
6/10/2025 19:08:17	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	17. Skyline High	Skyline	The closing of Upland Terrace would be detrimental to Skyline’s Community of Caring students and Upland’s special education students. My daughter attended Upland, Wasatch, and now Skyline. The relationships she has built with the SpEd teacher and her students is priceless -my daughter now wants to be a special education teacher. The students my daughter works with are from the same neighborhood/surrounding area we live in, which has helped in her building a rapport with them. In addition, having Upland within walking distance from Skyline (and Wasatch) is quite sensible when 9th and 10th grade students, that are not old enough to drive, are still able to walk to after-school sweeper jobs, pickup younger siblings, and Upland students can walk to Skyline for the annual school play field trip.	
6/11/2025 12:15:25	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	10. Upland Terrace El	Skyline	-upland has great walkability! Most students walk -we are the only school that solely feeds into wasatch and skyline. -my older kids walk from wasatch and pick younger siblings up on the way home from school -we have thriving Special education program!	
6/11/2025 16:27:23	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	10. Upland Terrace El	Skyline	We love having an elementary school in our neighborhood. It isa great school in a great location close to jr high and high school so parents can drop all their kids no matter what age. My kids attended upland and had a good experience. My grand kids will soon be attending and don’t want to have to drive to another school outside of the neighborhood. Please don’t close the school . We still have a lot of kids in our neighborhood.	
6/11/2025 19:52:18	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	10. Upland Terrace El	Skyline	I think Upland Terrace is located in a unique area. No where else in all of Granite District do you have 3 schools, one an elementary, one junior high and one high school, all within walking distance of each other. The walkability safety that provides all school aged children cannot be matched. Elementary students regularly walk to performances at the junior high and high school, saving money that would otherwise be used to bus the students there. There is a vibrant connection with high school students volunteering at Upland, helping in classrooms (including thriving special education classes) and at school functions. Because 79% of the in-boundary students attend Upland, it is truly a “neighborhood school”. I believe Granite District would do itself a disservice to close Upland Terrace due to its location to its feeder schools and due to the “walkability” where children are not having to cross any of the “major” roads. Thank you for your careful consideration of this issue.	

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6/11/2025 20:36:52	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	3. Driggs El	Olympus	I have a child going into second grade at Driggs this next year and have two younger kids who will start kindergarten in the next couple of years. [Identifying information removed]. We have only lived in this area for about six months now but plan to stay forever. We have absolutely loved Driggs so far and I'm so grateful for the Driggs community helping my son be successful with the transition. I understand the options with the potential school closures and boundary changes. The thing I feel most passionate about to voice my opinion is IF our neighborhood boundary is changed, WE WOULD MUCH MUCH RATHER BE ASSIGNED TO CRESTWOOD RATHER THAN COTTONWOOD. Being new to the area I feel like I am neutral about all the schools themselves because I don't understand all the cultural things and history or specifics of any of the schools to judge them by. The reason I care so much is because Crestwood is less than a mile from our home with a very walkable route for my kids and I. Before we moved here, we lived about a half mile from our elementary school and walked to and from school absolutely every day. We would really love to be able to do the same here. There is such a sense of community when you can walk to school and be around other student's families and be more involved than drop off from the car. I also feel that it would decrease traffic significantly to have more students closer to their schools. Cottonwood would never be walkable for us and truthfully Driggs is not very walkable either. But Crestwood is even closer to us than Driggs and we could and would walk to and from school on a very regular basis. Please please please take this into consideration! I know several of our neighbors feel the same about walking distance. None of us would use the bus so this is not the answer, our kids do not take the bus now and we don't plan to in the future.	
6/12/2025 14:30:28	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	10. Upland Terrace El, 17.	Skyline	We support Upland Terrace Elementary to continue operating because of the effective school culture created by both a high number of local students attending the school and also the connection Upland Terrace has to Wasatch Jr High and Skyline High School. We moved to our neighborhood near Upland Terrace Elementary because so many of the kids in the neighborhood walk to and from school throughout the school year. We have noticed that a school located where there are sidewalks and crosswalks and other children walking too makes a huge difference in children choosing to spend time together as they walk to and from school, which builds a connected and committed student population. My children who have been Wasatch and Skyline students have been able to serve Upland through performing in the school play at Wasatch for Upland Terrace students who walk to Wasatch to be the audience, choir performances by Skyline students performed at Upland, and Skyline students easily volunteering at Upland. We have noticed that there is a collective direction with parents with students at Upland to send their children to Wasatch Jr and Skyline High School where there is a high academic standard. This shared goal also helps with the effective school culture at Upland to value learning. We hope that these factors are valuable to Granite School District also and weigh heavily with the decision to keep Upland Terrace open. Thank you!	
6/12/2025 15:11:03	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	10. Upland Terrace El, 14.	Skyline	I have heard rumor that they are considering closing Upland Terrace Elementary school. I was shocked and believe this would be an extremely poor decision. I moved to this area specifically because my kids could walk to elementary, middle and high school. It is unheard of to find a situation like this. It keeps the community united along with having a very safe and secure situation for kids to get to and from school. Skyline high school is in the middle of being rebuilt. Up in Terrace feeds into this high school. I don't see any advantage to close in elementary school that would be feeding into this high school and allows kids to walk to school making it more affordable and safe. This community has incredible family support and much of the success of the students at a Terrace, Wasatch and Skyline are due to the people that live in the neighborhood. Again, this is specifically why people tend to want to live in this area. I am also aware that Upland Terrace has a thriving special education program that is becoming more and more needed in elementary schools. The schools are producing some of the best programs and success of their students. Please do not interrupt this extremely unique situation. It would only be disruptive. I see no advantage of closing the school whatsoever. Please be very careful about your decision-making before interrupting so many lives that are thriving.	
6/13/2025 1:21:35	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Skyline	We love the diverse Morningside community! It has been lovely getting to know families across the multiple programs. The community is incredibly kind and inclusive. We have found it very refreshing to have so much acceptance through the entire school. The staff and teachers make a huge effort to show all of the children that they belong at Morningside. We also love the art, STEM, and dance instruction and what it teaches our children!	
6/13/2025 12:20:00	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	4. Eastwood El	Skyline	We moved to Emigration Canyon in large part due to Eastwood Elementary School and Skyline High School. We fully intend to leave the school district if one of these schools are redistricted or closed, likely for a private or charter school. We are very disappointed by the lack of transparency and lack of qualified oversight and leadership by the School District and propose a national search for a more qualified Superintendent. Thank you	
6/13/2025 12:24:42	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	10. Upland Terrace El, 14.	Skyline	I live a few houses away from Upland Terrace elementary school. I love being able to see the elementary/middle/high school kids who interact as families as they walk to and from their homes while I am taking my morning walk and in the afternoon as they pass my home. It's a wonderful community feeling. Removing the closest elementary school to both Wasatch and Skyline, would change the reason why so many people live in this neighborhood: to have all of their children go to the three schools, in order, in this cooperative community we've built. In a time where division is normal, it is so wonderful to feel a part of something unified. Please don't take that away by removing Upland Terrace. Thank you for your consideration.	

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6/13/2025 13:18:00	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	10. Upland Terrace El, 14.	Skyline	Having these three schools in such close proximity to each other has been such a blessing for our family and the community. The kids walk through safe neighborhoods to and from schools. They can even easily walk to meet each other walking to and from home together. The teachers remember the students as they move from one school to the next. It would be a shame for any of these schools to close.	
6/13/2025 13:23:51	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	10. Upland Terrace El	Skyline	1- They put in sidewalks specifically on our street for the students recently. 2- There are several young families in this neighborhood that will be need to attend school soon. 3- Our population is on the rise and there will be a need for this school in this area. It is cost effective to repair the building rather than having to build a new one in 10 years due to lack of foresight.	
6/13/2025 14:00:37	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	18. Other / Unknown	Skyline	I urge the Population Analysis Committee and GSD School Board to keep Upland Elementary open, particularly because of its strategic location within a walkable neighborhood that minimizes transportation risk and cost. According to Safe Routes to School research, children with the ability to walk to school show improved attendance, health outcomes, and academic performance. Upland currently serves this function exceptionally well for our community. Students can reach the school without crossing any major roads, significantly reducing exposure to traffic danger. If this school is closed, families would be forced to send their children to a more distant campus requiring either busing or car transportation—both of which introduce safety risks and increased costs for the district and families. Furthermore, from a planning and equity standpoint, closing a walkable school can disproportionately affect lower-income families who may lack reliable transportation. Walkable schools are linked to higher property values, stronger civic engagement, and long-term community stability; factors that should be considered in any population analysis beyond short-term enrollment fluctuations. I strongly recommend that the district include in its evaluation: - A traffic and safety analysis comparing walking routes to the next closest school - Transportation cost projections (busing, congestion, etc.) - Long-term demographic growth projections for the neighborhood - Environmental impact of increased transportation While declining enrollment is a serious issue, closing a well-positioned school may result in greater downstream costs than the district currently anticipates including; financial, environmental, and social cohesion.	
6/13/2025 14:44:34	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	2. Crestview El	Other	Yes	
6/13/2025 15:17:55	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	10. Upland Terrace El, 14.	Skyline	My husband and I have fought tooth and nail to be able to afford to live in the East Millcreek neighborhood, and we finally bought our forever home on east Evergreen Avenue. Our main draw to this neighborhood was the connecting network of great public schools that we intend to send our children to. Walkability and safety for our school-going children is extremely important, as we intend to enable our kids with independence and responsibility meeting up with each other after school between Upland, Wasatch, and Skyline, and going home together. The fact that they can provide this family support and do it safely without having to cross a major busy street is extremely unique and valuable. Please don't close Upland Terrace and let this valuable asset to our community thrive.	
6/13/2025 15:34:47	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	14. Wasatch Jr, 17. Skylin	Skyline	Please keep Upland Terrace. It is a great part of my neighborhood.	
6/13/2025 17:35:17	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	10. Upland Terrace El	Skyline	My wife and I live within the boundary of Upland elementary school. We bought a house here in the last few years and one of the reasons we loved this area so much was because our kids could walk to Upland Elementary, Wasatch Jr High and Skyline High. Being able to safely walk to school is such a great thing for them to develop independence and make transportation easier for working parents. Also, the district has made significant investment into Wasatch Jr High and Skyline and losing Upland Elementary would be unfortunate for local families who plan to send kids to all three.	
6/13/2025 20:47:36	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	10. Upland Terrace El, 14.	Skyline	Upland terrace is walkable, safe and many upcoming students under 6 are moving into the neighborhood. We look forward to sending our 2 children to upland in the coming years. The proximity to other schools allows for family support from older siblings/neighbors who may be attending Wasatch jr high or skyline hs	
6/14/2025 9:53:23	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	10. Upland Terrace El	Skyline	Upland Elementary School provides the much needed work life balance especially for working parents. Its location provides easier accessibility and safety for the elementary school children. They don't have to cross freeways or busy streets. Additionally, its location being close to both Wasatch and Skyline help parents save their time in picking up their younger children. My youngest son went to Upland while his older brothers went to Wasatch and Skyline. I didn't have to worry about picking him up. His older brothers were able to just help with that as their school is just a block away.	

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6/14/2025 11:38:11	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	10. Upland Terrace El, 14.	Skyline	Upland Terrace is a wonderful elementary school. It is nestled in a safe spot away from traffic, the kids from the neighborhood almost all choose to go there, the community is super involved in pta and all things Upland. The programs, activities and reputation are a huge draw. Plus it is the only school that feeds entirely into Wasatch Jr and Skyline, which is important for kids to create lasting friendships and develop a sense of belonging. Another note: It would make more sense to assign the Canyon Rim kids to Upland than to Morningside. Most canyon rim kids choose the charter school because Morningside is simply so far away. Upland is pretty full but for the canyon rim kids who don't use the Charter it would be a much better option. Also, the west side of the canyon rim neighborhood should be assigned to Skyline and not Oly. It makes no sense to split up that neighborhood and Skyline is just as close for them. Also, Oly is difficult for middle income families, and so those Canyon Rim kids would probably be much happier at Skyline. Freeing up space at Olympus for the kids that go there from cottonwood.	
6/14/2025 12:51:44	C) I am an employee of Granite School District	10. Upland Terrace El			
6/14/2025 16:18:26	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	10. Upland Terrace El, 14.	Skyline	Having the 3 school so close together makes it so much better for parents with children in separate schools. They are situated so most students can safely walk to school without crossing busy streets. I had children go to all 3 schools and now I see how great these schools are for my grandchildren.	
6/14/2025 16:35:14	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	5. Morningside El, 10. Up	Skyline	All our 3 kids attended Upland terrace. We bought the house so they can walk to school and me as a parent not to stress is it safe to let them do it. My kids loved it there, they had to learn ASL and had a blind girl in one of the years there. This experience made them appreciate so much more what they have and learn to accept different kids. I would love to preserve that, so my grandkids one day can have the same experience and come home and teaching us some simple ASL gestures or bring home something written in brail, so we can try to read it together. Please don't let all what is great go away.	
6/15/2025 12:27:12	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	10. Upland Terrace El, 14.	Skyline	We plan on having children in the near future and our elementary school is Upland Terrace. If this school closes, we would have to go somewhere else. We moved to this area because of the school system and have been paying and will be paying property taxes for years. It would be disappointing to have any of the schools in our district closed. If for whatever reason Upland is closed, we would hope that we would see savings in our property taxes rates.	
6/15/2025 13:44:47	D) I am a student attending one of the schools with	10. Upland Terrace El, 14.	Skyline	Don't close my schools please!	
6/15/2025 19:54:03	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	10. Upland Terrace El	Skyline	I have lived in this neighborhood for over 50 years. I attended Upland Terrace, my parents moved here because of school placement, as other parents have told me year after year. Shutting down this Elementary School is a terrible idea. Yes, there may be lower class sizes, that would be FANTASTIC and students would receive more attention. We have a very young neighborhood again and closing the school is short sighted because you will have to rebuild it in 5-10 years. There was a huge sidewalk upgrade on Upland Drive, expressly for students to have safer passage to the school. It is now safe and they can cross at the crosswalk. Also, both a new Jr High and a fully rebuilt Skyline High are on the same street. This enables older siblings to pick up the younger students on their way home from schools, which keeps less traffic on this road. The proximity of schools is perfect. Why shut something down that is effective on every level? Especially a great school that everyone raves about? Our children are worth the investment. I hope you listen to our community and keep Upland Terrace open. Thank you for your time.	
6/15/2025 20:46:03	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	4. Eastwood El, 5. Mornin	Skyline	I don't know the history regarding discontinuous catchment for Morningside. I'm hoping that can be addressed by revising the map. Many kids can't travel effectively on their own to school. It would be great to maximize the number of kids that that have feasible options to travel on their own to a local school. We have had an excellent experience with the Morningside ALC, but understand that many others not in a magnet program feel left out at the school. I am concerned for the comunity about the prospect of loosing Eastwood as an elementary school. There is no other walkable recreation site for kids in that neighborhood. I am accepting that class sizes will likely go up with any school closure plans. Our family would be able to travel to other local options besides our current home schools, and are hopeful that after-school programs will be able to adjust pickup sites.	
6/16/2025 5:45:09	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	18. Other / Unknown	Skyline	I live within walking distance of Upland Elementary but decided to send my children to Canyon Rim Academy because my son has an IEP and everything was handled better at the very beginning at CRA than at Upland. I was a person not just a number. That was a number of years ago but I have kept my daughter there even though I could walk her to school.	
6/16/2025 9:01:47	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	10. Upland Terrace El, 14.	Skyline	Upland is the perfect feeder school. My kids went there, then onto Wasatch, then skyline. My grandkids now go to upland, some at Wasatch, some at skyline and some have gone onto college.	

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6/16/2025 9:48:39	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affected schools	10. Upland Terrace El, 17. Skyline	Skyline	My husband and I love to support our neighborhood friends by coming to performances and events at Upland Terrace and Skyline High School. My husband attended both of these schools, and we know several individuals in our community that attend these schools, and they are growing up to be lovely young people! Upland Terrace is clean, walkable, and safe. We love to hear about all the fun adventures our neighbors have there!	
6/16/2025 12:36:38	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending one of the affected schools	10. Upland Terrace El	Skyline		
6/16/2025 13:07:43	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending one of the affected schools	10. Upland Terrace El	Skyline	We love Upland Terrace and absolutely demand it stays open.	
6/16/2025 14:18:39	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending one of the affected schools	5. Morningside El, 11. Churchill	Skyline	After hearing about the ideas shared at the community council PAC meetings, I have a few major concerns that I feels are not being adequately addressed. 1: If multiple schools within the same jr, and sr high system are closed, I fear we will negatively impact those schools. Even with a change to boundaries, that may not be enough. Each school has its own tradition for which school's their kid's attend. This is usually somewhat independent of boundaries. If too many schools close that traditionally feed to a certain jr high, I fear it may negatively impact those schools. Protecting Churchill's population being a major concern. I think closing more than one of Churchill's feeder schools could have catastrophic consequences. 2: moving programs is very difficult/painful. It comes with very serious growing pains that take many years of concerted and continual effort to create a cohesive school. Morningside has done, and is still putting in this work. The school knows how to create a cohesive environment if kids move into boundary. 3: moving programs programs is not necessarily a great solution when it comes to divvying up a school's population. This is especially true with DLI where half a school's worth of students would need to be jointly relocated. Where would they go? Oakridge or Eastwood? Not if those school are in a position where their populations are needing to combine. And moving just DLI to one of those schools, and relocating our other cove students still makes for a school that is too small, and puts our other cove students in a position where walking may be completely infeasible. Moving more traditional students to a school is easier than moving a whole unit of program students. 4: Morningside community chose French for their school and many neighborhood kids are in this program. What happens when this programs moves from the neighborhood? Are this students still able to attend? 5: The French DLI needs to remain in close proximity to Churchill. Moving the program to a school further away would be detrimental to what is otherwise a successful program. 6: Moving DLI may result in loss of teachers for this program. French teachers are difficult to come by now that the French government will no longer hold a teacher's position. 7. Closing 1-2 school will be painful and and negative implications. Closing three schools would be catastrophic. 8: closures should happen across both Skyline and Olympus network schools. You can't close just skyline schools— even if you plan on moving boundaries. Aside from the practical reasons I outlined, (and whether right or wrong) the skyline community will loose their minds. There is already a feeling that Olympus community is blind to the needs of others and can buy their way out of any problem. The community will assume they did so here. 9: I would consider closing Eastwood and Crestview. Schools are from two different networks. It doesn't make sense to keep two schools in the cove. Crestview's population would be easily split between many schools with boundary changes. If absolutely necessary I would recommend moving ALC to a different school (cove?), but keeping French at Morningside. Thank you.	
6/16/2025 18:35:20	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affected schools	10. Upland Terrace El, 14. Skyline	Skyline	Access to schools with close proximity is essential for creating a consistent and supportive educational journey for students and families. Strong special education programs, along with dedicated reading and speech services, ensure that every child receives the individualized support they need to thrive. Schools that offer advanced placement (AP) courses and robust music programs provide students with opportunities to explore their academic and creative potential. Additionally, access to higher education classes helps prepare students for future success by allowing them to earn certificates and credits while still in high school. These elements together create a well-rounded, inclusive, and forward-thinking educational environment that benefits all learners.	
6/16/2025 18:54:36	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affected schools	10. Upland Terrace El	Skyline	Having Upland Elementary, Wasatch Jr High, and Skyline High School within walking distance from each other has been and is very helpful to the local school community. At one time I had a student in each of these schools at the same time. Having the schools in near proximity allowed me as a parent to more fully support each child. I have also worked as an aide in Uplands Special Education program. Having a consistent, known environment for these students is very important to their learning, social well being and sense of security. Upland's staff and student body have provided a warm and welcoming environment for these students to thrive.	

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6/17/2025 17:44:40	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	14. Wasatch Jr, 17. Skylin	Skyline	All my children attended Upland Terrace Elementary school as well. Our family would strongly oppose proposal of closure ofUpland Terrace Elementary school . This school is critical to growing population of young children in “old Millcreek” neighborhood. When we moved here about 15 years ago, there were no young families here... now new generation with young kids moved in- kids can WALK to school every day, the proximity to Wasatch Jr. High and Skyline HS allows siblings to accompany younger kids to or from elementary school. Majority of Upland Terrace students will attend Wasatch Je. High as well. Also Upland terrace EI. Has great track record for providing excellent education and has very good extracurricular programs, after school programs, special Ed program . It is a huge part of our Millcreek community. IT IS very SAFE environment and safe walk to school for kids.	
6/18/2025 7:42:26	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside EI	Skyline	I am a parent of 2 children who attend Morningside Elementary. I am here to advocate for keeping Morningside open! I attended one of the community boundary meetings. A parent was speaking who’s kids go to Oakridge and asked if they brought on programs like Morningside would their school be saved and the response was “you would have had to do that 5 years ago”. Morningside did do that years ago. They put in the hard work and brought in successful programs. I don’t know why they would be punished for putting those into place and receiving high enrollment. My kids are in 2 different programs, would they be split up? My daughter had a sleepover the other day with a friend from the french program and another from the ALC. Would she be split from her friends? Yes, the building score is lower than some but enrollment is much higher. There are 2 schools with worse building scores than Morningside both with lower enrollment. I know that Upland Terrace has just a slightly better building score than Morningside but with lower enrollment. I know the traditional classroom has spots to fill but with other school closures it seems that could easily be filled consistently without having to move one of the most successful schools in the study. I love this school. I love the administration, every teacher we have had, the kids, and the parents. It is a much stronger community than some of the other schools.[Sensitive medical information discussed with great appreciation for how the school handled it].They all know her and care about her so much. Please don’t take this love and support away from us. Thanks for taking time to listen to parents feedback. I am sure it is a lot of time and effort to go through!	
6/18/2025 10:48:56	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	4. Eastwood EI	Skyline	Although Eastwood is small, our students are thriving. We have a tight knit and welcoming community, robust art program which includes a decades long tradition of dance fest which weaves academic learning into dance and culminates in a year end performance that is highly attended by the community. We have high test scores and high attendance rates. We are a stem school, we have a strong culture of kindness and inclusion.	
6/18/2025 14:42:09	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	9. Rosecrest EI	Olympus	My children all attended Rosecrest, with my youngest moving on to Evergreen this past school year. We live in the Canyon Rim area, and have always appreciated that our children could attend school without having to cross any large streets. I feel it would be a shame to close Rosecrest and then force children to attend across 3300 South, a street that would be dangerous to ask children to cross, thus greatly increasing the number of parents driving their children to and from school each day. In addition to the time demands on parents, this would also result in increased vehicular traffic at schools, with increased environmental costs (vehicle emissions) and increased chances for vehicle-child pedestrian accidents. I believe a more-logical solution (if increased numbers of students at Rosecrest is required to maintain it open), would be to reassign part or all of the area north of 3300 S and east of 2700 E from Morningside to Rosecrest. The distance to travel for such students would not be increased at all, and travel across two busy traffic arteries (3300 S and 3900 S) would be eliminated, thus increasing walkability for those students. Assuming educational programs available at Morningside were still desired for students in the affected area, they could opt in to Morningside via traditional processes. Rosecrest represents a unique venue given its northern location avoiding crossings of the major 3300 S traffic artery. While I recognize that it may be impossible to completely avoid crossing of traffic arteries within the District, it would be a shame if the District surrendered the benefits available of minimizing such impacts by keeping Rosecrest open.	
6/18/2025 14:51:34	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	6. Oakridge EI, 11. Church	Skyline	Please don't close Oakridge!	
6/18/2025 16:47:30	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	14. Wasatch Jr, 17. Skylin	Skyline	I'm an out of boundary family. We love the schools please keep the enrollment open.	
6/18/2025 17:25:03	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	10. Upland Terrace EI, 14.	Skyline	These schools - starting at Upland Terrace - have provided a solid history producing educated and adjusted children from the neighborhood and across the district. The vital role that Upland Terrace plays in the education of these children draws heavily from the community which physically surrounds the school. Closing this location would have a detrimental & lasting impact on the community and outcomes we have come to expect & rely on.	
6/19/2025 10:47:28	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	17. Skyline High	Skyline	My children attended Upland Terrace Elementary and Wasatch Junior High. It has been invaluable to have them within walking distance to school as a full time working single mother. I cannot imagine the impact of closing Upland EL and sincerely hope the community speaks for keeping open such an important fixture of our neighborhood.	

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6/19/2025 11:06:37	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	3. Driggs El	Olympus	As parents of a Driggs Elementary student and active members of this community, we are deeply invested in the outcome of this boundary study. We strongly believe that Driggs should remain open due to its vital role in supporting a thriving, walkable neighborhood and a deeply connected community. If a third school must be closed, Cottonwood is the more logical and sustainable choice: Enrollment and Demographics: Cottonwood’s declining student population is driven by a shift toward private and charter schools, and the high cost of housing in the area makes it less accessible to young families. In contrast, Driggs serves a growing population of young families who rely on the school as a neighborhood anchor. Facility Investment: Driggs has already received significant infrastructure updates. Closing it would waste those investments, while Cottonwood would require millions in upgrades just to meet current standards. Traffic and Safety: Redirecting Driggs students to Crestview would create serious traffic congestion and safety hazards on Lincoln Lane and 2300 E, especially near Olympus High School. The lack of continuous sidewalks further endangers children who currently walk safely to Driggs. Community and Trust: Driggs is a hub of community life, with high parental involvement, a strong connection to its teachers, and a safe walking route that includes access to the nearby stake center for drop-offs. Closing it would fracture this community and likely push families—including ours—toward charter school alternatives. It would also deepen distrust in the district, echoing past missteps like the closures of Granite High and Canyon Rim. In summary, if the decision comes down to closing Driggs or Cottonwood, it makes far more sense—both practically and financially—to close Cottonwood. However, we urge the district to consider closing only two schools instead of three, and reevaluating in a few years. This approach would better support families, preserve trust, and allow time to assess the real impact of boundary changes. Disrupting the large and vibrant Driggs community would be a mistake with long-term consequences. We ask the board to prioritize the well-being of students and families by keeping Driggs open.	
6/19/2025 12:35:29	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	10. Upland Terrace El, 14.	Skyline	It would make little sense to close Upland Terrace Elementary for several reasons. One, a high percentage of students live in boundary compared to other schools being considered. Two, over the years (currently as well) the district has invested a great deal of money into Wasatch Jr. and Skyline . The neighborhood “ trio” of excellent schools is something I assume the district cares about given the allocation of funds over the years. Finally, this east bench community is what it is because of these three schools!! We came here and we live here because Granite district provided homeowners with the “ trio” of excellent education. This matters greatly to the community. Thank you for considering the points I have raised in your decision making process.	
6/19/2025 13:58:07	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	1. Cottonwood El	Olympus	Cottonwood Elementary is within a block walking distance for my kids to walk to school every school day. They even have their grandparents that live with in a block of school, so they have a safe place to walk to after school if we are at work still. Cottonwood is also a huge part of the community of Holladay. There are many kids in the neighborhood. If Cottonwood was closed we would have to drive to the nearest school for pick up and drop offs, and that is very sad that my kids would not have that independence to be able to walk to and from school. Also, Cottonwood Elementary is the biggest reason for us moving to this neighborhood and we would be devastated if it closed. If Cottonwood did close, we would seriously consider having our kids go to an alternative school outside of the district. I hope our words are helpful in your decision making. Thank you.	

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6/20/2025 9:27:40	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El		This letter was sent to the boundaries email address on Tuesday June 17, 2025. "Dear PAC Members, It is my honor to write a letter supporting Morningside Elementary. As you are considering which elementary schools to close and how (an arduous process, to be sure), we understand that insights from parents who live and breathe these schools is important. My family found Morningside after spending three years abroad in Paris, France. Our two boys, Liam and Brennon Garrett, had spent three years learning French and we were keen to continue their language learning and enrolled them in the French Dual Immersion Program at Morningside. As you can imagine, Morningside's Dual Language Immersion Program has been an enormous boon to our lives. Though the French program is what brought us to Morningside, it is not what has kept us there. Instead, there are three main aspects of Morningside that have kept us making the commute from Salt Lake School District boundaries twice a day for three years. First, the Morningside community-centered culture. As brand new members of the community who were commuting out of boundary, I expected to feel left out and worried that our boys would feel the same. The exact opposite was true. Due to the various programs at Morningside, the school has accomplished the impossible: serving as a neighborhood school to those kids in boundary while welcoming with open arms kids who have specialized circumstances that are not being served by their respective neighborhood schools. This mix mitigates any tendency of click-building among parents and students. It's impossible to create a dominant in-group/out-group division with such a diverse community. As parents, we rally, we support, and we volunteer because we LOVE this school. Secondly, Morningside brings together the best aspects of both private school and public school experiences. Families flock to private and charter schools for their specialized learning experiences and small classroom sizes. But those families forgo the rich and vital social experiences only a public school can offer. Somehow, Morningside provides both. To give a personal example: this year, my husband and I connected with our old elementary school in Paris and established a bilingual pen pal program for the students in our son's class. I peered over a student's shoulder and noticed they were writing about the 5th grade kickball tournament their class had won at the PTA fundraiser where students were randomly put into teams and given the opportunity to spend time with kids they didn't know of various abilities, backgrounds, and friend groups. To see both a specialized learning experience and an invaluable social experience highlighted in the same afternoon revealed how unique Morningside truly is among elementary schools. While my children have continued their French language acquisition, they have also attended book club, art club, and STEM club. They have run in the annual Fun Run, joined the school track team, and contributed to the Art Walk. They've seen the Nutcracker, attended JA Biztown, explored the Natural History Museum, visited Discovery Gateway, and learned about the water cycle on site at the Water Conservation Garden. As parents, we've watched them sing their hearts out at the annual Holiday program or express themselves through the Tanner Dance Program (which grew into a real passion for our oldest who was selected to dance at Tanner Dance last year). Their friends have participated in choir and submitted their art to Reflections and science projects to the STEM Fair. Because of Morningside, my boys know who Ruby Bridges is and will have memories honoring her heroism. That one school and community can provide all this for our children is not just exceptional, it is absolutely unique among public elementary schools. Morningside is truly setting our children up for success in the real world, wherever their paths take them. Lastly, the camaraderie and teamwork among teachers, admin, and staff is unlike anything I have ever seen. I've been a public educator for 15 years, and I only dream of having a team that works together so seamlessly as the educators at Morningside. Over the past three years, I have volunteered to chaperone field trips, planned and hosted Valentine's Day parties, helped out during Earth Week, and played the role of recess duty during Teacher Appreciation Week. All this to say, I've had the opportunity to closely observe the teams of teachers for all grades except kindergarten. You may expect the specialization of programs in each grade to cause division, but I still struggle to keep the programs straight. I can't tell who does what! The respect that these teachers have for one another, the level of collaboration they exhibit, and the all-in attitude that runs rampant at every grade is astounding and it may be the reason why - at least from a parent perspective - the change in admin went so seamlessly. Why do they do it? Because from the principal to the custodian, every single adult in that building puts the children first. They have a common goal and it shows. As a professional educator, I know how rare it is to create and keep a parent-student-teacher culture like Morningside has. I've often told my friends that I can't believe how lucky we are to have found this unicorn of a school. Don't split this school up. Doing so puts at risk the magic that has been fostered for our community and - most importantly - our students. We plan to bring our three year old there one day. He doesn't speak French, but we would never deny him the life-affirming educational opportunity that Morningside has to offer for every student that enters their doors. Sincerely and with gratitude for your efforts on behalf of our district, [Name Removed]"	

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6/20/2025 9:29:20	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	3. Driggs El		This feedback was sent to the boundaries email on Thursday, June 19, 2025. "Hello, As a parent of a Driggs Elementary student and active members of this community, we are deeply invested in the outcome of this boundary study. We strongly believe that Driggs should remain open due to its vital role in supporting a thriving, walkable neighborhood and a deeply connected community. If a third school must be closed and it comes down to deciding between Driggs and Cottonwood, Cottonwood is the more logical and sustainable choice: *Enrollment and Demographics: Cottonwood’s declining student population is driven by a shift toward private and charter schools, and the high cost of housing in the are makes it less accessible to young families. In contrast, Driggs serves a growing population of young families who rely on the school as a neighborhood anchor. *Facility Investment: Driggs has already received significant infrastructure updates. Closing it would waste those investments, while Cottonwood would require millions in upgrades just to meet current standards. *Traffic and Safety: Redirecting Driggs students to Crestview would create serious traffic congestion and safety hazards on Lincoln Lane and 2300 E, especially near Olympus High School. The lack of continuous sidewalks further endangers children who currently safely walk to Driggs. *Community and Trust: Driggs is a hub of community life, with high parental involvement, a strong connection to its teachers, and a safe walking route that includes access to the nearby stake center for drop-offs. Closing it would fracture this community and likely push families- including ours- toward charter school alternatives. It would also create deep distrust in the district, echoing past missteps like the closures of Granite High and Canyon Rim. In summary, if the decisions comes down to closing Driggs or Cottonwood, it makes far more sense, both practically and financially- to close Cottonwood. However, we urge the district to consider closing only two schools instead of three, and reevaluating in a few years. This approach would better support families in both the short and long term, preserve trust, and allow time to assess the real impact of boundary changes. Disrupting the large and vibrant Driggs community would be a mistake with long-term consequences. We ask the committee and board to prioritize the well-being of students and families by keeping Driggs open. Thank you, [Names Removed]"	
6/20/2025 10:40:26	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	10. Upland Terrace El, 14.	Skyline		
6/20/2025 10:43:13	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	17. Skyline High	Skyline		
6/20/2025 10:43:46	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	10. Upland Terrace El	Skyline	Upland Terrace is a true neighborhood school. It is walkable and a huge part of the neighborhood and community feeling. It is also the only elementary school that 100% feeds into Wasatch Junior High, whereas Eastwood, Morningside and Oakridge all split between Wasatch and Churchill. Upland is also a HUGE building with extra space and classrooms to take on any extra students we would absorb with school closures. We love Upland Terrace Elementary and know it is critical to our neighborhood community that it remains open! Thank you for your consideration.	
6/20/2025 10:44:45	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	8. Penn El, 12. Evergreen	Olympus	We attend Penn elementary and the student body is way too massive, class sizes are too huge, and students are entirely overlooked. Closing Millcreek and sending students to Penn has been really rough for both populations. Also, the DLI and program has destroyed our neighborhood. Penn is no longer a school that community members trust and I fear that closing other schools will create an even deeper problem down the road for our entire corner of the valley. In an ideal world, I would like more local representation over Penn to address the issues specific to Penn and not be overlooked by the district.	
6/20/2025 10:45:10	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	2. Crestview El, 13. Olymp	Olympus		
6/20/2025 10:46:54	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	8. Penn El	Olympus	William Penn Elementary has already absorbed so many students from other elementary schools that have been closed. I suggest leaving the current boundary for William Penn Elementary as-is.	

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6/20/2025 10:47:37	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	3. Driggs El	Olympus	Hi- after a neighborhood meeting with Julie Jackson I have a few thoughts/suggestions that were talked about. I do feel it's ridiculous to close Driggs over cottonwood because of these reasons. Driggs building is newer, can hold up to 600+ students (we could absorb all of cottonwood el students comfortably), the church parking lot to the south allows for easy parking during events, leaving sides of roads clear, walkable school, large parent and community involvement, an assortment of club offerings. When you consider the closures please remember that neighborhoods south of 45th to cottonwood lane are Driggs patrons. I also believe that it is in the best interest to not consider the 50 Canyons district students in the count. They don't pay taxes for our schools. I know that we can say which school we prefer if ours close- if Driggs closes I will be sending my kids to private school. I am a huge advocate for our schools and love our community. Please consider these reasons and not just the wealth that is in the surrounding areas of cottonwood elementary.	
6/20/2025 10:58:59	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	4. Eastwood El	Skyline	I appreciate the consideration of all ideas. Here at Eastwood my daughter has two sets of twins in her grade who are supposed to attend Morningside. Their parents both don't want them to be in the same class but also don't want one to do French and the other not so they attend Eastwood. I think it would be good to close Morningside and split the French program and Advance learning program to other elementarys. Both programs attract students and could be better served if they were at individual schools. Both programs attract commuter students so they would probably just move over to the school that has the program. Thanks!	
6/20/2025 11:03:43	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El, 11. Chu	Skyline	Hello! I would just like to say that Morningside Elementary is incredible. Last year I had 4 kids there in 5th, 4th, 1st, and Kinder - We are in the French program, and simply put the teachers and the program are top notch. We feel blessed to belong to such an incredible community with teachers who give it their all (and staff too). I attended a handful of end of year programs this past school year for each of my kids, and I always left feeling incredibly grateful for the quality and care each program displayed. I know Morningside might be old, and for whatever reason it feels like the true underdog in this boundary study (and maybe that's just my own observation), but I just want to express how awesome this school is, we feel lucky to be part of it. Thank you for all you do! We really hope Morningside stays open.	
6/20/2025 11:04:06	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	10. Upland Terrace El, 14.	Skyline	I am a parent of a student at Skyline, but also represent an entity that provides SPED services to Granite School District. Special education services are stretched in Granite School District to the detriment of the students. More support is needed for these students to succeed. My son also works in a junior high in Granite where very many students need remediation and help from special education and the system is overwhelmed. Please consider intensifying, supports and resources for the special education department of Granite School District.	
6/20/2025 11:04:09	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	2. Crestview El, 16. Olymp	Olympus		
6/20/2025 11:04:38	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	1. Cottonwood El	Olympus	Cottonwood is a walkable school, with safe crossings. There is no immediate school in the vicinity and the students would lose their ability to walk to and from school. Being that Oakwood is full, this is the furthest south school being considered and we should maintain those boundaries. Cottonwood has many para educators and room for many more students in the building. The local community participates in give backs and fundraisers.	
6/20/2025 11:05:02	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	8. Penn El, 12. Evergreen	Olympus	I wish start times were closer together for each of the schools	
6/20/2025 11:53:52	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	17. Skyline High	Skyline	Skyline is awesome!! So is oakridge, and Churchill!!	
6/20/2025 11:56:38	E) I choose not to answer			This feedback was sent to the boundaries email on Friday, June 20, 2025	
				"We would like you to keep Oakridge elementary school. We have learned the LDS church is vying for replacing the school with an LDS temple in our neighborhood. We are not a fan. We would prefer that young children have the opportunity to attend school in their neighborhood. We pay a ton of taxes and I don't want an LDS temple sitting there in my neighborhood, and frankly neither does anyone else.	
				Regards, [Names removed]"	
6/20/2025 12:03:14	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	6. Oakridge El, 11. Church	Skyline	We would like to see Oakridge remain a walkable neighborhood school. So many kids walk to school in the neighborhood and it would be sad to lose that and have these same families have to contribute to Salt Lake's poor air quality by driving to another location. We also appreciate that its entrance/ office area had been recently re-done and is now easily accessible to students & families with mobility issues. We believe that there should be at least 1 school above Wasatch Blvd. and it makes sense for it to be the school that is more safely walkable and not disturbing or backing up traffic onto Wasatch Blvd.	
6/20/2025 13:42:53	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	8. Penn El	Other	Please keep William Penn... it's been the best school I've ever had kids attend to in 15 years.	
6/20/2025 13:51:50	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Skyline	We absolutely do not want morningside to be a school to close. Our child just attended her kindergarten and our intention when buying in this neighborhood was for both our children to attend morningside. We had heard great things and in addition to, being able to walk to school, the community, the French program, the teachers— everything was a great experience and more than we could have asked for. Closing this school would be absolutely devastating.	
6/20/2025 14:33:36	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Skyline	We actually live in boundaries where Millcreek elementary closed. We chose Morningside because of the immersion program and have had a wonderful experience at the school. My child was in a kindergarten class of 28 students with 3 kindergarten classes total. I know Morningside is bursting at the seems because of other closures.	

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6/20/2025 15:42:32	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	6. Oakridge El		This feedback was sent to the boundaries email on June 20, 2025 "I never received an email with boundary updates! Julie Jackson mentioned this on Instagram - my children attend Oakridge - please make sure you are sending to all parents - I have been missing emails since February this year, very frustrating as a parent!"	
6/20/2025 19:31:04	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	14. Wasatch Jr	Skyline		
6/21/2025 7:57:29	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	10. Upland Terrace El, 14.	Skyline	Upland Terrace Elementary must stay open. It's a school within walking distance of all the other older schools in the area. It's the whole reason we moved here, and why the property value is so high. To be honest, we'd probably leave if it were shut down.	
6/21/2025 9:47:22	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	14. Wasatch Jr, 17. Skylin	Skyline		
6/21/2025 19:13:25	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Skyline	Morningside is such a warm welcoming and amazing school! Our kids are in the dual immersion and every teacher they have had in the program (2 each year) has been spectacular, both in teaching and in caring for our children. We have recommended it to several families who were not happy at other nearby elementary schools and when they enrolled they all agreed how amazing this school is! The culture os inclusive and everyone is part of the community, supporting each other and our kids. It has both the gifted and dual immersion programs providing diverse options yet it feels cozy and the staff know the kids by name. This is a gem of a school and should be a model for other elementaries!	
6/21/2025 22:45:17	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	7. Oakwood El, 18. Other ,	Cottonwood	Adding Chinese to Oakwood has had a very negative impact on the school.	
6/22/2025 2:28:04	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	3. Driggs El, 13. Olympus	Olympus	Cottonwood Elementary is a sinking ship and needs to close.	
6/22/2025 8:55:27	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Skyline	We have been through one school closure already, it was a nightmare getting her into a new school due to poor communication from various elementary's. We are not entirely sure why you keep closing schools, we hear it's because there aren't enough children but then you stack 40 students in a classroom. Investing in our children's education is the single most important thing we can do. Seems like a no brainer to me to have smaller classrooms. Please quit closing schools.	
6/22/2025 19:54:57	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Skyline	I have a student in the ALC program at Morningside and we love both the program and the school. They have a wealth of programs at Morningside that are not offered anywhere else. There are good teachers, students and PTA members that create an inclusive and respectful culture at the school. We are happy that we are there and it should not close.	

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6/23/2025 12:03:13	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	10. Upland Terrace El, 14.	Skyline	Dear Granite District Elementary School Decision-Makers, My name is [Name Removed]. My husband [name removed] and I have resided at our current home in Millcreek City for the past almost 47 years. We have raised our eight children here. They are now living in various places around the U.S. and one is in Australia with her family, with dual citizenship. But they all have their roots here in East Millcreek at Upland Terrace Elementary School, Wasatch Junior High School, and Skyline High School. Those three schools have provided them a most excellent education and our Upland Terrace neighborhood community has been outstanding in supporting the schools, families, and community members. We believe they are doing the same at this time, too. So, we feel strongly that *Upland Terrace should NOT be one of the schools Granite District decides to close*. When [Husband] and I were first married, we lived on [Identifying information removed] just up the road from Highland High School in a darling 3-bedroom home. I was a school social worker serving three elementary schools in Granite School District, at the time. We really enjoyed the neighborhood. But I had felt impressed that we were to have eight children and that house would be much too small! Trying to expand it would be a disaster, we realized. So, we needed to move. I spoke with others on the "Teams" (school social workers, school psychologists, and school speech therapists) then in Granite District, asking them what school community in the district they would move into if they were wanting the best neighborhood in which to raise their children. Everyone who responded said they would choose Upland Terrace Elementary School. A couple of years went by and we realized the time had come to make the move. We looked for homes for sale, especially focusing on Upland Terrace's neighborhood community, and found one we quite liked that was in our price range. We moved into our current residence on our eldest son [name removed] three-year-old birthday in August 1975. [Identifying info removed] That move has been an incredible blessing to our family every day of our lives ever since! To have the three schools our children needed for their excellent education in such close walking distance to our home - and so close to one another - has been a tremendous blessing. After-school sports practices in one school field or another were easily accessible, as were the 'at-home' games. I remember, as another example of the blessing of schools so closely nearby: we had two of our sons who wanted a computer science class at Skyline while they were 9th graders at Wasatch. How could that possible work? Because those schools were so close together in proximity, an agreement was made between the two schools and they were able to take their Zero Hour period at Skyline and then return to Wasatch for the rest of the day. That was a real blessing to them! Bringing this back to the level of elementary school: when I had a meeting I had to attend that was right after school, the older kids could get home in time to look out for the younger ones when they came home from Upland Terrace. That is another example of the blessing of having those three schools so near to one another and to the residents of the Upland Terrace community. As I think about all of this, I am also reminded that we have felt the need for preschool for our children, as well. They each seemed to demand it, actually, as they wanted to learn more than I felt I (as a fulltime mother) had the time, energy, and actual capacity to teach them beginning when they were about three years old. We learned of what was then Challenger Pre-School and not too much later became Children's Discovery Pre-School, with [Name Removed] as director. They attended there as preschoolers – and one as a kindergartener too, also, when his birthday barely missed the public school deadline. It has been a wonderful addition to their education. I mention it because it is also within easy walking distance from Upland Terrace, being just a block away on Craig Drive. We had our eight children in fourteen years. So, often we had students attending preschool, elementary school, junior high, and high school at the same time. Having all four schools close by to us and to one another in times of conferences, meetings, assemblies, etc. was a real blessing. We have always been so grateful to have schools near enough to grocery stores, the library, the community center, the freeway, and thoroughfares to get to places easily, and yet be not 'right next door' to distract students from their focus on learning. Skyline High is pretty close to Olympus Hills but even it is at a rather healthy distance, with the freeway entrance in between, so as not to be a considerable distraction to students in their learning. Upland Terrace has boundaries that keep it within the perimeters of major roads, so most of its students can walk to school without having to cross major streets to get there. And the distractions are either near or beyond the periphery. That is a blessing to us parents when we have school-age children! Millcreek Canyon, just up the street from all three schools, has also been a great motivator for kids and their families to ride their bikes, go on hikes, have picnics, go wading in the creek, and go tubing and sledding in the winter – all nearby. It gives teachers the opportunity to promote that kind of physical exertion that students and their families so need and can enjoy. – Upland Terrace has a small 'garden' of native plants in the front yard. I have watched those plants grow throughout the years. It also has benches as part of it, so teachers can take their class out there to identify native plants and learn from that setting. It is a nice addition to the Upland Terrace experience. My husband and I have been involved with self-reliance programs with our church. We were serving as volunteers in Sugarhouse for a while, helping people gain self-reliance skills and find jobs. Later, we served [Identifying information removed] as missionaries with half of our time there spent in helping with self-reliance throughout the mission. I remember a principle we were taught and would share with others. It was this. In encouraging self-reliance, some assume it means taking from those who have more and giving that to those who have less. In that way, all can be functioning at a basic level, creating a homogenous community. But taking from those who have more makes them poorer without building those in need. Instead of doing that, we were taught to help those in need reach upward and move to a higher level of wellbeing. The community can assist them in doing that, help provide opportunities and work and share, but not in such a way as to compromise others' own way of life. In that way, we can become a truly Zion community with all growing upward, enhancing the wall of life for all of us. I think about that concept in regard to Upland Terrace Elementary School. Upland Terrace Elementary School. Upland Terrace is in a community of real excellence, as I understand it, both scholastically and in terms of quality of life of its residents. That surely makes it in the highest category of elementary schools throughout Granite District. If it were to be closed, that would bring its community down to a level more like many of the others, creating a more homogenous level of elementary schools throughout Granite District. But is that what is wanted or needed? Would that be best? Should we sacrifice what is working really well and best blessing school communities in order to arrive at a more universal level: mediocrity? Of course not. That is not a worthy solution. Instead, it seems to me, the solution lies in examining each of the elementary schools, seeing what is lacking, and how they can each excel. Do they have a compact community, like Upland's, with the junior high and high school nearby and within safe walking possible throughout the entire neighborhood community? Do they have parental and community support, as Upland has, helping enhance the excellence of the school? I understand that Upland Terrace also has a special education program that is integrated	

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6/23/2025 12:39:44	ittending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El, 13. Olympus	Olympus	We have loved Driggs. It would be so sad to have it close. Our community support at that school is so strong. We love our teachers and all the school activities. Our neighborhood and community loves going to school together and working together to make a great environment for our kids.	
6/23/2025 12:43:13	ittending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El, 13. Olympus	Olympus		
6/23/2025 12:44:07	ittending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	I'm writing as a concerned and invested member of the driggs community in light of the current boundary study. I want to express strong support for keeping our school open. it's a vital part of our neighborhood, providing not only education but also a strong sense of community, continuity, and belonging for our children and families. The relationships built here, along with the programs and culture unique to our school, are not easily replicated elsewhere. We understand the district is navigating difficult decisions and growth planning, but I hope that in this process, the social, emotional, and educational impacts on students and families are given full consideration. Closing Driggs would be deeply disruptive and a loss that would ripple far beyond logistics and boundaries. Thank you for your time and for considering the voices of those who love and value this school. I urge you to keep our community intact and find solutions that allow Driggs to remain open and thriving.	
6/23/2025 12:45:07	ittending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	Driggs is a safe, recently renovated school that is clearly a pillar in our Holladay community. Our children are thriving and we have the capable to accommodate children that are displaced from other schools. There will be a giant black hole in Holladay if Driggs is closed down.	
6/23/2025 12:45:16	ittending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	I believe that disrupting a system or el ed school that is thriving and showing a steady number of students with very little (if any) decline over the next 5 years is not the answer. I do not believe disrupting almost 500 students over a lower number makes sense. By creating a hole in a community that is vastly dedicated to the city and neighborhood will greatly disrupt more than the school district but Holladay city and all those in the community of varying ages. We have one of the highest walking schools in the area with almost 80% walking to school. Adding to a flourishing community with students who are in a school with low numbers will only create a stronger more unified community as opposed to dispersing a highly dedicated community to fix a problem or holes in the district. That creates years of growth, trial and error and broke systems. Take the well oil machine and make it that much stronger!	
6/23/2025 12:46:21	ittending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	I feel that the neighborhoods surrounding Driggs are currently experiencing a turnover where more and more young families are moving in. This school location is essential to us as we rely on being able to walk to school. I strongly urge the committee to consider keeping Driggs open.	
6/23/2025 12:47:28	ols, but do not have children attending at this time.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	Please do not close Driggs! It has been recently remodeled and has room to take more children. We hope to walk our little boy to school within the next few years.	
6/23/2025 12:47:45	ittending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	If Driggs can't stay open, then I would like my neighborhood (Oly jr neighborhood) to be moved to crestview because it is walkable for my kids. If we get rezoned to cottonwood I will remove my kids from public school and sadly have to support our local charter school. I know many families feeling this same way and it would be sad to see such a large group of Driggs kids move to a charter or private school and take away from the public school numbers. We have absolutely loved Driggs community and school and hope to see it live on!	
6/23/2025 12:48:23	ittending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	We love Driggs! We'd love to keep the boundaries the same and have had the best experience there. Please don't close our school!	
6/23/2025 12:50:54	ittending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	We are in the neighborhood west of Holladay City Hall. We do not use the bus system. We are apart of the Driggs community of parents, students, and teachers. It should not be our neighborhood's job to revitalize Cottonwood Elementary, when many of the families who do live in that area choose not to go to Cottonwood. We would prefer to go to Driggs and would have Crestview as a far second choice due to its community and proximity to where we live.	
6/23/2025 12:52:25	ols, but do not have children attending at this time.	3. Driggs El, 13. Olympus	Olympus		
6/23/2025 12:52:42	ittending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	We love Driggs and wish to stay at the school but if it's not a possibility we would happily move to Crestview. Moving to cottonwood would be so hard as it's not our community. It's the opposite direction of everything we do. It divides a lot of friends and we lose the ability to walk to school and school friends. It also makes our sports and extracurricular activities more difficult.	
6/23/2025 12:52:49	ittending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El, 13. Olympus	Olympus	Please do not shut our school down! We love it and it is so convenient right in our big neighborhood.	
6/23/2025 12:53:22	ittending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Skyline	The school is centrally located and serves a diverse student body. It would be a devastating loss.	

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6/23/2025 12:53:49	Attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	I bought my house 12 years ago for the specific reason of having my kids walk to Driggs. They walk to school with about 12 other kids on our street. The neighborhood above has high amounts of kids who walk and bike to school. It is one of my favorite things in life to walk my kids to school, not to mention making it easier on working parents to not have to do drop offs and pick up. My son's grade has 105 kids for 3 classes. Why would we shut down that school when the bulk are there? Having it adjacent to the church is always a huge plus for drop offs and pick ups. The grass area is huge for kids to play at and host a variety of sports.	
6/23/2025 12:54:06	Attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Skyline	I understand how hard this would be to close beloved schools . However, looking at this problem from a more logical and emotionally free perspective. I just can't understand how in the world you would choose to close r Driggs over Cottonwood. Howard r Driggs has the capacity to hold more students. Cottonwood is an old school with portables who doesn't have the infrastructure to hold that many more kids. Driggs has recently been remodeled it used to hold four classes for each grade. Cottonwood does not have that capacity. The projections for future enrollment at driggs is the only school that is steady. Cottonwood shows that it will go down. I am having a very hard time understanding why Driggs is even being considered. I know everyone considers their school special and should not be on the chopping block. However, I cannot understand just from the data why we would close Driggs.	
6/23/2025 12:54:54	Attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	I submitted an email through Julie Jackson with my detailed concerns and questions. Thank you!	
6/23/2025 12:55:21	Attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	I know this is a very hard decision with very opinionated parents. But I do have some hesitations about closing Driggs, which has had some major renovations lately, and keeping Cottonwood open, that needs a lot of work. It just really doesn't make sense to me. I know cottonwood is south but so is Oakwood. It's not enough of a reason in my opinion.	
6/23/2025 12:56:02	Attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	[Identifying Information removed]	
6/23/2025 12:56:06	Attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	Really concerned about driggs closing	
6/23/2025 12:56:36	Attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	We live in the Eastwood boundaries, but we choose to send our students to Driggs elementary	
6/23/2025 12:56:47	ols, but do not have children attending at this time.	13. Olympus Jr, 16. Olym	Olympus		
6/23/2025 12:58:07	Attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	Driggs has been a fantastic school for our family so far and I'm hopeful it will be able to remain open as my other children prepare to enter the district. The community is warm and open. If any of the neighboring schools needed to close and be moved to Driggs, the student base would be welcomed with full fellowship and excitement. It is a central location for our Holladay neighborhoods and the buildings recent upgrades and capacity are something to consider as well. Please keep our school open!	
6/23/2025 12:58:19	Attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus		
6/23/2025 12:59:02	Attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	Please don't close Driggs! I understand that my area is probably going to be moved to Cottonwood or Crestview (my preference) and I'm ok with that. I am in favor of my daughter's grade having 3 classes instead of 2. Reasons to not close Driggs... Driggs was just updated with taxpayer money and that would be a waste to close it down when it is in good shape building wise. It has a courtyard which no other school in the district does-the kids love eating lunch there. Also, a thing to note parking wise, for school events, the church next door allows us to use it for parking which is VERY helpful in keeping cars parked off the street. There is plenty of space for more students to be added and be welcomed there. [Identifying information removed]	
6/23/2025 12:59:31	Attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	8. Penn El	Olympus	We live where we live and send kids to Penn/evergreen/Oly for the dual immersion program. It broadens horizons and makes better citizens.	
6/23/2025 13:00:30	Attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus		
6/23/2025 13:00:31	Attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El, 13. Olympus	Olympus	Our neighborhood would like to stay together as a community! We feel that we are not being heard! Driggs is an amazing thriving school and according to the data it will continue to thrive. I am sad to think there is any talk of it closing. We have a strong PTA and our community. I live in the bussing area. My first choice would obviously be to stay at driggs. If our neighborhood has to move it makes the most sense to go to Crestview as that is the closest school within walking distance. If we were slotted to go to cottonwood, we would never feel apart of the community because of our distance. I understand cottonwood is struggling. I feel it would be most beneficial to move a specific program to cottonwood such as the language program or gifted.	

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6/23/2025 13:00:46	attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	I am extremely concerned with the effect closing Driggs will have on our students current and future. We have a very close knit community and are very supportive to Driggs. Closing 3 schools is a bold move. Julie Jackson has been promising kids from closing schools will stay together. Unfortunately crestview cant absorb 400+ students and no one wants to go to cottonwood. It is farther away, older/smaller building, on a busy street that we can't walk to or from, a good portion of the cottonwood boundary doesn't go there limiting the community/neighborhood feel, smaller pta and parent involvement, fewer programs and opportunities for kids etc. our goal is to create unity in neighborhoods and not tear them apart. Driggs has one of the biggest communities with high test scores, a newer building, thriving pta and parent lead activities. Please consider moving all DLI programs to their own building, split feeder with dli or gifted with an existing thriving traditional program, keeping Driggs and cottonwood open where cottonwood absorbs gifted or dli to help support them, a split feeder of rosecrest and upland terrace, close 2 schools and let things settle/adjust then determine if another school is needed to close. I'm worried Driggs will be the granite high school and regret closing it. Please don't uproot our thriving community and split them all up to schools they don't want to go to	
6/23/2025 13:00:48	ittending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	If our school closes I will opt to go to private school.	
6/23/2025 13:03:12	ols, but do not have children attending at this time.	3. Driggs El	Skyline	Please don't close Driggs! It's the best school. The school building is so nice too.	
6/23/2025 13:03:39	ols, but do not have children attending at this time.	3. Driggs El, 13. Olympus	Olympus		
6/23/2025 13:05:41	ittending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	Closing Driggs elementary would leave a huge hole in the center of Holladay. It would also cut a very strong TRADITIONAL program, not a DLI or gifted program. You would separate and break up 3 different neighborhoods and friend groups. If Driggs closes I will opt to go private.	
6/23/2025 13:06:22	ols, but do not have children attending at this time.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	While I understand the district is facing tough decisions, closing a flourishing school like Driggs would be a serious mistake with long-term consequences for our city and community. Instead of asking why Driggs should stay open, we should be asking how to solve the root issues without dismantling what's working. Driggs has strong enrollment, engaged families, and a proven track record of student success. Removing a school with such stability will only shift problems elsewhere — overcrowding other schools, breaking up community ties, and placing more strain on transportation and working families. The decline in enrollment across the district should be met with strategic, data-informed restructuring — not the closure of high-performing neighborhood schools. Driggs is not part of the problem; it's part of the solution. Closing it would be a disservice not only to the families who rely on it, but to the city as a whole.	
6/23/2025 13:06:39	ols, but do not have children attending at this time.	6. Oakridge El	Skyline		
6/23/2025 13:07:14	ittending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	I couldn't be more shocked that Driggs is being considered for closure as one of the only schools with continually stable or increasing enrollment. Community activity is at an all time high and engagement in activities. Closing Driggs would leave a blight in a residential neighborhood where Driggs is located not on any main roads like many of the other schools. Driggs is one of the newest schools and would be looked upon by most of the Utah population as a massive waste of money, funds and as a very shortsighted mistake. It would also lead to a lack of belief in Granite School District and likely many students choosing home school or charter private schools if closed. Driggs meets nearly every category for why a school shouldn't close with stable enrollment, newer school, located in a residential walkable community etc. it is understood there is some need to close some schools and some meet specific criteria making them eligible. Eastwood is a designated hazardous waste CERCLA site and was built on an old dump. If parents understood this and teachers they likely would choose not to have the school there today. It lies in the cove area with lower numbers and older building. Cottonwood is an older building on a major trafficked road. Morningside is very old and relies solely on its language program for attendance. Etc etc etc. If Driggs were too close it would likely trigger massive backlash and trigger splintering of Grantie District.	
6/23/2025 13:07:16	ittending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El, 13. Olympus	Olympus	Could we consider postponing the actual closing one more year? My son would be going into 5th grade the year of the change. He was already affected by Covid going into elementary. I'd like him to have less disruption on the way out. I feel like he will not be as prepared going into jr high. He's already dealt with high class sizes and although class sizes could potentially be smaller, I feel like the change is still a distraction from schooling the kids.	
6/23/2025 13:08:38	E) I choose not to answer	3. Driggs El, 11. Churchill	Olympus	Please don't close Driggs Elementary! My niece and nephew go there	
6/23/2025 13:09:38	ittending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	Shutting down Driggs does not make any sense. It is a thriving school with great attendance and participation. Taking away from a thriving school to ship students to an outdated struggling school seems to be very unproductive. We moved our family to the neighborhood to attend Driggs. This would bring negative impact to Holladay as a city and to our amazing students attending Driggs. This should be a decision that needs to be taken with extreme measure and not to only appease the "squeaky wheel". I would also caution making a haste decision as The district can always phase out schools overtime if it is appropriate. Please do not shut down Driggs	

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6/23/2025 13:10:51	Attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs EI	Olympus	Driggs has a steady amount of students. Cottonwood is declining. Why are we talking about closing a school that is doing great (Driggs)? Close cottonwood down if student population is not doing well and move those students. Cottonwood school structure is in worse condition. Driggs had some improvements done just a couple years ago.	
6/23/2025 13:11:37	Attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs EI	Olympus	Disrupting the Driggs community would be a terrible decision for Holladay. The school has amazing support and is a wonderful school. Closing it would be devastating and there is really no logical reason to shut it down. The building and property is in great condition, the student attendance is very high and the school is so loved and cherished. Driggs has plenty of room to take in more students, unlike other schools. Additionally, I do not think it makes any sense to disrupt a THRIVING school and community, and send them to “uplift” one that is struggling. Please consider keeping Driggs. Try closing less schools in the short term to see how the closures affect the community. If you close Driggs, It would absolutely devastate my children’s lives!! They have amazing friend groups that would be split up and they would end up starting over because of where we live. We chose our house and neighborhood so our kids could attend Driggs, because it truly is one of the best schools in the district. Closing it down would be a HUGE mistake and the school board would lose the trust of a lot of people in Holladay. Thank you.	
6/23/2025 13:14:53	Attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs EI	Olympus	I am writing to you not only as a parent of two children currently attending Driggs Elementary School, but as a member of a deeply invested and supportive community that is now facing the unsettling possibility of our school being shut down. I strongly urge you to reconsider any proposal that would close Driggs Elementary—a school that continues to thrive, grow, and serve as a foundational institution for our neighborhood. Unlike several other schools in the district facing declining enrollment, Driggs has maintained a consistent student population over the years. In fact, enrollment in the lower grades at Driggs is increasing, a clear indicator that more and more families are choosing to plant roots here. This growth is not a temporary uptick, but part of a trend we’ve seen as new families move into the area, drawn by the reputation of our school and the tight-knit community that supports it. Closing Driggs would be a decision that goes directly against these positive numbers. Shuttering a school with stable and growing enrollment while other schools are shrinking is counterintuitive and, frankly, shortsighted. If anything, the district should be focusing on optimizing and consolidating underutilized schools-not punishing a successful and sustainable one. Should Driggs be closed, our children would be pushed into neighboring schools. This would lead to larger class sizes, diminished individual attention for students, and increased strain on teachers and staff who are already stretched thin. Parents chose Driggs for its balanced classroom environments and the ability for students to be seen, heard, and supported—not lost in the crowd. Additionally, displacing hundreds of students and breaking apart a functioning school community will create upheaval not only for the families directly affected, but also for the schools forced to absorb the overflow. The ripple effects of that disruption would be far-reaching and unnecessary. In short, Driggs Elementary is not the problem-it is part of the solution. It is a school that works, and that continues to meet the educational and emotional needs of its students. The district should be looking to build on the success of schools like Driggs, not tear them down. Please make the right decision. Keep Driggs Elementary open.	
6/23/2025 13:15:34	ols, but do not have children attending at this time.	3. Driggs EI	Olympus	Please do not close Driggs!! It is one of the finest elementary schools in our state. The parents are so supportive and caring. The community is wonderful as are the teachers and administrators. PLEASE DO NOT CLOSE DRIGGS!!!	
6/23/2025 13:16:43	Attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs EI	Olympus	I was a student at Holladay Elementary School when it closed and the district had us start attending Driggs. Though the switch was less than ideal, Driggs ended up being a great landing spot for our community/neighborhood. Driggs is a large, upgraded facility that could open its doors to a neighboring school if there’s to be a closure. It is centrally located so it is a great meeting ground for most of the community. When considering closures, it seems that building capacity and upgrades should absolutely be considered as to not have been wasteful with tax payers dollars.	
6/23/2025 13:17:01	Attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs EI, 13. Olympus	Olympus	I feel strongly that Driggs should remain open. Driggs is a thriving school, with a thriving and active community surrounding it. Because of its location, kids are able to walk to school from almost all directions. Closing driggs would leave a hole in the middle of Holladay. Holladay city has spent major time, effort, and money into making the city walkable, with family friendly parks, shops, restaurants, and housing. Closing Driggs goes totally against this initiative. It doesn’t make sense to me to close a school that has a large capacity, large student body, and renovated building, just to send those students to schools that are smaller, out of date, and farther away. Why would I want to send my child to that kind of school and leave Driggs sitting empty? And do we have the money to renovate older schools like cottonwood, crestview, or upland terrace? The location of driggs also makes car congestion less of a problem in the mornings and afternoons because of its relationship with the LDS church next to it. Other schools have very little parking/waiting options, causing congestion daily and major congestion for school events. It just doesn’t make sense to me to split up a thriving school (including its building, students, and families) to support smaller schools that are struggling. Let’s build up our already strong community, not tear it apart.	
6/23/2025 13:17:10	Attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs EI	Olympus	Here are the 2 ways I see would be best for my neighborhood 1. Closing Driggs and forcing people to go to the new school. Crestview makes the most sense. It’s walkable, closer to our community. 2.if Driggs stays open give us a choice to let our kids stay or go to the new school. If we were to be redirected to another school I would like it to be Crestview.	
6/23/2025 13:17:41	Attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs EI	Olympus	Changing Driggs boundary to be 4500 south would be a decision that negatively affects many students. Driggs has a successful community and relatively large population of students that I hope is not overlooked and disregarded in favor of other less successful options.	
6/23/2025 13:19:35	E) I choose not to answer	3. Driggs EI	Olympus	Please do not close Driggs. There are 500 students that would be displaced, whereas other schools have much fewer.	

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6/23/2025 13:20:35	ols, but do not have children attending at this time.	3. Driggs El, 13. Olympus	Olympus	Keep driggs open	
6/23/2025 13:21:09	ttending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	Driggs has a THRIVING family network and community. There has been a dozen families move into the neighborhood in the last year. The boundaries Driggs covers is one of the few areas on the east bench where young families can still afford houses. A huge draw to this community is that you can safely walk to such a great elementary school! I fear we will be not only losing an elementary, but losing FAMILIES on the east bench of you create a black hole in the middle of a thriving neighborhood full of young families.	
6/23/2025 13:21:47	ttending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El, 13. Olympus	Olympus		
6/23/2025 13:22:19	ols, but do not have children attending at this time.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	Please don't close Driggs! The school has been remodeled, the teachers are amazing, the community is the best!! Thank you!!	
6/23/2025 13:23:32	ols, but do not have children attending at this time.	3. Driggs El, 13. Olympus	Olympus	I feel it is so important to keep Driggs open as a lot of families with young children are moving in. In just last two months, on my street and the next street over, 5 children 3 and under have moved in. In the same geographic area, within the last 6 months, 8 additional children have moved in with 5 of them younger than grade school age.	
6/23/2025 13:23:37	ttending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Skyline	We love Diggs elementary and are very supportive of it. We hope that our children will be able to continue to attend Driggs.	
6/23/2025 13:25:11	iding one of the schools within the boundary study	3. Driggs El	Olympus	I love my school. I love that I get to walk to and from school. I feel like I'm in a better mood when I can get fresh air. I have a safe way to get to school that doesn't require crossing busy roads. The teachers at Driggs are awesome.	
6/23/2025 13:26:48	ttending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	I know you'll do what you needs to be done. I hope that it's based on statistics and building status. And not based on how many parents you hear from. We are all passionate about our community. We absolutely love walking to school. So, of course, I don't want you to close our school. Even I went to Driggs and I absolutely loved it. Thank you for doing what is best for our district. Sincerely, a very involved mother.	
6/23/2025 13:27:11	ols, but do not have children attending at this time.	3. Driggs El, 13. Olympus	Olympus		
6/23/2025 13:27:48	ttending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	Driggs is a vibrant, diverse, and successful elementary school that serves a growing student body. Its level of academic achievement is evidence of its success. Given its success and the bright and growing student body it serves, Driggs is an elementary that should be further strengthened, not dismantled.	
6/23/2025 13:28:02	ttending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus		
6/23/2025 13:28:24	ttending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El, 13. Olympus	Olympus		
6/23/2025 13:29:23	ols, but do not have children attending at this time.	3. Driggs El, 13. Olympus	Olympus	Driggs is an amazing elementary school with wonderful teachers. Me and all of my siblings have all had wonderful experiences there and love the staff and environment. Don't close driggs!	
6/23/2025 13:29:34	ttending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	In short, I want my kids to continue at driggs and I do NOT want my kids to go to any other school	
6/23/2025 13:30:24	ols, but do not have children attending at this time.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	My husband and children have all gone to Driggs. Please do not close it. We are hoping are grandchildren will too go there when they are of age.	
6/23/2025 13:30:29	ttending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Skyline	I live in moringside boundaries and chose to go to Driggs because we can walk there and there's no crosswalk for us to cross 4500 S to get to mroningside	
6/23/2025 13:33:21	iding one of the schools within the boundary study	3. Driggs El	Olympus	please i beg you to not close howard r driggs elementary school. it is an incredible place and i myself went there all 7 years. it is a school filled with magic and where anyone can feel at home. the teachers love the kids and you can see it as a reflection within the kids demeanor. the location of the school is prime being right on 45th and 27th. very few busy roads are needed to get to the school making it safe for kids to get to and from school when parents cannot drive. the crossing guards are loving and have come to learn the kids by name. i'm telling you from personal experience this school is special and there will be a hole in the community if it is shut down. so i beg you please do not close it. it has been recently remodeled making the building itself a beautiful place to go and it would not make sense to close a building that is new and refurbished. so i beg do not close howard r driggs elementary school please and thank you for your time.	
6/23/2025 13:33:56	ttending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	My kids currently go to Driggs and I would hate for them to go to any other school. We live driggs and it's close enough that our kids can walk home. We live [Identifying information removed] and our community is so strong due to our school network. Please keep us at driggs	

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6/23/2025 13:35:10	Attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	1- Driggs is one of the only schools that shows no decline in student enrollment for the next several years. 2- Driggs has walkability and the amazing church parking lot next door. When we have big school events it's safe to walk and park. 3- Driggs just had a large remodel and we also have the capacity to bring in 200+ more students. 4- Driggs has more extra clubs and programs than most schools in the study. If you have participated in one (chess, fire choir, etc) please highlight your positive experiences. 5- Driggs is strong academically! We were ranked #3 in granite last year. Proficiency well above state average: 78% in math and 75% in reading, compared to state averages of ~39% and ~43% respectively.	
6/23/2025 13:35:11	Attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El, 13. Olympus	Olympus	Don't close schools. There has to be a better way to keeps kids comfortable. Our future will be brighter with smaller class sizes.	
6/23/2025 13:35:23	ols, but do not have children attending at this time.	3. Driggs El, 13. Olympus	Olympus	My grandchild go to drugs elementary and can currently walk home. This is a tremendous asset for working grandparents and parents	
6/23/2025 13:35:24	E) I choose not to answer	3. Driggs El, 13. Olympus	Olympus		
6/23/2025 13:36:16	Attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	My grandkids, whom I am the main caregiver for go to driggs and going to a dig school would be a huge disruption of their lives. We want to stay at driggs	
6/23/2025 13:36:17	Attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	I wonder if offering a new, innovative approach to learning could draw more students to a school that has lower enrollment. Specifically offering a school that has single sex classrooms could be an interesting choice that intrigues families who would choose private and charter schools. Many benefits. Have been shown in school boys and girls separately, including less self consciousness and openness to try new things, and more ability to cater to different learning styles for boys and girls among other things. A school with separate classes for boys and girls could still combine the classes for certain activities but learn separately too. I think the answer to dropping enrollment rates is thinking innovatively about how we educate our children.	
6/23/2025 13:38:01	Attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	Driggs has had no population decrease and has potential for 200 more students.	
6/23/2025 13:38:20	Attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	We moved to Utah a year ago and specifically looked at houses within the Driggs boundaries- we were excited about the community, Great Schools score, and talked to lots of neighbors who love it there. Our kids have flourished. We are so saddened to see that we might be dissolving this boundary, as it was already a huge change to move our four children across the country and start a new school. We have three children who attend Driggs, and my wife regularly volunteers with the PTA. Please do not disrupt the boundary for this wonderful school. We do not want to attend Cottonwood.	
6/23/2025 13:38:38	Attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El, 13. Olympus	Olympus		
6/23/2025 13:38:49	ols, but do not have children attending at this time.	2. Crestview El	Olympus	Crestview is a neighborhood and community gathering place. To see this school closed would be devastating to this area. My children are young but if crestview closed I would send them to canyon rim- no questions asked.	

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6/23/2025 13:39:58	attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	1. Driggs is a thriving and growing (if at least staying static, statistically) elementary school. •Driggs boundaries have more affordable housing than most east bench schools, leaving space for young families to move in and grow the school population. The Cresthill/Holly Ln neighborhood has more apartments, townhomes, and duplexes than the surrounding elementary schools combined. And, I would argue, is the most affordable neighborhood within the Driggs boundaries to allow young families to buy or rent. •A strong PTA presence, raising over \$35,000 each year for our students. •The location of the school, next to an LDS church that allows school use of their parking lot, makes the school functional from a drop off/pick up perspective. Other schools, including Cottonwood, have no way to accommodate mass drop off and pick up without halting traffic on main Holladay roads. •Strong parental and community support, that has been cultivated over many, many years. •Long standing, established teachers that care about our students and their education. From my knowledge of Cottonwood Elementary it has none of these points I have listed. Good teachers have left the school, class sizes are 38 kids per class, a large chunk of boundaried families choose to attend private or charter schools, and their PTA is struggling. Is it even legal to have 38 students per class? 2. Driggs and/or the Cresthill/Holly Lane neighborhood cannot save Cottonwood Elementary. •Cottonwood should have been included in the decisions around Spring Lane Elementary's closing. If Cottonwood, Spring Lane, and Oakwood are in an area of dwindling students, interest, and community involvement then the answer seems straightforward, that area requires less elementary schools and those schools should be (should have been) consolidated together. Bussing children from the Cresthill/Holly Ln neighborhood will not save Cottonwood and will only segment the neighborhood into other east bench elementaries or charter schools. •In my estimate there are about 130 kids grades K-5 (Fall 2025) in the Cresthill/Holly Lane neighborhood. Take out 50-60 who attend DLI, Charter, Private, Open Enroll or home school. I would guess 1/3 to 1/2 of the remaining families will open enroll to Driggs, Crestview, Morningside, Upland Terrace, etc. or turn to charter schools. In the end Cottonwood would gain 40-50 students. This number of kids will not save Cottonwood nor provide future growth as any new families to the neighborhood would also be splintered to different schools. (Anecdotal: My street has 12 kids and 7 of them choose to attend Driggs. Only 58% choose to attend the neighborhood and that's when the neighborhood school has a favorable opinion from the neighborhood at large.) 3. Cottonwood may be the next Granite High School. I owned a house that backed up to Granite High School for 8 years (2006-2014), just after it closed. It was common knowledge that the vast majority of children in the neighborhood commuted to east bench schools. And they still do to this day. (One of the South Salt Lake moms was the Upland Terrace PTA president during the 2023/2024 school year) Even low income families (not including refugees and ESL students) in South Salt Lake belong to carpool groups to get their kids to east bench elementary schools. None of the neighborhood students were going to or would now have attended Granite High School. Closing Granite was the RIGHT decision. The kerfuffle of what to do with the school after its closing was the problem. My family opened enrolled to Driggs in 2020, from Rosecrest, and specifically bought a house in the Driggs boundaries in 2021. We have attended Driggs for 5 years and have a kindergartener starting at Driggs in the fall, having attended the Driggs preschool for the last 2 years as well. We will attempt to open enroll to Driggs should the Cresthill/Holly Lane neighborhood be moved to Cottonwood. If that is not an option we will be in the Canyon Rim lottery and/or open enroll to Upland Terrace. I won't take my kids from a thriving school to a dying school, nor one I believe will end up closing in the next few years. My children do not go to public school to help the school. And if the school is not helping them (38 students per class) then I am not interested in sending my kids to that school or district. I will homeschool my kids and remove them (and their per child tax dollars) from the Granite School District before they will attend Cottonwood Elementary. My children will not save Cottonwood Elementary.	
6/23/2025 13:42:31	attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	My grandchildren moved to Holladay a year ago and have loved their experience at Driggs. Two of the three that attend have anxiety, and changing their school would be extremely difficult. So much so, that my daughter is strongly considering starting up a homeschool pod if Drigg's closes. Some things thaty daughter says they've loved about Driggs: 1- we are one of the only schools that shows no decline in student enrollment for the next several years. 2- walkability and the amazing church parking lot next door. When we have big school events it's safe to walk and park. 3- our facility just had a large remodel and we also have the capacity to bring in 200+ more students. 4- we have more extra clubs and programs than most schools in the study. Tally loved being a part of chess club! 5- strong academically! We were ranked #3 in granite last year. Proficiency well above state average: 78% in math and 75% in reading, compared to state averages of ~39% and ~43% respectively.	
6/23/2025 13:43:04	ols, but do not have children attending at this time.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	This school has a strong impact in my community. We have a 1 year old son and we have already started familiarizing him with the school by taking him to events and the playground there with the hopes of it being a place he is familiar with by the time he starts school. I know many of the families with children at this school and it is very important to them that it remain open.	

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6/23/2025 13:52:10	ols, but do not have children attending at this time.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	We moved into our home about 18 months ago. We have no family or ties to Holladay. We specifically moved to this area for our children (toddlers) to attend Driggs.	
6/23/2025 13:52:22	ols, but do not have children attending at this time.	3. Driggs El, 16. Olympus	Olympus		
	ittending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	When you fill this out PLEASE highlight the positive, factual things that Driggs has going for us! 1- we are one of the only schools that shows no decline in student enrollment for the next several years. 2- walkability is so nice and the amazing church parking lot next door. When we have big school events it's safe to walk and park. And makes drop off and pickup safer and less congested 3- our facility just had a large remodel and we also have the capacity to bring in 200+ more students. 4- we have more extra clubs and programs than most schools in the study. My son will be old enough next year to participate in more clubs. 5- strong academically! We were ranked #3 in granite last year. Proficiency well above state average: 78% in math and 75% in reading, compared to state averages of ~39% and ~43% respectively.	
6/23/2025 13:52:26					
6/23/2025 13:52:48	ittending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El, 13. Olympus	Skyline	We are in Morningside elementary boundaries but I take my kids to Driggs. We love the community at Driggs! It's an update school with lots of space. LOVE that there's a church next door with a giant parking lot. I don't worry about my kids having to run across and wait on a busy street. Parking is especially convenient for school wide functions. Love the faculty and their dedication to teaching. Love the extra curricular activities my kids have been able to participate in-Dragon flyers (running club) and the school play. The school has so much support that my kids thrive there. We LOVE DRIGGS!!!	
6/23/2025 13:54:45	ittending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	It sounds like my neighborhood will most likely be moving from driggs, and though we would all like to go to crestview if that happens, there's a big chance we will go to cottonwood. It obviously makes no sense to close cottonwood because the kids in that area need a school. But I know my neighborhood would all prefer to be at crestview because it's walkable for us. And I know a lot of people in my neighborhood think that morningside should close and that it makes sense for their special programs to move to cottonwood to pull in more students there.	
6/23/2025 13:54:48	ittending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El, 13. Olympus	Olympus	Please don't send us to cottonwood. It is not our neighborhood school. It is too far for us.	
6/23/2025 14:00:21	ittending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Skyline	We're in Morningside boundaries and opted to go to Driggs for many reasons. It's safer for us to walk to Driggs because of the cross walk location on 4500 S. They have more extracurriculars, my son did Chess club last year. And having a church Nextdoor allows for safer pickup and drop off options.	
6/23/2025 14:01:08	E) I choose not to answer		Olympus	Curious why any of the recently remodeled schools in our network are being considered for closure? With all of the millions of dollars invested in these buildings it would be a massive waste of tax payer money to close any of those schools and then pour money into buildings that need substantial work done on them.	
6/23/2025 14:04:52	ittending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Skyline	Please don't close our school!!!! We love to walk and if Driggs closes we won't be able to walk to any other school. It's part of why we bought our home to give kids the experience of walking to school!	
6/23/2025 14:07:21	ittending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El, 13. Olympus	Olympus	Please don't send us to Cottonwood Elementary.	
6/23/2025 14:07:40	ols, but do not have children attending at this time.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	Morningside is also close by. There are out of boundary kids there due to the magnet program. That's a good thing for Granite. We want more kids so we can keep schools open. They also offer dual immersion which has been a benefit to the area. My grandkids have benefited by that program and received college scholarships. Q	
6/23/2025 14:09:25	ittending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El, 13. Olympus	Olympus		
6/23/2025 14:09:35	ittending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	Driggs is a vibrant part of our community. It is in a prime location with walkability for most of its students. It has attracted the kind of families that are motivated with parents who want to be part of the community, volunteer, and get involved with their students education. It has been a wonderful and loving place for so many students to learn and grow. Please keep Driggs open!!	
6/23/2025 14:10:01	ittending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El, 13. Olympus	Olympus	Please keep Driggs!	
6/23/2025 14:11:25	ols, but do not have children attending at this time.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	Driggs was just remodeled. It's a great school and such a community school. Kids walking to school just use neighborhood streets avoiding busy streets.	

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6/23/2025 14:13:23	attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	My family lives in what used to be the Millcreek elementary boundaries, however we opted to go to driggs on special permit because of the incredibly higher quality education and overall great school culture available at Driggs. We loved the community and staff, and the neighborhood feel of the school. The fact that is was remodeled just in time for our daughter to start kindergarten made the facility such a strong house for learning, and because of this they also have the ability to house many more classes. I think it is worth noting that Driggs has always had a steady student body and that the neighborhood families have been strong in continually choosing driggs rather than opting to get a special permit in search of better schools: the test scores and special awards to staff should speak for themselves in that regard. I would highly be in favor of redrawing the school boundaries since I feel that my actual neighborhood school has shut down and we were offered no great local choice. A suggestion would be to have Penn, as a pretty central school within the district, be special programs only, possibly taking Morningside's french and gifted programs as well as the Spanish immersion and redirect the other students to crestview and driggs, then closing morningside since it is older and smaller. I think the church next to driggs that provides ample parking to all events, as well as its recent remodel, constant high test scores, through street which helps with traffic congestion and community support make it an irreplaceable asset to the district and community. I also think it's important to note that trying to combine it with crestview would make the traffic around Olympus high an absolute nightmare as well.	
6/23/2025 14:19:25	attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	Driggs should not even be a part of this study given our steady and increasing enrollment projections for the next 5 years. It seems crazy for you to be considering a school closure on a school with healthy enrollment, strong parent support, and stable population/enrollment trends. Don't close a healthy school. Driggs should stay open and absorb students from other neighboring schools that don't have strong enrollment numbers. Driggs is a very walkable school with many students in the community safely walking to school. Other schools in the study are not walkable due to their location on busy roads.	
6/23/2025 14:21:06	attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	We are one of the only schools that shows no decline in students over the next several years.	
6/23/2025 14:22:48	attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	5. Morningside El	Skyline	Turn Morningside into a 100% program based school. Add to the ALC program or import another program. The neighborhood class can go to Driggs where there are extra classrooms.	
6/23/2025 14:24:42	attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	Driggs is a pillar of our community. Centrally located, walking distance for most families, tip rated teachers & education, plus room to grow. Thank you for keeping Driggs open for our family!	
6/23/2025 14:25:52	ols, but do not have children attending at this time.	3. Driggs El	Olympus		
6/23/2025 14:27:09	attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	You guys just did a whole bunch of work on Driggs to shore up plus as I have itunderstood Drivgs has empty school classes allowing for growth and other schools like Cottonwood elementary school are already outgrowing the school and into portables	
6/23/2025 14:28:03	attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	I have one student, my oldest. I currently have two other children that would attend driggs. We love our home and neighborhood.	

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6/23/2025 14:35:42	Attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	As a parent of three children currently attending Driggs Elementary in 2nd, 4th, and 5th grades, I strongly support keeping our school open. Driggs is an incredible place where my children are not only learning—they're thriving. One of the most compelling reasons to keep Driggs open is that it's one of the only schools in the study that is not experiencing a decline in student enrollment. In fact, our school community is growing, which is a clear sign of trust and satisfaction from local families. The walkability of Driggs is another major advantage. Many of us live close enough for our kids to walk safely to school, and the church parking lot next door has been a huge blessing. It creates a safe and convenient option for parking during large events and helps bring families together for concerts, assemblies, and other school activities. Our recently remodeled facility is modern, welcoming, and ready for the future—with enough space to bring in over 200 additional students. It would be a missed opportunity not to utilize a building that's already updated and equipped to serve more families. What truly makes Driggs stand out, though, are the extra programs and the strong academic performance. The wide range of clubs and enrichment opportunities offered at Driggs is one of the best in the district. These programs have helped my kids build confidence, develop new skills, and enjoy school even more. Academically, Driggs is top-tier. We were ranked #3 in the Granite School District last year, and our students' proficiency scores—78% in math and 75% in reading—are far above the state averages. This is a testament to the dedication of our teachers and staff, who work hard every day to ensure each child succeeds. Driggs Elementary is not just a school—it's a cornerstone of our community. Please consider the long-term benefits of keeping it open for our children, our neighborhood, and the future of public education in our area. Sincerely, [Identifying information removed] Parent of 2nd, 4th, and 5th Grade Students at Driggs Elementary	
6/23/2025 14:35:51	Attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus		
6/23/2025 14:43:33	Attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	Please keep Driggs open!!! We have a large community of kids that walk to/from school and play together in our neighborhood that would be devastated if they were split up. Recently a ton of tax payer money went in to Driggs for updates and it would be a shame to just have that be a waste. We love our teachers and the programs and clubs that Driggs sponsors. It plays a huge role in our community.	
6/23/2025 14:43:43	Attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	We love Driggs community!! I have 6 children, who all have walked or biked to school it such a great safe neighborhood and school area. We have an amazing supportive community, and families keep moving in with young families. We have amazing teachers who love our kids and work hard to keep our test scores up! We have a community that actually attends the neighborhood school. I am a big believer in public schools and I really wish the district would serve our community not the district. Please be mindful when making this decision, it is heartbreaking to even think they could do anyway with our beautifully redone school in such an amazing central location. Thank You!	
6/23/2025 14:48:27	Attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	Please don't close Driggs	

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6/23/2025 14:51:21	attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	Keep What’s Working: Why Howard R. Driggs Must Remain Open As Granite School District evaluates potential elementary school closures in the 2025 Area 5 Boundary Study, it is critical to look beyond enrollment numbers alone and prioritize academic strength, facility quality, community connection, and long-term sustainability. Among the schools being considered, Howard R. Driggs Elementary clearly stands out as one of the most successful, stable, and community-anchored schools on the East Side. It should remain open. Driggs is a High-Performing, Model School 1. Top Academic Performance Howard R. Driggs consistently ranks among the highest-performing schools in Granite School District, with: Strong achievement in math and language arts Excellent student growth metrics Well-established literacy and enrichment programs It is a school families actively seek out for its reputation of academic excellence and quality instruction. 2. Highest Number of In-Boundary Students Driggs has the largest percentage of in-boundary students among the schools under review. This isn’t just a school families tolerate—it’s a school families are committed to. The student body is built on local families who live nearby, walk to school, and stay for years. 3. A True Neighborhood School and Community Hub Driggs is the heart of its community. Its walkability, strong PTA, and neighborhood-centric culture create a vibrant, supportive environment. Kids walk and bike to school together. Families gather for school events, volunteer opportunities, and fundraisers. Generations of students have attended, and alumni remain active in support. Driggs is not just a building—it is a centerpiece of local identity and pride. 4. Updated, Well-Maintained Facility Unlike schools in need of major renovation, Driggs has undergone recent improvements and is ready to support modern learning. It houses: Up-to-date classrooms STEM and enrichment programs A safe, well-maintained playground and campus 5. Strong, Stable Staffing and Leadership Driggs retains talented, experienced educators who are trusted by the community. This level of continuity is invaluable and reflects both staff satisfaction and student success. Why Driggs Should Remain Open Over Cottonwood Elementary When evaluating options for consolidation, Howard R. Driggs offers far more long-term educational value than Cottonwood Elementary. <table><tr><td>Factor</td><td>Driggs</td><td>Cottonwood</td></tr><tr><td>Test Scores & Academic Growth</td><td>High-performing</td><td>Below district average</td></tr><tr><td>Facility Condition</td><td>Recently updated</td><td>Aging and less efficient</td></tr><tr><td>In-Boundary Population</td><td>Highest in Area 5</td><td>Declining</td></tr><tr><td>Community Engagement</td><td>Strong, deeply rooted</td><td>Less consistent</td></tr><tr><td>Walkability</td><td>High — safe routes</td><td>Less walkable</td></tr><tr><td>Enrollment Stability</td><td>Consistently strong</td><td>Fluctuates year to year</td></tr></table> Driggs is the model of a healthy, thriving school—closing it would be dismantling one of the district’s greatest assets. Strategic Solution: Consider Morningside for Consolidation Instead of closing a high-performing school like Driggs, the district should consider Morningside Elementary for closure, and	Factor	Driggs	Cottonwood	Test Scores & Academic Growth	High-performing	Below district average	Facility Condition	Recently updated	Aging and less efficient	In-Boundary Population	Highest in Area 5	Declining	Community Engagement	Strong, deeply rooted	Less consistent	Walkability	High — safe routes	Less walkable	Enrollment Stability	Consistently strong	Fluctuates year to year	
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6/23/2025 14:57:43	attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	1- We are one of the only schools that shows no decline in student enrollment for the next several years. 2- Walkability and the amazing church parking lot next door. When we have big school events it's safe to walk and park. 3- Our facility just had a large remodel and we also have the capacity to bring in 250+ more students. 4- We have more extra clubs and programs than most schools in the study. 5- Strong academically! We were ranked #3 in granite last year. Proficiency well above state average: 78% in math and 75% in reading, compared to state averages of ~39% and ~43% respectively.	
6/23/2025 14:58:14	attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	Driggs is a very healthy and community driven school. It would be a shame to close it in favor of a struggling older barely surviving school strictly because it is in the border.	
6/23/2025 14:59:15	attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El, 13. Olympus	Olympus	I really love and appreciate that it is so walkable. I think we have hands-down, the best crossing guards that truly look out for the safety of our children. If Driggs were to close, we are outside of the bus route to Cottonwood Elementary. That goes with changing the boundary since we are south of 4500 south. I then have to take extra time out of my already working schedule to drive my kid to school, especially if there happens to be another bus shortage. The very reason why we are in the house that we are in is because of the walk ability to the elementary school. The events that take place at Driggs are so accessible. The church parking lot helps to bring in a lot of extra people while eliminating the traffic directly at the elementary school. People leave other school boundaries in order to come to Drigg's because of the proficiency of the test scores. We are still ranked number three in the state and have always ranked in the top 10. I was a student there myself over 25 years ago and this is still Something that stays very true. I stand for Driggs, I will always stand for Driggs, I will always tell people to go to Driggs. I cannot imagine a place better suited for my kids. I also cannot imagine sending my already anxiety, Rick and Child to full day kindergarten at a branch new school and then having to move him again And start that anxiety process all over at another school while he is so little. Please do not do this to our children. Keep Howard, our drugs open, and keep the open enrollment open, and allow us to grandfather into the school so we don't have to change! This is our school! It is very hard nowadays to find a traditional elementary school. There's always somebody looking for an immersion program or a special education program or an additional arts program, but Driggs has always been exceptional in traditional values. While the voices may not be super loud in fighting this fight, their voices are extremely loud when it comes to events, extracurriculars, and added education evening, such a stem night. The parental involvement within the school compares to no one! The parents care, and they show up for everything!	
6/23/2025 15:00:22	attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	We moved specifically 6 months ago to be in the driggs neighborhood and school. We came from upland which was a great school but compared to driggs doesn't hold a candle. Many of the neighborhood kids did not attend the local school but that is not the case with driggs. The community and walk-ability of the school for all the neighborhood children is paramount. We have steady enrollment (in-boundary enrollment I might add) and higher testing scores than all the schools around us. We have been to countless after school activities, stem night, art night, dads and donuts, parents lunch etc. Having been to another school in the district so recently I can confidently say driggs is far superior with its support, academics, numbers etc. Closing driggs would be a HUGE mistake.	

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6/23/2025 15:00:25	ols, but do not have children attending at this time.	3. Driggs EI	Olympus	I registered my children for Driggs next year before I knew about the boundary study. I have three second graders. Our neighborhood has already lost Holladay elementary and if Driggs closes we will not have a walkable option. All the surrounding schools are about 2 miles away. The loss of a walkable neighborhood school would be detrimental to the area and it really was the main reason we left private school. I have one child with a physical disability who cannot walk almost 2 miles to school.	
6/23/2025 15:00:28	itending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs EI	Olympus	I'm writing to express my strong support for Driggs Elementary and to urge you to keep our school open. Driggs is not only a thriving educational institution, but also a vital part of our community that continues to grow, innovate, and inspire. First and foremost, Driggs stands out as one of the only schools in the district that shows no projected decline in enrollment over the coming years. In a time when many schools are shrinking, our steady and growing student population is a sign of both community trust and lasting relevance. Our location and accessibility also contribute greatly to our success. With a safe, walkable neighborhood and access to a large church parking lot next door, Driggs can safely and efficiently host large events without the traffic and safety concerns many schools face. Beyond convenience, our school building recently underwent a significant remodel and has room to grow—offering capacity for 250+ additional students. This investment in infrastructure reflects the long-term potential and vision for Driggs. What sets Driggs apart even further is our vibrant selection of student programs and extracurricular clubs. From Fire Choir to Chess Club and other enriching opportunities, Driggs provides a well-rounded experience that keeps students engaged and excited about learning. These programs create community, build leadership, and inspire creativity—and many schools simply don't offer the same variety or support. Academically, Driggs is a standout. We are proud to have been ranked #3 in the entire Granite School District last year. Even more impressively, our student proficiency levels speak volumes: 78% in math and 75% in reading, compared to the state averages of approximately 39% and 43%, respectively. These numbers are not just statistics—they're proof of excellent teaching, dedicated staff, and motivated learners. Driggs Elementary is not a school in decline. It is a school on the rise, a model of what's possible when a community, staff, and students come together in pursuit of excellence. Please don't take away a school that is thriving, growing, and doing so much good.	
6/23/2025 15:02:52	itending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs EI, 13. Olympus	Olympus	The passion of the families that attend Driggs has always impressed me. The parents and the kids care about and love this school. Being a neighborhood school, seeing the kids walking to school with friends, parents in the mornings and afternoons is always so much fun to watch. The quality of teaches and principals is always top notch (I hav only heard good things about the new principal). I know of two families that have moved in to the neighborhood in just the past 6 months simply because they want their kids at Driggs.	
6/23/2025 15:04:35	C) I am an employee of Granite School District	3. Driggs EI	Cottonwood		
6/23/2025 15:04:36	itending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs EI	Olympus	Driggs is a cornerstone in our community, with extremely high test scores, an incredibly involved community, the capacity to take on an extra 200 students and was also recently remodeled. We show no decline in student enrollment over the next several years and most of our students walk to school. We would be absolutely devastated to lose Driggs a thriving, top academic school.	
6/23/2025 15:04:55	itending one of the schools in the boundary study.	16. Olympus High	Olympus	Please do not allow Driggs Elementry school to close. There is more involvement at this school than most schools. The kids are able to walk safely to and from school and have incredible support from the community. Test scores are well above the average for the state and district. I am so confused why you even consider closing something that is working so well. Please stop continuing to threaten the best parts of granite school district and allow our kids and and our community to continue to provide incredible opportunities for the kids in our area. We are doing a great job and don't need the state or district to destroy what makes our schools so great. Please keep Driggs open and allow the neighborhood kids to walk to a great school so they can learn and continue to give back. Thank you.	

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6/23/2025 15:05:08	attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	Keep Driggs open!	
6/23/2025 15:05:31	attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El, 13. Olympus	Olympus	Driggs is a school that has drawn people to this community for years! It's wonderful because it's a traditional public school option for families that aren't looking for schools with magnet or immersion programs. The community comes together with art and culture and other programs that lift the children.	
6/23/2025 15:07:24	ols, but do not have children attending at this time.	3. Driggs El, 16. Olympus	Olympus	Driggs has much going for us. 1- we are one of the only schools that shows no decline in student enrollment for the next several years. 2- walkability and the amazing church parking lot next door. When we have big school events it's safe to walk and park. 3- our facility just had a large remodel and we also have the capacity to bring in 200+ more students. 4- we have more extra clubs and programs than most schools in the study. If you have participated in one (chess, fire choir, etc) please highlight your positive experiences. 5- strong academically! We were ranked #3 in granite last year. Proficiency well above state average: 78% in math and 75% in reading, compared to state averages of ~39% and ~43% respectively.	
6/23/2025 15:07:50	attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	We love Driggs for the great academics, teachers, walk ability, great parking with the pagoda, church next-door, and the proximity to our home.	
6/23/2025 15:07:51	ols, but do not have children attending at this time.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	There are five things I'd like to highlight: 1- We are one of the only schools that shows no decline in student enrollment for the next several years. 2- Walkability and the amazing church parking lot next door. When we have big school events it's safe to walk and park. 3- Our facility just had a large remodel and we also have the capacity to bring in 250+ more students. 4- We have more extra clubs and programs than most schools in the study. If you have participated in one (chess, fire choir, etc) please highlight your positive experiences. 5- Strong academically! We were ranked #3 in granite last year. Proficiency well above state average: 78% in math and 75% in reading, compared to state averages of ~39% and ~43% respectively. Thank you!	
6/23/2025 15:08:27	attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	My son started preschool at driggs this last school year. He loved it! We love how close it is to our home and how safe it is. Please don't close driggs!!	
6/23/2025 15:08:39	attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	16. Olympus High	Olympus	Driggs has so many benefits as a location for an elementary school. 1.It is walkable for most of the students. 2. It has use of the church parking lot next to it for large school functions 3. One of the strongest elementary's academically in granite school district 4. Has many extra programs for kids to enrich their learning 5. It just underwent a remodel and has the capacity to accept an additional 250+ students	

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6/23/2025 15:08:42	attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	I drove my three oldest children to a magnet program for years because I didn't feel like the local elementary could supplement their quick learning. Then we moved into the Driggs boundary and were blown away by all the learning and opportunities. The parent and family engagement at Driggs is second to none. My children have highly benefitted from choir, school plays, science fairs, debate, Reflections, and other programs. The teachers have learned to leverage the willingness of parents to help out and this elevates their level of instructions and student engagement. But best of all, without question, is the strong bonds forged by being able to walk to and from school. NOTHING can make up for the unstructured interactions these kids have as they come to and from school .They learn communication, negotiation, empathy, independence, leadership. Taking away our community's chance to walk with their buddies to the local school will be devastating, please reconsider this choice. Hundreds of kids will benefit from Driggs continuing to offer such an excellent learning environment.	
6/23/2025 15:09:02	attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El, 13. Olympus	Olympus	[Identifying information removed] when we first moved in and were finding friends for our kids to walk to school with, everyone said to just send them out the door and catch the current of kids walking and riding bikes to and from school. There are so many children who go to school this way and benefit from the independence of navigating to and from school through a safe neighborhood. My kids have made diverse friendships at Driggs that have positively impacted their lives. Our son [Identifying information removed] has excelled academically because the teachers are personally invested in their student's growth. Driggs has a strong and positive community that is still supported by families who no longer have kids there, simply because it is a school we deeply care for. There has been a beautiful remodel of the school and the updated facility has the capacity for more students. Please consider closing an older school and let those students go to school in an updated building with a neighborhood and community that would embrace them.	
6/23/2025 15:09:54	ols, but do not have children attending at this time.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	Driggs has recently been upgraded and has capacity to add so many students. It is conveniently right off the freeway and 4500 S. The school serves a community so well and has a loyal following. It seems like a school that should stay open for the neighborhood. At this point, I just feel that it would be unwise to close this school. My kids also attended Morningside and it was so old with such a long single hallway. Driggs offers a much better student and parent experience.	
6/23/2025 15:11:17	ols, but do not have children attending at this time.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	Driggs is a fantastic neighborhood school! We just had our last child graduate from Driggs, and we have loved our experience with all our children. It has great academics, good parent support, good numbers of kids, and was just remodeled. We have loved our elementary school experience there! It has been by far our favorite out of the three different elementary schools my kids have attended!	
6/23/2025 15:11:35	attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El, 13. Olympus	Olympus	Driggs has the unique position of being next to a church that allows for parking when there are school programs or events. This parking lot means we are not crowding the street parking and also safety net for dropping off and picking up kids. Academics at the schools that feed into Olympus are higher than those elsewhere in the district. Parent participation is very high and useful in running a great school and Driggs has plenty of it. I can't imagine closing such a successful elementary school	
6/23/2025 15:12:20	attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El, 13. Olympus	Olympus	Driggs elementary has been such a positive experience for our four children. The culminate is close and supportive and willing to advocate for and help the students. The following are strengths of Driggs: 1- Driggs is one of the only schools that shows no decline in student enrollment for the next several years. 2- A lot of students can easily walk to the school and there is a large church parking lot next door, which facilitates smooth parking and walk ability when we have big school events. 3- Our facility just had a large remodel and we also have the capacity to bring in 200+ more students. 4- Driggs has more extra clubs and programs than most schools in the study. My daughter participated in the art club and loved getting to create extra art projects. 5- Driggs is strong academically! We were ranked #3 in granite last year. Proficiency well above state average: 78% in math and 75% in reading, compared to state averages of ~39% and ~43% respectively. We love our school and network of school! Thank you.	
6/23/2025 15:13:19	ols, but do not have children attending at this time.	3. Driggs El, 13. Olympus	Olympus	I am writing to encourage the PAC and board members to save Driggs Elementary. It is a fantastic neighborhood school where most kids walk to school. When needed, cars can safely come and park at the convenient church right next door. I have had children attend Driggs and can speak to the high academic focus which leads to leaders as they go through the school system. (Many of the leaders at Olympus High School were taught at Driggs Elementary). The high academics are also evident in their test scores, which consistently rank highly in Granite District. There is a culture of respect, kindness and excellence at Driggs. There is a huge support system of parents, with a very involved and well run PTA. It is a wonderful school that is an asset to the district. Please do not close it.	

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6/23/2025 15:16:04	ols, but do not have children attending at this time.	3. Driggs EI	Olympus	All of my children attended Driggs. It is a wonderful school academically. The location is excellent with plenty of parking for school events with the Church parking lot next door. Considering all the new building which is currently taking place in the area it seems that the location is ideal for the influx of new builds in the area. The schoolyard is large and well used for community soccer programs. The school is in excellent condition. There are new townhomes going in on 4500 south and 2300 east as well as 4500 south below 2300 east. Where do you plan to send children from these areas as well as the large development in the old Cottonwood Mall site. We are seeing an increase in young families in our neighborhood. Driggs is a very walkable friendly neighborhood as well as being a wonderful school academically with a great family friendly atmosphere!	
6/23/2025 15:16:32	ols, but do not have children attending at this time.	3. Driggs EI, 13. Olympus	Olympus	I am submitting this survey in support of Driggs Elementary. My 4 kids went to Driggs & it is amazing! My last child just recently graduated from Olympus & Driggs gave them the best start! All my kids still miss Driggs! In fact, Driggs was a huge reason we moved to this area. I served for many years with the pta & parent & community support is so high, which adds to a strong school! Other outstanding things about Driggs: — no student decline in many years due to many families desiring to move into neighborhoods that feed into this school — Driggs is a huge part of the community & safe walk ability to school is terrific. It is at a great location for many families & has a large capacity for parking! —many extra curricular activities offered by school. I was in charge of the science fair for many years & it has amazing participation. All my kids are going into science in college! —academically it is always at the top of the district. A strong academic start is so important! —it just went through a major remodel!	
6/23/2025 15:16:38	ols, but do not have children attending at this time.	3. Driggs EI	Olympus	Please keep Driggs open!	
6/23/2025 15:16:45	ttending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs EI	Olympus	Driggs is a great neighborhood school with involved parents, a strong community where parents walk their children to school. Clubs, activities, and the education of great kids that will go out into the world and do great things. My 4 kids went to Driggs and it is the heart of our neighborhood community. It would be devastating to shut down Driggs.	
6/23/2025 15:20:28	ols, but do not have children attending at this time.	3. Driggs EI	Olympus	Three of my children are currently attending Driggs Elementary. We just recently moved from up the road where they attended upland terrace. Even though we were only at Driggs for the second half of the year, the contrast with Upland Terrace was obvious and stark. At Driggs there's been more of a community feel, more activities, stronger academics for our kids, and all around it has felt like so much better of a school. I was blown away when I went to the lunch with parents event, and there were hundreds and hundreds of parents there supporting their kids and the school. The fact that there's consideration to close Driggs is mind boggling to me, as I understand it's one of the strongest schools in the district, and my limited experience with it has shown me what a high caliber institution it is.	
6/23/2025 15:20:45	ttending one of the schools in the boundary study.	17. Skyline High	Olympus	Please do not shut down Driggs Elementary. My family moved here from Ogden and bought a house here a year ago specifically so our kids could attend Driggs. We have three kids (our oldest is 4), and we have been so excited for them to attend an excellent school in our neighborhood that they can walk to. It's been a huge relief for our family that we finally achieved our goal of moving here. I've felt such peace knowing our kids can go to Driggs and not the rough schools in Ogden we were previously zoned for. My son keeps asking when he can attend "dragon school," and he's excited about the prospect of going and walking there with his neighborhood friends! We were particularly excited about Driggs because it not only excels academically (one of the top schools in the state), but it's also supported by an excellent neighborhood with lots of kids and families with young children. And more young families continue to move in! We've seen 5+ families move into our neighborhood just over the past year. Plus, the fact that the school has been recently remodeled makes it a safe and secure environment for our kids and community. It's such a beautiful school with a bright future and a strong history. So much has been invested into making this a wonderful place for our kids. It would be such a waste for this school to be shut down, and we would be absolutely heartbroken! Please keep Driggs in our community and let our kids experience what it's like to be part of Driggs. If Driggs is shut down, more families in our area will be forced to consider private or charter school instead. That would be a huge shame and such an unnecessary blow to this special community!	
6/23/2025 15:22:03	ols, but do not have children attending at this time.	3. Driggs EI	Olympus	My daughters home school is Oly high, my other kids went to skyline	

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6/23/2025 15:22:44	Attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	We deeply love our Driggs community. It's clear that our families and staff care deeply about our students and work tirelessly to help them thrive. The parents here are incredibly dedicated, volunteering countless hours to ensure Driggs succeeds—not just as a school, but as a cornerstone of our neighborhood. After our recent community meeting with Julie Jackson, we appreciated her willingness to engage in conversation and hear our concerns. However, one area that raised significant concern was the discussion around special programs, especially language immersion. Julie expressed that she isn't a strong proponent of these programs and emphasized a desire to consolidate schools—closing two, but retaining one language program in a much smaller, separate school. She framed this as closing “1.5 schools” rather than two, but that kind of math becomes problematic when you start separating programs and duplicating infrastructure. This approach risks weakening our traditional schools rather than strengthening them. Maintaining a separate building for a special program means added costs—administration, building maintenance, utilities—without necessarily serving more students or enhancing educational quality. Instead, it can pull resources and enrollment away from neighborhood schools that already work well. I have personally seen a different model work beautifully. In Minnetonka, Minnesota, where my children attended a top-50 public school nationally, they offered an exceptional Spanish immersion program integrated into a high-performing school. The result? A surge in enrollment—including from families outside district boundaries—and a thriving academic culture in both the immersion and traditional tracks. The language program was a draw, not a drain. Could we consider something similar here? For example, what if we housed the Morningside French program at Cottonwood? A combined, thriving program could attract families who might otherwise choose private schools—especially when it's conveniently located right in their neighborhood. Ultimately, it felt like the proposal to separate the language program was less about optimizing education and more about sidelining it, which ends up hurting all our schools. Driggs stands out for many reasons: Stable enrollment: We are one of the only schools projected to maintain or grow enrollment over the coming years. Accessibility and safety: Our walkable location and proximity to a large church parking lot make our school uniquely suited for large events and safe community access. Modern, spacious facility: Driggs recently underwent a significant remodel and has capacity for 250+ more students. Robust extracurricular offerings: Our programs like chess club, Fire Choir, and others help build a strong, well-rounded student experience. We encourage families to share their positive stories. Academic excellence: Last year, Driggs was ranked #3 in Granite District. Our students scored 78% proficiency in math and 75% in reading—far above the state averages of 39% and 43%, respectively. We believe schools like Driggs should be held up as models—not put at risk due to logistical or ideological preferences. We ask for thoughtful, student-centered planning that brings programs together, rather than isolating them. Let's invest in what's already working and build on it for the future.	
6/23/2025 15:27:35	C) I am an employee of Granite School District	3. Driggs El	Olympus		
6/23/2025 15:28:19	Attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	There is such a strong support for Driggs elementary. What an incredible community we have!! Our school has a large remodel not too long ago that brought 250+ more students. Our school is safe to walk to and can have over flow parking in the church next door. We just had a 5th grade play that brought in more of the community and more support than we ever imagined. There was camaraderie that felt unified and absolutely incredible! We have lived in 5 different states, attending 3 different elementary school and Driggs has far surpassed any expectations. We have loved every minute there! Not just because of the amazing teachers and staff but bc of the community and parent support. I'm telling you, ive never seen more support from families!!	
6/23/2025 15:28:38	Attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	I have four children who all attended Driggs Elementary and it was an incredible experience. The teachers are excellent, and highly committed. It's a very strong school academically, ranked #3 in the granite district last year. Proficiency rates are well above average at 78% in math and 75% in reading. There are many clubs that serve the students (including but not limited to fire choir, chess, as well as the school musical) as well as community events that create not only a strong school, but a strong community as well. We most enjoy the community art night even though we no longer have students attending the school. It's a fantastic event that is attended by many community members. It's a very safe school, walkable for many students and with a church parking lot right next door that allows for safe drop off and pick up. Driggs just had a large remodel and has the capacity to bring in 250+ more students. We show no decline in student enrollment in the next several years. Keep Driggs open!	

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6/23/2025 15:30:43	ittending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs EI	Skyline	We are a permit family for Howard R Driggs. We are supposed to go to Morningside Elementary and choose not to go to that school because they have two programs (magnet and French immersion). We feel that having two programs (which are obviously in place to keep the school open) cause segregation amongst the students and also cause students to be stuck with the same peers (for better or worse) their entire elementary experience. Having the two programs also attracts more permit families who do not live in the neighborhood, and some who live too far away to make proper friendship connections with. Having these programs does not promote community, which is really what our schools are struggling with to stay open. I believe all language programs should be in one school building, and parents who are looking for that type of “community” can choose to go that route, but it shouldn’t be forced upon the neighborhood schools. I also believe the magnet program should be dissolved and to give teachers better resources to help those students who need more of a challenge. Howard R. Driggs has been a great school option for our family as it’s in walking distance of our home and has a strong community base with lots of support for the great activities and extracurriculars planned for our amazing students. In addition to closing elementary schools, restructuring our jr high and high school boundaries should really be considered during this process. There is no point in going through all this trouble if you don’t solve ALL of the issues. I think it’s important that the jr highs have more than one elementary school feeding into them so we don’t have the issue of being with the same peers year after year. There is also the issue of boundary lines literally going through people’s houses and segregating small sections of neighborhoods. This is a big issue that hurts building up a school community, which strengthens our school populations, PTAs, and growth.	
6/23/2025 15:30:59	ols, but do not have children attending at this time.	3. Driggs EI, 13. Olympus	Olympus	Driggs is right by my house and I have both experienced myself and watched others utilize the safe space that Driggs provides for children. Driggs is easily accessible to its neighborhood, subsequently meaning that families and kids enjoy the park space constantly. Driggs also was recently remodeled and has the capacity to hold more students. Additionally, Driggs is a very strong school academically and I would hate to see its tradition of academic achievement die. Driggs raised myself as well as my two siblings and we all consider it to be a place of support and success.	
6/23/2025 15:31:34	ittending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs EI, 13. Olympus	Olympus	Driggs elementary school is a very choice school. Neighborhood schools reflect the area you live in, especially Driggs! It is supported by the neighborhood and loved by the parents. I think it would be devastating to even consider a closer of those schools. It’s easy walking access and great for those who have to walk to pick up kids. Please don’t close Driggs!!	
6/23/2025 15:31:46	ittending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs EI	Olympus	Driggs is an incredible school. The community involvement is off the charts. The location is amazing, so easy to walk to, easy to park for large events(because of the church next door). The academic experience has been amazing for my kids. They have incredible extra clubs(running club, chess club, fire choir, garden club, etc.) that molly kids have loved being a part of. The building is exactly what an elementary school should look like! And with the new remodel it is such a nice school! The rooms are super bright and the whole layout is excellent! Driggs is a huge unified family! We are praying that it stays open!	
6/23/2025 15:33:46	ittending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs EI	Olympus	1- We are one of the only schools that shows no decline in student enrollment for the next several years. 2- Walkability and the amazing church parking lot next door. When we have big school events it’s safe to walk and park. 3- Our facility just had a large remodel and we also have the capacity to bring in 250+ more students. 4- We have more extra clubs and programs than most schools in the study. If you have participated in one (chess, fire choir, etc) please highlight your positive experiences. 5- Strong academically! We were ranked #3 in granite last year. Proficiency well above state average: 78% in math and 75% in reading, compared to state averages of ~39% and ~43% respectivel	
6/23/2025 15:34:14	ittending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs EI	Olympus	Driggs is our homeschool and an easy school for many of us to walk to. There’s a large parking lot nextdoor that is borrowed for events and makes school pick up safe and easy. Driggs has strong academics and students have been improving. Driggs has been remodeled and updated to allow for 250 plus students. Parent volunteers are high here and we have clubs and programs that are outstanding. Keeping home boundary schools open is better for students and families. It’s why so many families moved to this area. It’s why we moved here. Our daughter walks to Driggs and our son can walk to Olympus. With both parents working keeping home boundary schools open helps families keep their children close to home.	

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6/23/2025 15:35:41	C) I am an employee of Granite School District	3. Driggs El	Olympus	As a teacher in the district and the parent of kids who will soon be attending Driggs, I would be devastated to lose this school. My family, and several other young families have just moved in to be close to such a great elementary school. 1- we are one of the only schools that shows no decline in student enrollment for the next several years. 2- walkability and the amazing church parking lot next door. When we have big school events it's safe to walk and park. 3- our facility just had a large remodel and we also have the capacity to bring in 200+ more students. 4- we have more extra clubs and programs than most schools in the study. If you have participated in one (chess, fire choir, etc) please highlight your positive experiences. 5- strong academically! We were ranked #3 in granite last year. Proficiency well above state average: 78% in math and 75% in reading, compared to state averages of ~39% and ~43% respectively.	
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6/23/2025 15:36:33	Attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	Driggs is a pillar for our community members. We plan to send our child there when he is old enough. A main reason for moving to the neighborhood was the proximity to this school and the great teachers that work there.	
6/23/2025 15:36:36	Attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	I think it would be a huge mistake to close Drigg's! In my opinion, is one of the strongest schools in our area. They have consistently ranked high in their academics, especially in math and reading. They show no decline in student enrollment over the next few years, and I was so impressed with the extra clubs and extracurricular activities that were offered. The teachers are doing an outstanding job with an amazing Fifth grade play, and it brings all of the community out every year! The building itself is in such good condition. It just went through an extensive remodel a few years ago and has the space and capacity to take up to 250 more kids. It's all ready to go to bus more children in if another school closed. It's safer than a lot of the elementary because it's not located on a busy road. It's tucked away in a neighborhood, which makes it such a great place for the kids to walk to. It makes it super convenient for parents because there is a large LDS church next-door and we are able to use the parking lot for school events. Driggs has so much community support and involvement because of the people that live right around it. It would be so sad to lose that! Please consider a different option. Thanks.	
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6/23/2025 15:42:11	ittending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Skyline	We use to have our kids in private school and pulled them to go to the local school (Driggs). We had the best experience. The community is amazing, we felt very included and our kids thrived. They have so many great extra clubs (garden club, safety patrol, debate, art, etc) that our kids participated in and loved! The 5th grade play was amazing and the amount of work and support that went into it was great! We are in morningside boundaries and opted for driggs. We were looking for a neighborhood and community feeling that didn't have a chuck on kids in a language immersion and another chunk in talented and gifted. Where all the kids could be together and bring a real sense of unity. We love driggs!	
6/23/2025 15:43:01	ols, but do not have children attending at this time.	3. Driggs El	Olympus		
6/23/2025 15:44:44	iding one of the schools within the boundary study	3. Driggs El, 13. Olympus	Olympus	Driggs Elementary is a great school for kids and definitely gave me an amazing elementary experience. The Driggs location allows great child safety because of the walk ability the huge church parking lot right next door. The parking lot allows easy pick up and huge space for events or fundraisers. Driggs also recently had a huge remodel which means we can fit 200+ more students. Lastly, Driggs has had great academic outcomes. We were ranked #3 in granite last year and our proficiency is well above state average. Driggs is an amazing elementary school with even more benefits for children and parents.	
6/23/2025 15:45:41	iding one of the schools within the boundary study	3. Driggs El	Olympus	1- We are one of the only schools that shows no decline in student enrollment for the next several years. 2- Walkability and the amazing church parking lot next door. When we have big school events it's safe to walk and park. 3- Our facility just had a large remodel and we also have the capacity to bring in 250+ more students. 4- We have more extra clubs and programs than most schools in the study. If you have participated in one (chess, fire choir, etc) please highlight your positive experiences. 5- Strong academically! We were ranked #3 in granite last year. Proficiency well above state average: 78% in math and 75% in reading, compared to state averages of ~39% and ~43% respectively.	
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6/23/2025 15:47:17	ols, but do not have children attending at this time.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	I believe that Driggs should remain open, it has such a good community location, so walkable and also with church parking next-door the traffic for big events still feel safe in the neighborhood cause there's plenty of parking and drop off and pick up zones. The community surrounding drugs is very popular and has a lot of population and the school will stay full for years and years and years to come	
6/23/2025 15:47:39	ittending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Other		
6/23/2025 15:51:03	ittending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	I have had children attend morningside and driggs elementary schools. They were both great but I do have to say that the experience at driggs has been incredible. The amount of pride and community that is found at driggs is rare. The school recently had a nice remodel which has been excellent. It has also made it feel safer with the way the entry was changed. Driggs shows no decline in numbers for the next several years and I can say that we continue to have young families move into our neighborhood because of the community that driggs has helped create. The academic performance at driggs is exceptional and speaks for itself. The school is easily walkable and with the stake center next door there is always ample parking for large school events. I feel like the community rallies around driggs and it helps create the culture of our neighborhood. Losing Driggs would be a huge loss for the community.	
6/23/2025 15:52:52	ols, but do not have children attending at this time.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	1- We are one of the only schools that shows no decline in student enrollment for the next several years. 2- Walkability and the amazing church parking lot next door. When we have big school events it's safe to walk and park. 3- Our facility just had a large remodel and we also have the capacity to bring in 250+ more students. 4- We have more extra clubs and programs than most schools in the study. If you have participated in one (chess, fire choir, etc) please highlight your positive experiences. 5- Strong academically! We were ranked #3 in granite last year. Proficiency well above state average: 78% in math and 75% in reading, compared to state averages of ~39% and ~43% respectively.	

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6/23/2025 16:02:26	ols, but do not have children attending at this time.	3. Driggs El, 13. Olympus	Olympus	Please don't close schools that maintain high populations. Close the school that has the lowest populations. Staff and students get tired of getting pushed around. Stabilation is better for success.	
6/23/2025 16:04:01	ols, but do not have children attending at this time.	3. Driggs El, 13. Olympus	Olympus	Driggs, Olympus Jr., and Olympus High school are all amazing schools. They are the best in the district and they deserve to stay. It would be terrible to see such great schools close for our future generations. Each generation deserves an incredible education and these three schools in granite district are where you are going to get it.	
6/23/2025 16:10:33	ittending one of the schools in the boundary study.	16. Olympus High	Olympus	Driggs is a very important piece of this community. Here are some of the reasons why, in addition to the history it has and the formative experiences my family has had there. 1- We are one of the only schools that shows no decline in student enrollment for the next several years. 2- Walkability and the amazing church parking lot next door. When we have big school events it's safe to walk and park. 3- Our facility just had a large remodel and we also have the capacity to bring in 250+ more students. 4- We have more extra clubs and programs than most schools in the study. If you have participated in one (chess, fire choir, etc) please highlight your positive experiences. 5- Strong academically! We were ranked #3 in granite last year. Proficiency well above state average: 78% in math and 75% in reading, compared to state averages of ~39% and ~43% respectively.	
6/23/2025 16:10:49	ittending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	I have 4 kids and 3 currently at Driggs. It was been a wonderful school with great teachers, staff, parents and students. Closing Driggs would be a detriment to our children and our community. Our student population is thriving and will continue to do so in the future. We are one of the few schools who show no decline in student enrollment in the next several years. The location is incredible and most kids in my neighborhood walk to school everyday. The Pagoda church next door has been so kind to let us use their parking lot which provides a safe and effective place to park during school events and during pick up and drop off. Driggs was recently remodeled and is updated, safe and has an abundance of space for more students. My kids have all participated in the wonderful clubs at Driggs. Safety Patrol and garden and chess club being a couple of favorites. Parent involvement is high in these clubs and provides wonderful opportunities for kids to learn and explore. My youngest is excited to join the Fire choir next year! Also our testing is well above average and has been for as long as my kids have been there! Academically Driggs is thriving, kids do well when they come to Driggs. That can be attributed to a few factors I think, amazing teachers and faculty, high parent involvement and a positive and encouraging environment. I volunteer at the school often and have seen individual strategies put in place for students who struggle in different areas and have seen these kids thrive. These kids don't necessarily have IEP's but the teachers recognize the needs and make a point to find what works for each student. I have watched veteran teachers help newer teachers, I've seen the principal step up and help teach when emergencies have arisen and I've seen teachers go above and beyond what their basic job description is to give these kids the most amazing education. We moved out of state for a while and when we decided to move back to Utah Driggs was a big part of our decision on where to buy a house. My kids were thrilled to come back to Driggs and I was thrilled to be able to find a house within the boundaries. Driggs has a wonderful reputation with parents and community members and I hope you will consider all of these highlights when making this huge decision. Thank you	
6/23/2025 16:16:46	ittending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	Please don't close our school. Please don't uproot our children. We volunteer our time and sacrifice to support Driggs in many ways. We need more schools, not less. This is the future, our kids are the future-let's invest in them rather than take away their educational security. We sustain and grow our school, closing driggs will mean larger class sizes. Please recognize this school is a huge part of our community and we've all worked hard to make it special. Please don't close Driggs.	
6/23/2025 16:17:51	ittending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	We love this school and are 3rd generation family going to this school. Please keep it around. Thank you!	

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6/23/2025 16:19:42	attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs EI, 13. Olympus	Olympus	Driggs is a top notch school. Academic scores are always at or near the top, teachers and community strive for excellence in the lives of these children. Speaking of which, children are moving into these neighborhoods, this is still an affordable neighborhood to move into. walkability is a huge aspect of why people buy into neighborhoods and driggs fits just that. students that attend this school know they have a strong pta, with members doing all they can to help the students. From field trip funding to art fairs, to service projects to visiting the community garden that is directly across the street from school, the location of driggs is ideal. Driggs is a community staple for the past 60 years!	
6/23/2025 16:27:00	ols, but do not have children attending at this time.	3. Driggs EI, 13. Olympus	Olympus	Driggs Elementary is our neighborhood school where three of my children walked to and from school all throughout their elementary years. It sits in the center of a community of committed parents and neighbors who support this public school. There is a strong network of parents who volunteer their time to good programs in the creative arts, language development, science fairs, and reading development. Please keep this school up and running where it will continue in academic excellence. Thank you.	
6/23/2025 16:31:12	ittending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs EI	Olympus	Keep driggs. Don't do this	
6/23/2025 16:34:05	ittending one of the schools in the boundary study.	13. Olympus Jr, 16. Olym	Olympus	Walkability is so great for kids to walk to school. Adjacent to church with great overflow parking access. The school was just recently remodeled. Academically they were really high with outstanding teachers and parent participation.	
6/23/2025 16:34:13	ols, but do not have children attending at this time.	13. Olympus Jr, 16. Olym	Olympus	Seems silly to close a school with high test scores and outstanding educators.	
6/23/2025 16:34:26	ols, but do not have children attending at this time.	3. Driggs EI	Olympus	I am alumni of Driggs elementary and can attest to the wonderful atmosphere of education and love given at this school. I loved being able to walk to and from school my whole elementary experience.	
6/23/2025 16:35:34	ols, but do not have children attending at this time.	3. Driggs EI, 13. Olympus	Olympus	Please do not close Driggs elementary. It is a vibrant part of our community 1- We are one of the only schools that shows no decline in student enrollment for the next several years. 2- Walkability and the amazing church parking lot next door. When we have big school events it's safe to walk and park. 3- Our facility just had a large remodel and we also have the capacity to bring in 250+ more students. 4- We have more extra clubs and programs than most schools in the study. 5- Strong academically! We were ranked #3 in granite last year. Proficiency well above state average: 78% in math and 75% in reading, compared to state averages of ~39% and ~43% respectively.	
6/23/2025 16:36:09	ols, but do not have children attending at this time.	3. Driggs EI	Olympus	Driggs is a great school. From high enrollment to great academic performance, this school should not get shut down. The walkability to & from the school is amazing. The church parking lot next door makes it easy & safe to get to & from the school during big events. Plus, there was just a large remodel. Making being a student & staff there even better!	
6/23/2025 16:39:12	ols, but do not have children attending at this time.	3. Driggs EI	Olympus	Driggs is a great school, in a perfect location, & has recently been updated. It is in the Population Analysis Committee & GSD's best interest to keep this fantastic school open for years to come. The test scores are high, the school is safe, & enrollment at Driggs has been a consistent high. Don't close Driggs!	
6/23/2025 16:40:20	iding one of the schools within the boundary study	3. Driggs EI, 13. Olympus		driggs was such a great environment and such a staple in my childhood. it has amazing teachers who make learning fun as well as good exciting activities in and out of the classrooms. people are all so supportive and create a community for the students and parents. overall such a highlight and great place to learn	
6/23/2025 16:41:44	C) I am an employee of Granite School District	3. Driggs EI	Olympus	I think it is important for the PAC committee and the SCC committee to walk through the schools being studied. Especially those that are under consideration for closing. I also think parents and stakeholders should have access buildings too. This would be especially helpful after school has started again and the buildings come alive again. I think parents seeing how each of our schools is filled with love and joy will help assuage some fears. Perhaps we could have an open house for a couple hours one night and parents could go see any schools they want to.	

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6/23/2025 16:44:07	attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs EI	Olympus	I’m reaching out as a parent and active member of the Driggs Elementary community to express my strong support for keeping Driggs as a central part of our neighborhood. I hope you’ll consider the following points as you move through the boundary study process. Driggs is one of the few schools in the area showing stable and even increasing enrollment projections over the coming years. That kind of growth reflects community trust and a strong reputation. The school is safely walkable for a high percentage of our families. In addition, the neighboring church parking lot is an invaluable asset during events and peak times. It helps maintain safety and ease of access during high-traffic school activities. The building recently underwent a significant remodel, positioning us with modern facilities and the ability to welcome over 200 additional students without compromising class size or resources. Driggs offers more extracurricular opportunities than many schools in the study, including programs like chess club and fire choir. These activities build community, support whole-child development, and offer enrichment beyond the classroom. As a parent, I’ve seen firsthand the impact these programs have had on student confidence and connection. An example of this is Driggs placed first in state for the debate with the fifth grade class this year. My daughter was one of those kids that placed at state this would’ve been possible without the amazing teachers and community of the school. Academically, Driggs is one of the top performing schools in the district. We were ranked number 3 in Granite last year. Our proficiency rates in both math and reading (78 percent and 75 percent respectively) are significantly above the state averages. That kind of performance speaks volumes about the strength of our educators, staff, and students. This school is a cornerstone of our neighborhood and plays a vital role in the success of our children. Thank you for the time and thoughtfulness you’re bringing to this important decision.	
6/23/2025 16:45:15	attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs EI	Olympus		
6/23/2025 16:47:32	attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs EI	Olympus	Driggs is an incredible school and such a key piece of the area. It is one of the few schools showing no decline in student enrollment for the next several years. The area has many kids and young families, and we should be supporting them by keeping Driggs around! Also, Driggs was recently remodeled and had extra capacity. It would be an inefficient use of tax payer dollars to close down a school that is updated, spacious, and that has a large parking lot next door to it (perfect for hosting student concerts, activities, etc.) We have more clubs and programs than most schools in the study. Our parent involvement is great, which means that more students benefit. We were ranked #3 in Granit school district for academics! Our academics are strong - we should not be disrupting such a strong academic school. That’s our main priority for the kids!	
6/23/2025 16:48:04	attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs EI	Olympus	1- we are one of the only schools that shows no decline in student enrollment for the next several years. 2- walkability and the amazing church parking lot next door. When we have big school events it’s safe to walk and park. 3- our facility just had a large remodel and we also have the capacity to bring in 200+ more students. 4- we have more extra clubs and programs than most schools in the study. If you have participated in one (chess, fire choir, etc) please highlight your positive experiences. 5- strong academically! We were ranked #3 in granite last year. Proficiency well above state average: 78% in math and 75% in reading, compared to state averages of ~39% and ~43% respectively.	
6/23/2025 16:49:03	ols, but do not have children attending at this time.	3. Driggs EI	Olympus	I think it’s really important to see Driggs stay open. It’s such an important part of our community. My kids all went there and had a wonderful experience. The school boundaries show no decline in enrollment for the foreseeable future, we have ample parking next door for special events with the church parking lot that they generously share with us, we just completed a multimillion dollar renovation and have the capacity for 250 more students, we have great extracurricular activities (my kids loved the stem program), and Driggs is strong academically. We are #3 in the district in our test scores - well above the state averages. Driggs is a strong school with very strong community support. Thank you for your consideration on this important matter.	

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6/23/2025 16:52:09	attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Skyline	Howard R. Driggs is an exceptional school for many reasons. The staff and faculty are amazing. The grounds and building itself are grand, up to date, and very safe. The school is easily accessible, with ample parking in both the school lot and the neighboring church for events and programs. Our facility was upgraded since the FCI score was calculated and we would score MUCH HIGHER if the district were to update these scores. Our PTA is robust and active, bringing diverse programming and volunteer opportunities to our school. We work with Project Elf and Souper Bowl of Caring. We host a variety of clubs, including fire choir, chess club, running club, and more. This past year we spear headed the Granite School District "Campaign of Kindness", held a HUGELY successful STEM night, an equally successful and well attended ART night, a 5th grade play with 4 performances, not to mention HUGE turnouts for other school related activities. Academically, Driggs is CONSISTENTLY #1 or #2 in testing scores. Our students are incredibly high achievers, and our teachers are instrumental in improving our academic success year after year. Like most people, I live where I do because of the schools. But I moved across the country from Georgia to be in the Driggs boundaries SPECIFICALLY based off all the information I found online, in forums, and through communications with folks here in the neighborhood. Everyone I talked to unanimously agreed that you wanted to send your kids to Driggs. Our reputation is stellar. There isn't a teacher here that you wouldn't be lucky to have. Very few students from our boundary permit out. Many that do attend a school with a special program, and I bet that, if WE had a special program, these students would choose to stay at Driggs. I have heard from other schools that they do not want a special program- not only do we have the space to fit a program, we would welcome them with open arms. So, I implore you not to let these special programs (or lack thereof) impact your decision on whether or not to close our school. All that being said, PLEASE do not close Driggs! The building? Accessible, updated, spacious. The faculty? Top notch. The COMMUNITY? Unparalleled. You come up with a reason why Driggs should close and I will find 5 why it shouldn't.	
6/23/2025 16:55:33	ols, but do not have children attending at this time.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	Here are just a few of the MANY reasons for keeping Howard R. Driggs open. 1- we are one of the only schools that shows no decline in student enrollment for the next several years. 2- walkability and the amazing church parking lot next door. When we have big school events it's safe to walk and park. 3- our facility just had a large remodel and we also have the capacity to bring in 200+ more students. 4- we have more extra clubs and programs than most schools in the study. If you have participated in one (chess, fire choir, etc) please highlight your positive experiences. 5- strong academically! We were ranked #3 in granite last year. Proficiency well above state average: 78% in math and 75% in reading, compared to state averages of ~39% and ~43% respectively.	
6/23/2025 17:02:49	ols, but do not have children attending at this time.	3. Driggs El, 16. Olympus	Olympus	Driggs is much more than an elementary school. It is a community center. It is a very important part of our community and has support from the community.[Identifying information removed] the community involvement and support was unreal! This is why Driggs has had huge successes and the students that have come out of Driggs thrive. Most importantly our neighborhood is growing through a rebirth. The part of the community we live in has many apartments and smaller homes that young families are moving to in order to get there roots planted here. I live [Identifying information removed] and on our street alone we have we have 10 children that will be entering Driggs as kindergartens within the next 3-4 years. Within our block we have 21! This is a small geographical area. The families have purchased homes to be in this area for the good schools and community. They are vested! Within the next 4 years the school population will be greater in the Driggs boundaries than it is today. As a tax payer I also am concerned about closing a school that was recently renovated to meet current standards when other schools on the list would need renovations. Let's be wise about the money already spent and the money that would be spent!	

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6/23/2025 17:03:06	Attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	We live [Identifying information removed] and our daughter walks to Driggs every day. It's a [short] walk. We love having a neighborhood school so close and walkable. It makes a huge difference to us in our daily routine. If Driggs were to close, it would be extremely detrimental to us to not be able to attend the neighborhood school that is just a few blocks from our house. In addition, I'd like to highlight some of the other great things about Driggs. We are one of the only schools that shows no decline in student enrollment for the next several years. I already mentioned walkability, but in addition there is the amazing church parking lot next door. When we have big school events it's safe to walk and park. Our facility just had a large remodel and we also have the capacity to bring in 200+ more students. We have more extra clubs and programs than most schools in the study. If you have participated in one (chess, fire choir, etc) please highlight your positive experiences. We are strong academically! We were ranked #3 in Granite last year. Proficiency well above state average: 78% in math and 75% in reading, compared to state averages of ~39% and ~43% respectively.	
6/23/2025 17:06:19	Attending one of the schools, but do not have children attending at this time.	3. Driggs El, 13. Olympus	Olympus	Driggs is a walkable school. Students don't have to cross busy streets to get there. Unlike most neighborhoods, ours is growing, and the population of children going to Driggs is going to increase. Driggs has the church parking lot next-door, which is so helpful for school events and programs. Academically Driggs is one of the strongest in the district. Driggs also has lots of outstanding extracurricular programs like the chess club and the choir which my children participated in. Driggs has incredible, parental involvement and support. Driggs is a much newer building. Morningside has roof leaks. Cottonwood has limited parking.	
6/23/2025 17:11:11	Attending one of the schools, but do not have children attending at this time.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	My kids have all gone to Driggs and we loved our experience. It's a neighborhood walking school, the teachers and extra programs are great and the academic success is well above average. The parent support at Driggs is unparalleled. Please consider keeping the school open!	
6/23/2025 17:13:48	Attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Skyline	I'm writing to express my strong and enthusiastic support for keeping Driggs Elementary open. Our family chose this school because it is not only a top academic performer but also a welcoming, vibrant community that reflects the values we want to pass on to our child. Driggs stands out for many reasons. Academically, it was ranked #3 in the Granite School District last year, with 78% math proficiency and 75% reading proficiency—well above the state averages. Students are thriving here. Unlike many other schools in the study, Driggs is not facing a decline in enrollment. In fact, projections show steady numbers. The recent remodel has created space for over 250 additional students, offering room for future growth. The school also offers more enrichment opportunities than most others in the district, including programs like chess club and fire choir, which have helped our child build confidence and strong friendships. The walkability of Driggs is another huge asset. Combined with the neighboring church's parking lot, it makes attending school events and drop-off and pick-up safer and more accessible for families. In contrast, we have deep concerns about Morningside Elementary as an alternative. The facility is older and lacks modern earthquake-readiness, which is a significant safety issue in our region. The location is also much less walkable and less convenient for families currently in the Driggs boundary, leading to greater traffic and disruption. More importantly, we know multiple families who pulled their children out of Morningside due to chronic bullying. As a non-traditional family—two dads, not affiliated with the LDS Church—that is deeply concerning. One of the reasons we value Driggs so highly is because it is an inclusive, respectful, and affirming environment. If the district chooses to close Driggs, I want to be honest: we would not feel comfortable sending our child to Morningside. We would instead look to enroll in a charter school that better aligns with our family's needs and values. Driggs is a high-performing, welcoming, and future-ready school. Please keep it open. Closing it would be a step backward for the families it serves and for the district as a whole.	
6/23/2025 17:15:06	Attending one of the schools, but do not have children attending at this time.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	[Identifying information removed] Driggs Elementary field. It is used year-round by many youth athletic programs. It would be a shame to let it be turned into more housing.	

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6/23/2025 17:18:07	attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs EI	Olympus	Driggs has so many positive aspects that benefit our children and our community! 1- we are one of the only schools that shows no decline in student enrollment for the next several years. 2- walkability and the amazing church parking lot next door. When we have big school events it's safe to walk and park. 3- our facility just had a large remodel and we also have the capacity to bring in 200+ more students. 4- we have more extra clubs and programs than most schools in the study. If you have participated in one (chess, fire choir, etc) please highlight your positive experiences. 5- strong academically! We were ranked #3 in granite last year. Proficiency well above state average: 78% in math and 75% in reading, compared to state averages of ~39% and ~43% respectively.	
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6/23/2025 17:32:30	E) I choose not to answer	3. Driggs EI	Olympus	Driggs is in an amazing location, the church next door makes for easy access to school events, it is close to neighborhoods so quickly children are in safe neighborhood roads (not walking around dangerous busy corners), recently remodeled and can hold more students, making it a great school to remain open. I went to Driggs myself, and have a daughter I'm hoping can attend there.	
6/23/2025 17:36:27	ols, but do not have children attending at this time.	3. Driggs EI	Olympus	When you fill this out PLEASE highlight the positive, factual things that Driggs has going for us! 1- we are one of the only schools that shows no decline in student enrollment for the next several years. 2- walkability and the amazing church parking lot next door. When we have big school events it's safe to walk and park. 3- our facility just had a large remodel and we also have the capacity to bring in 200+ more students. 4- we have more extra clubs and programs than most schools in the study. If you have participated in one (chess, fire choir, etc) please highlight your positive experiences. 5- strong academically! We were ranked #3 in granite last year. Proficiency well above state average: 78% in math and 75% in reading, compared to state averages of ~39%	
6/23/2025 17:40:51	iding one of the schools within the boundary study	3. Driggs EI, 13. Olympus	Olympus	Driggs is a wonderful school and has a great community. The teachers and staff are amazing and when I was a student there I loved it. The Olympus district is wonderful!	
6/23/2025 17:51:01	ittending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs EI	Skyline	I really appreciate the opportunity to share the reasons I hope our school stays open. I truly appreciate that partially empty schools aren't efficient and understand the concept of economy of scale. And I also appreciate that more than just numbers matter. Here are a few reasons I believe closing Driggs wouldn't be a good decision for the district as a whole. Our facility went through upgrades as recently is 2019, which have created a lovely open and clean facility. Our proximity to the church allows for very safe pick up and drop off as well as a wonderful collaboration space for community event events. Our large outdoor space with fields behind the school provide a very safe place for our children to play. The predictions show maintained enrollment for the next few years and we could also become home to approximately 250 students. Drugs would be a fantastic school to receive displaced students from other closed schools. The reintroduction of clubs since a slow down during COVID (the garden club, chess club, Book Club, and choir) has been well received, heavily attended and thoroughly enjoyed by my children. I know that parent involvement and willingness to contribute to this process is important. But I truly don't think that cheerleading and goodwill is what's going to keep our schools open. A safe facility requiring less investment to infrastructure, while allowing an easy transfer of displaced students is the wise decision. I believe Driggs should stay open for these reasons. Thank you for your time.	

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6/23/2025 18:25:28	ols, but do not have children attending at this time.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	Driggs is an amazing community school! It was beautifully renovated a few years ago and the church parking lot next door makes parking easy when there are big events. My children attended Driggs and loved walking to school. They had amazing teachers and the community support is amazing. On any given day when I drive by the school, there are numerous cars of parents volunteering in the classrooms. My mom, who raised 8 kids that went to Driggs, was a reading tutor there for many years and worked with kids that were not even her own children or grandchildren. The community loves this school.	
6/23/2025 18:36:20	ittending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus		
6/23/2025 18:36:28	ittending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	Please don't close Driggs! It's such a wonderful school and has a very dedicated community!	
6/23/2025 18:37:02	ols, but do not have children attending at this time.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	Drugs is a HUGE asset to our community! Art Festival, parent nights, Halloween Parade, Spirit Weeks, Field Day - I still attend many of these events, and Inhave not had a child attending Driggs for six years. Driggs is outstanding academically and is a bonus for real estate values and attracting new young families to the area. I have had several conversations over the years with faculty who enjoy the physical facility (it is a bright, colorful, happy environment), the high level of parental and community participation, and the beautiful views and surrounding neighborhoods.	
6/23/2025 19:00:33	ittending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	Garden club great participation! Love this school! We walk weather permitting! Skateboard or bicycle!! Parent involvement! School activities! Kids love to learn!! Friends for ever! Teacher involvement! Playground spacious! Parking spacious with church next door. Recent remodel.	
6/23/2025 19:04:57	ittending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	It doesn't make sense to close a thriving school just to divide it up to struggling schools!	
6/23/2025 19:09:10	ittending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	Driggs has been a great school for our kids. It is newly remodeled with plenty of room. Really good scores and teacher. We live in the other side of the 45th and walk to school which is one of the reasons we moved here is for a walk to school everyday. We have a walking school bus with a large group of kids that all walk to school and walk home everyday. It is a great community school! With great programs and activities. Our kids have enjoyed all of it. We love that it's a community school with a lot of young kids in our neighborhood coming up!	
6/23/2025 19:13:29	ols, but do not have children attending at this time.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	Our neighborhood is vibrant and filled with young children and youth. Both Driggs and Olympus should stay open for this population.	
6/23/2025 19:15:47	ols, but do not have children attending at this time.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	1- we are one of the only schools that shows no decline in student enrollment for the next several years. 2- walkability and the amazing church parking lot next door. When we have big school events it's safe to walk and park. 3- our facility just had a large remodel and we also have the capacity to bring in 200+ more students. 4- we have more extra clubs and programs than most schools in the study. If you have participated in one (chess, fire choir, etc) please highlight your positive experiences. 5- strong academically! We were ranked #3 in granite last year. Proficiency well above state average: 78% in math and 75% in reading, compared to state averages of ~39% and ~43% respectively.	

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6/23/2025 19:22:46	attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs EI	Olympus	In Support of Keeping Howard R. Driggs Elementary School Open Howard R. Driggs Elementary is more than just a school — it is the heart of our neighborhood. Its closure would tear at the very fabric of a vibrant, engaged, and collaborative community that so many of us have invested years into nurturing. Keeping Howard R. Driggs Elementary open is vital because its impact reaches far beyond the classroom walls, creating lasting connections and unforgettable experiences that shape children's lives. One of the most powerful examples of this is our strong school community. Parents, teachers, students, and neighbors work together to create an environment that celebrates creativity, tradition, and learning. Our dedicated PTA is extremely vibrant, consistently supporting students and organizing countless programs that make our school feel like a true community center. Our annual carnival is a cherished tradition that brings together hundreds of people, including those who don't even have children in the school, to celebrate childhood joy and neighborhood spirit. The garden club and our community garden, which is within walking distance of the school, provide hands-on learning experiences that connect children to nature. Students look forward to tending the garden and learning about food, sustainability, and teamwork — lessons that last a lifetime. This is just one example of the experiential education that thrives at Driggs, making it a school where kids are engaged and excited to come every day. Additionally, our Dragon Club — affectionately called “Night School” — sparks creativity and wonder. Students explore themes like medieval times and mythical creatures, encouraging them to read, research, and dream together. This sort of engaging enrichment is unique to our school and could never be replicated simply by merging into a larger, less personal school environment. Every grade-level event is equally memorable. From carefully crafted sing-alongs and heartfelt holiday parties to our unforgettable STEM Night — which went above and beyond this year — students look forward to these traditions all year long. Parents appreciate that these events inspire their children and connect them with their classmates in a meaningful way, something that can't happen in every school. And then there are the teachers. The educators at Howard R. Driggs Elementary are award-winning professionals who care deeply about their students. They inspire academic excellence, yes, but they also thrive because of the unparalleled community support that bolsters their work. It is this partnership between a highly dedicated faculty and our involved parents that allows our school to produce a truly top-notch education — one that is recognized far and wide. Closing Howard R. Driggs Elementary would mean losing more than a school; it would mean losing a vibrant center of creativity, tradition, and community. Our students deserve the kind of education that is built on meaningful relationships, rich experiences, and strong neighborhood ties. Let us continue to grow together. Let us keep Howard R. Driggs Elementary School open.	
6/23/2025 19:55:31	attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs EI	Olympus	This school is essential for the children and neighborhoods around it. Being that it was just remodeled it seems like a waste of tax payer money to close this facility over others. Driggs also has wonderful staff and consistently ranks and scores as a top school. Closing it would only remove a top tier school from Granite district.	
6/23/2025 19:58:54	iding one of the schools within the boundary study	3. Driggs EI, 13.	Olympus	Driggs was the best elementary school ever!!	
6/23/2025 20:08:36	attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs EI	Olympus	1- we are one of the only schools that shows no decline in student enrollment for the next several years. 2- walkability and the amazing church parking lot next door. When we have big school events it's safe to walk and park. 3- our facility just had a large remodel and we also have the capacity to bring in 200+ more students. 4- we have more extra clubs and programs than most schools in the study. If you have participated in one (chess, fire choir, etc) please highlight your positive experiences. 5- strong academically! We were ranked #3 in granite last year. Proficiency well above state average: 78% in math and 75% in reading, compared to state averages of ~39% and ~43% respectively.	
6/23/2025 20:12:32	attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs EI	Olympus	Do not close Driggs since it is one of the top performing schools academically. Plus my children love it there and they would be very sad and so would many parents. Schools should only close is the school is consistently performing poorly academically. But even then it would make more sense to just fire and hire brand new teachers and see if that helps. Whatever the reason you are considering it is probably due to cost and I think education should never be about cost.	

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6/23/2025 20:18:09	attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	Here are some good reasons why to not close driggs 1- we are one of the only schools that shows no decline in student enrollment for the next several years. 2- walkability and the amazing church parking lot next door. When we have big school events it's safe to walk and park. 3- our facility just had a large remodel and we also have the capacity to bring in 200+ more students. 4- we have more extra clubs and programs than most schools in the study. If you have participated in one (chess, fire choir, etc) please highlight your positive experiences. 5- strong academically! We were ranked #3 in granite last year. Proficiency well above state average: 78% in math and 75% in reading, compared to state averages of ~39% and ~43% respectively. 6-Also, we are the only elementary school in the district that has a courtyard. The kids really love eating lunch out there when the weather is nice.	
6/23/2025 20:22:16	attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	We're in the neighborhood [Identifying information removed]. If we end up getting moved out of Driggs boundaries, we would VERY MUCH PREFER TO GO CRESTVIEW, based on proximity. Crestview would be very walkable for us and we would absolutely love to walk to school with our children. Cottonwood is so far for us, please don't send us to Cottonwood. Thank you!	
6/23/2025 20:45:58	iding one of the schools within the boundary study	1. Cottonwood El, 3. Drigg	Olympus	Please don't take away our memories	
6/23/2025 20:46:06	attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Cottonwood	Driggs is a great school with great teachers and staff! My daughter is going into 2nd grade there and my son is going into kindergarten. I feel like Driggs is a big enough school with enough students that it shouldn't be considered for closure. Other schools that have lower amount of students, those can be closed. But Driggs is too good of a school and the community is even better to be considered for closure.	
6/23/2025 20:47:17	iding one of the schools within the boundary study	3. Driggs El	Olympus		
6/23/2025 20:47:52	iding one of the schools within the boundary study	3. Driggs El, 13. Olympus	Olympus	Driggs needs to stay open!! It is a true staple in our neighborhood and it is so important for all the families and kids that attend and work for it! Closing it would be a huge mistake and cause problems for many families because it is in a great location in walking range for so many people. Thanks for all that you do!	
6/23/2025 21:07:12	attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus		
6/23/2025 21:12:09	attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El, 13. Olympus	Olympus	We love Driggs! We love how walkable it is, what a community feeling it has, and so many more things! They have tried to implement some great clubs at our school that have been amazing. Choir, is my daughter's favorite. I know that we are small, but we can hold so many more students and our campus is nice and updated. We love that the church parking lot is there for events, and that we can walk to and from school and events at the school. We have lots of neighbors moving in with little kids, so I'm sure there will be more of a demand in a couple years too. We love our teachers and admin (wish we weren't losing Mr. Kater) and know our school performance on testing is high because of our fantastic teachers and community support.	
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6/23/2025 21:14:04	ols, but do not have children attending at this time.	3. Driggs EI, 15. Cottonwo	Olympus	Howard R Driggs is an amazing school! I have had 4 children that have all graduated from Driggs elementary not too long ago. I was room parent every year and volunteered hours upon hours supporting our wonderful staff and students. Driggs has a special place in my heart! Here are some wonderful facts and strength's about Driggs I'd like to mention: Driggs Elementary continues to stand out as a thriving and forward-moving school community. One of the most promising indicators of our strength is our student enrollment: while many schools face declining numbers, Driggs is one of the only schools projected to maintain steady enrollment for years to come. This stability speaks volumes about the trust our families place in us and the strong reputation we've built. Our location adds to the school's appeal—Driggs is highly walkable and benefits from the large church parking lot right next door. This makes attending school events easy and safe for families, allowing for smooth drop-offs, convenient parking, and pedestrian-friendly access. Our facility is also a point of pride. We recently underwent a major remodel, giving our students updated, functional, and beautiful learning spaces. Even better, we have the capacity to welcome over 250 additional students—meaning room to grow without compromising quality. Driggs also offers an unusually rich array of clubs and extracurricular programs, more than most schools included in the study. From Chess Club to Fire Choir and more, our students have the chance to explore their interests and build confidence outside the classroom. These programs contribute to a well-rounded educational experience that keeps students engaged and excited about learning. Academically, Driggs is among the very best. Last year, we were ranked #3 in the entire Granite School District, and our students' test scores reflect that excellence. Driggs students achieved 78% proficiency in math and 75% in reading, far surpassing the state averages of around 39% and 43%, respectively. In short, Driggs is not only a safe, walkable, and well-equipped school—it's a high-performing, inclusive, and vibrant place where students can thrive both in and out of the classroom.	
6/23/2025 21:17:00	itending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs EI	Olympus	Driggs is walkable and has safe parking spaces for our family, it has just been renovated and has great facilities and extra classroom space to add additional students, enrollment continues to be steady and growing at Driggs and test scores are high. Teachers want to be at Driggs and exceptional teachers apply to work there. My 3 kids have had amazing educational advancement at Driggs and my 4th child is still there and wants to stay! We love Driggs community!	
6/23/2025 21:37:48	itending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs EI, 13. Olympus	Olympus	Drugs is a great school. It is save. It was recently remodeled to hold more students ta. It is one of the highest performing schools in granite district. They have many clubs and extra programs. It is close proximity. It is a great school and should remain open.	
6/23/2025 21:38:45	itending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs EI	Skyline	It is my understanding that the district is trying to close 2-3 schools on the east side of the district. Of course everyone is going to love their school and no one will want to see their school close. If there is any way to prevent this from happening we need to take that route. If that is not possible for an actual legitimate reason then I must speak out in support of keeping Driggs open. It has only been a few short years since Driggs underwent a large remodel. I think it is a very inefficient use of our taxpayer money to remodel a school only to close it a few short years later. There are MANY schools on the list that are very old and would require much more taxpayer money to be updated. It makes strong fiscal sense to NOT close one of the newest schools on the list of possible closing schools. Second, Driggs is one of the only schools that shows no decline in enrollment for the next several years. While there are many schools that DO show a decline in enrollment it just doesn't make sense to close the one that doesn't. Driggs also has the capacity to hold more students. Other schools, even though their enrollment numbers are low, simply do not have the space to accommodate the amount of students they would end up receiving because of closing Driggs. Third - Closing Driggs would create such a traffic hassle for the parents and communities around the school in which they would relocate to. Driggs has such an incredible church parking lot right next door that is very well used for pick up and drop off. This puts less strain on the traffic around the school. Not to mention the large amount of kids that are walking to and from school with the other kids in their immediate community. Being able to walk to school is HUGE. It is SO HELPFUL for parents and it is such a healthy way to start the day. It's also a great way to foster community togetherness. All of the kids walking together watch out for each other. This would be devastatingly disrupted if all the kids who currently go to Driggs were rerouted to a different school that requires being driven. Fourth, I'm sure the district doesn't need me to tell them that Driggs is incredibly strong academically. Why would you close a school that is thriving?? I know the district knows how great of a school Driggs is and I can't imagine why they would think closing it would be beneficial to anyone. I have seen countless comments and good ideas about how to keep Driggs open in the feedback document. I support all those people and their ideas. Don't close Driggs.	

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6/23/2025 21:45:06	Attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs EI, 13. Olympus	Olympus	Driggs shows no decline in student enrollment for the next several years. It would make more sense to close Morningside where most students already commute. These parents could drive their students to Driggs instead since they are already driving a distance to school and the schools are not far apart. The district could also consider moving Morningside's magnet programs to Driggs. Driggs is surrounded by thriving and safe neighborhoods with lots of children who can safely walk to and from school. Having a neighborhood school our children can walk to, rather than be driven to, is not just convenient but adds to a real feeling of community and offers support for families. Years ago, we started the "walking school bus" program at Driggs and it was extremely successful. The facility just had a large remodel and is in much better shape than Morningside, Cottonwood, or Rosecrest. The large fields and playgrounds are excellent and well-cared for. And a great resource to the community at large. Seems silly to even consider Driggs for closure. We also love the large church parking lot next door that kindly allows for overflow parking. Driggs was ranked #3 in granite last year for academics. Proficiency well above state average: 78% in math and 75% in reading, compared to state averages of ~39% and ~43% respectively. Driggs is a thriving school in other areas as well, from extracurricular clubs and opportunities, art programs, musical and theater experiences, and overall building of social skills, all of which are so positive and worth preserving. I attended Driggs as a student 45 years ago (K through 6th) and it was wonderful to see it still thriving and welcoming many new students (including refugees) when we moved back to Utah and my own children were enrolled there.	
6/23/2025 22:18:16	E) I choose not to answer	3. Driggs EI, 13. Olympus	Olympus	Driggs is a great elementary school that should remain in place as an educational institution for children in the Holladay, UT area.	
6/23/2025 22:23:08	C) I am an employee of Granite School District	3. Driggs EI	Olympus	Why are you sending a survey that is not reaching every family and employee of all schools in the boundary study? Why is Julie Jackson stirring the pot, spreading rumors, and pitting one school against all the others?	
6/23/2025 22:26:19	...schools, but do not have children attending at this time.	3. Driggs EI	Olympus	positive, factual things that Driggs has going for us! 1- we are one of the only schools that shows no decline in student enrollment for the next several years. 2- walkability and the amazing church parking lot next door. When we have big school events it's safe to walk and park. 3- our facility just had a large remodel and we also have the capacity to bring in 200+ more students. 4- we have more extra clubs and programs than most schools in the study. If you have participated in one (chess, fire choir, etc) please highlight your positive experiences. 5- strong academically! We were ranked #3 in granite last year. Proficiency well above state average: 78% in math and 75% in reading, compared to state averages of ~39% and ~43% respectively.	

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6/23/2025 22:34:32	attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	I am father of 3 kids who attend Driggs Elementary, with more kids to come into the school. We love this school. We live out of the boundaries and travel to Driggs. We decided on Driggs years ago when our oldest was in Kindergarten. We loved it then and love it even more now. We like it for the following reasons: The extra curricular programs have been terrific. The mandatory plays by all 5th graders, the garden club, chess, fire choir, etc. have been wonderful for the growth of our children. A major concern for us is parking as parents. With the LDS church so close parking is never a problem for the school. This helps for drop off and pickup because the school has more than one drop off location. It also encourages parents to be more involved because parking is easier for the PTA/volunteers, you get more support from grandparents at school plays, activities, fundraisers, assemblies, etc. this is super important for the growth of children to see the people that love them attend the things they're doing at school and supporting and encouraging them. You don't get that if parking is bad. Parking is safe and efficient at Driggs. Our kids have absolutely excelled at this school academically. Our one child just got admitted into the gift and talented program in science at Olympus Junior for next year and we credit that to Driggs. We have been so confident in Driggs that we have gotten neighborhood families in our area to switch schools and come to Driggs. The record speaks for itself as there is no decline in number of kids going to Driggs but there is amongst the other elementary schools. There is more to it than families not having as many kids in the Granite School District, it's families like us who are willing to travel and come to this school because of what it has to offer. Our facility was recently remodeled and it has the ability to have more students. Please take strong consideration into this. More students with plenty of parking, what more could you want? If Driggs were to close down we would look at all of our options to find the best fit for our kids. We ended up with Driggs and made that decision years ago, but before we did we did our due diligence. We looked at other granite school elementary schools, William Penn, Crestview, and Cottonwood. We didn't like those. Please consider and know that if Driggs closes we won't be going to another granite school elementary, we will be going out of the District, we know this because we've looked at the other schools and didn't like what they have to offer.	
6/23/2025 22:35:29	ending one of the schools within the boundary study	1. Cottonwood El, 13. Oly	Olympus	I really love Cottonwood elementary. I went there during my elementary years and it was amazing. I had so much fun and learned so much good content while I was there. I think that Cottonwood elementary should be in consideration to remain as a school in the coming years.	
6/23/2025 23:08:41	ending one of the schools within the boundary study	16. Olympus High	Olympus	DON'T CLOSE DRIGGS, it will always live on in my heart	
6/23/2025 23:10:37	ending one of the schools within the boundary study	16. Olympus High	Olympus	Please don't take driggs, I learned and grew so much there. It's become a part of the local community in such an integral way that ripping it out would surely cause devastating side effects.	

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6/23/2025 23:42:39	attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	Granite’s stated reason for conducting this study is “Declining Student Enrollment”. Why would we close a school that shows no projected loss? Howard R. Driggs Elementary is a high-performing, community-centered, future-ready school that clearly meets, and often exceeds, the PAC’s closure criteria. Driggs has strong enrollment, safe walkability, updated infrastructure, top-tier academic results, vibrant culture and committed families, as well as fiscal and geographic efficiency. Closing Driggs would be counter to the district’s stated goals and would cause long-term damage to community trust and educational quality. A few metrics: -Enrollment: 440–482 students, projected to remain stable or grow through 2029 -Strong in-boundary attendance (boundary enrollment is ~78%) -Ranked #3 out of 561 Utah elementary schools, and #1 in Granite for 2023–2024 -Exceptional Proficiency Rates: Math: 78% (State average: 39%) Reading: 75% (State average: 43%) -Robust enrichment model: STEAM Club, Art, Fire Choir, Running Club, Garden Club, Book Club, Safety Patrol, Student Ambassadors, etc. I understand the need to close school and bolster enrollment. I understand there is regret in not closing more schools the last time this was done. However closing three schools due to that regret is an extreme measure that risks harmful trade-offs to both the community and the district. Enrollment numbers do not justify three closures. Three closures would put our areas enrollment averages above granite's own stated target size of 500-550 students per school (568 average). This would, among other things, create strain on staff and resources and be a huge detriment to our community and long-term growth. I think there are also compromise options that could be discussed, such as closing two schools and selecting a third for a "probation period" to be evaluated after 5 years against predetermined metrics. Or, close cottonwood as the third school, but use that campus for special programs (like gifted, and DLI) for families that are already commuting for school. Ultimately, while no one likes school closures, we understand the need. But let's set ourselves up for success. Closing 30% of schools in our area would create unnecessary strain and risks eroding community trust, walking access, and educational quality for thousands of students. I know no ones wants to have to repeat this process down the line. *But let's not value our future convenience at the sacrifice of our current students.* Close two schools, and let's re-evaluate as needed. Closing more schools in the last round wouldn't have prevented the issues we are seeing now, if three schools are still on the chopping block. Let's cut with a scalpel, not a chainsaw... otherwise, we risk bleeding out.	
6/24/2025 0:16:31	iding one of the schools within the boundary study	1. Cottonwood El, 13. Oly	Olympus	Don close down cottonwood please	
6/24/2025 6:52:03	attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	16. Olympus High	Olympus	I can’t imagine there is a stronger parent and community support system than Driggs, Olympus Jr. or Olympus than Skyline area! Oly High & Oly Jr are great new schools. Howard Driggs, while not as new serves a wonderful asset to our community: 1. Extra parking for events 2. Remodel to handle additional enrollments in future 3. Strong academic performance! 4. Aren’t enrollment numbers steady if not increasing in the future? 5. Lots of clubs and activities To name a few! Thanks for considering this amazingly supportive community.	
6/24/2025 6:54:53	ols, but do not have children attending at this time.	3. Driggs El, 13. Olympus	Olympus	1- Driggs is one of the only schools that shows no decline in student enrollment for the next several years. 2- Walkability and the amazing church parking lot next door. When we have big school events it’s safe to walk and park. 3- Our facility just had a large remodel and we also have the capacity to bring in 250+ more students. 4- Driggs has extra clubs and programs than most schools in the study. 5- Strong academically - Driggs was ranked #3 in granite school district last year. Proficiency well above state average: 78% in math and 75% in reading, compared to state averages of ~39% and ~43% respectively.	
6/24/2025 7:45:45	attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	10. Upland Terrace El	Skyline	I’m very concerned about safety and walkability. We are one of the majority families at upland who live in-boundary, and the neighborhood is full of kids morning and afternoon as they walk to/from Upland. If they’re forced into a neighboring school they’ll have to bus or drive, creating transportation problems and potential issues trying to get kids across major streets. There are a lot of families, mine included, who have their older kids at wasatch and skyline walk down the hill to pick up younger siblings as well. Please take this issues into consideration for the many many families who rely on having a safe walkable neighborhood elementary school	

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6/24/2025 8:06:00	ols, but do not have children attending at this time.	3. Driggs El, 13. Olympus	Olympus	HR Driggs serves a diverse population and also has always had a stellar academic record. Closing it would be a travesty.	
6/24/2025 8:13:40	ittending one of the schools in the boundary study.	8. Penn El, 12. Evergreen	Olympus	I am worried about long term goals for the east bench.	
6/24/2025 8:37:27	ittending one of the schools in the boundary study.	8. Penn El	Olympus		
6/24/2025 8:55:19	ittending one of the schools in the boundary study.	8. Penn El	Olympus		
6/24/2025 8:56:15	ols, but do not have children attending at this time.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	I would like to voice my support for not closing Howard R. Driggs Elementary. I feel like the location of the school is very unique. It is pretty much on the corner of 2 major streets and located next to a church building. This location makes accessing the school convenient and causes little congestion in any neighborhood. Being next to a church provides ample parking for larger school activities and makes accessing the school safe and easy. Many parents park in the church parking lot when picking up their children from school. The fact that these students don't have to cross a street to get to the parking lot is ideal. Programs, teachers etc, can be moved to other schools and new structures can even be built, but an ideal location like that of Howard R. Driggs cannot be moved or rebuilt somewhere else.	
6/24/2025 9:25:16	ittending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El, 13. Olympus	Olympus	Howard R. Driggs should not be closed. It had been renovated recently. Is a large school that you could move other students too and is in a beautiful location. Please do not close this school. I have had kids at this school for 20 years.	
6/24/2025 9:26:01	ittending one of the schools in the boundary study.	5. Morningside El	Skyline	Our street is brimming with young children and young families. A huge pull for buying in this neighborhood was our incredible Morningside community with its French and magnet programs. We will do whatever it takes to keep the school open. It's a very popular school with a popular location and incredible staff!	
6/24/2025 9:26:26	ittending one of the schools in the boundary study.	5. Morningside El	Skyline	We love the French immersion program. We have 6 other kids who live on our street who are under the age of 5 hoping to attend morningside. Thanks for your consideration.	
6/24/2025 9:32:53	ittending one of the schools in the boundary study.	5. Morningside El	Skyline		
6/24/2025 9:39:25	ittending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Other	1- Driggs is one of the only schools that shows no decline in student enrollment for the next several years. 2- Walkability and the amazing church parking lot next door. When we have big school events it's safe to walk and park. 3- Our facility just had a large remodel and we also have the capacity to bring in 250+ more students. 4- We have more extra clubs and programs than most schools in the study. If you have participated in one (chess, fire choir, etc) please highlight your positive experiences. 5- Strong academically! We were ranked #3 in granite last year. Proficiency well above state average: 78% in math and 75% in reading, compared to state averages of ~39% and ~43% respectively.	
6/24/2025 9:46:30	iding one of the schools within the boundary study	3. Driggs El	Olympus	Love Driggs	
6/24/2025 9:51:48	ittending one of the schools in the boundary study.	16. Olympus High	Olympus	Keeping schools keeps neighborhoods strong. Please do everything you can to keep our community vibrant. We have loved having our kids be able to walk to Driggs, Olympus Junior, and Olympus High. Thank you for all the great work you are all doing!	
6/24/2025 9:54:07	ittending one of the schools in the boundary study.	5. Morningside El, 17. Sky	Skyline	I chose to send my child to a charter school rather than attend Morningside. My experience with dual language schools has not been good. I understand that Morningside also has the SALTA program and that classes across grades have bin combined. Tell me how my child in the regular English class would thrive? The DL class numbers are capped and as the children get older the English classes grow in both numbers and children who demand attention in negative ways. There is separation and exclusivity that the children in the English classes suffer from. I would love to send my child to the neighborhood school but there is no way in good conscience that I can.	
6/24/2025 9:55:12	ols, but do not have children attending at this time.	3. Driggs El, 13. Olympus	Olympus	Driggs is an incredibly popular elementary school here locally with so many of the kids in the neighborhood walking to school and a significant number of new families (such as myself) moving into the area to be able to attend Driggs.	

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6/24/2025 10:04:49	attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	10. Upland Terrace El	Skyline	I am writing concerning overcrowding at the schools where elementaries were closed last year. [Identifying information removed] At Oakwood the 3rd grade classrooms are overcrowded with 35 students in some classes. [Identifying information removed] suspects this is because the chinese immersion program has some upper level classrooms that have as few as 17 students. This is very concerning to me as a parent, because for every classroom that operates under the 27 student allotment, some other classroom is going to have extra students. I have also heard from William Penn that there are a number of classrooms with over 30 students and they have trouble fitting them in the library for activities. Therefore, as we look at consolidating schools, I think it is important to either put all dual language programs in one building together (so they are not causing mainstream classrooms to be overfilled) or we need to remove programs when their classroom enrollment drops below 24. At the meeting at Skyline your director touted the closures as helping students, but all the data I have been hearing out of the schools to the west of us is that schools are overcrowded and the situation is worse for students in many ways. I also want to note that the capacities of the schools may decrease based on the new bill passed in the state to reduce class sizes in K-2. I think it is rash to shut 3 schools in light of this, since our current enrollment is very close to the capacity of a 2 school reduction. We don't want to crowd schools for the next few years. It would probably be more wise to close 2 schools and then close a 3rd 5 years down the road. I also want to note that closing schools is a self-fulfilling prophesy. The east edge of the district is one of the wealthiest areas of the district. Many of these families can afford to send their kids to private school and if they were on the fence about doing that, removing their local school will probably push them over the line to private schools or other options. I believe in having health strong public schools, so if closing schools is going to drive more kids out of public school, that concerns me.	
6/24/2025 10:24:48	ols, but do not have children attending at this time.	5. Morningside El	Skyline	Grateful for the school and its community.	
6/24/2025 10:31:02	attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El, 13. Olympus	Olympus	Our school is the only school that doesn't show a decline in numbers in the coming years! We had a remodel done recently and the walk ability for our school is amazing!	
6/24/2025 10:37:53	ols, but do not have children attending at this time.	5. Morningside El, 11. Chu	Skyline	We have had a number of young families move into our neighborhood and 6 babies born in this calendar year. Maybe there is a small population spike. I am incredibly disappointed in the lockdown of school yards (Driggs and Olympus) that keep taxpayers from enjoying their playground and track when the school is not using them.	
6/24/2025 10:39:56	ols, but do not have children attending at this time.	5. Morningside El	Skyline	Please do not close Morningside. I is a cornerstone of our community.	
6/24/2025 10:43:31	attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El, 13. Olympus	Olympus	Please keep Driggs open. Community is very involved in the school.	
6/24/2025 10:52:36	ols, but do not have children attending at this time.	5. Morningside El	Skyline	As a lifelong resident of this area and a person who attended Morningside (and Skyline), then raised a child who also attended these schools, I want to voice my opposition to closing Morningside. Our neighborhood is seeing an influx of young families with children because it has more affordable housing than Olympus Cove or other parts of Holladay. Morningside has distinguished itself as a learning center of excellence, hosting a French immersion program and a gifted and talented curriculum. It is a walkable school nestled within a peaceful neighborhood setting with no busy streets. It has been a good neighbor to residents living nearby. It is centrally located between Oakridge and Howard R, Driggs, making it very accessible if either of those schools were to close.	
6/24/2025 11:38:38	ols, but do not have children attending at this time.	5. Morningside El	Skyline	Please do not close Morningside. It serves the community for the French immersion. The neighborhood is growing with children, not shrinking.	
6/24/2025 11:43:57	attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El, 13. Olympus	Olympus	Howard R Driggs is one of the reasons we moved to this neighborhood 13 years ago. It is shocking that it is being entertained as a school to be closed. The culture, community, and contributions it makes to this area provide a thriving environment for children to learn and grow. Ripping this away would be traumatic for all of the children and community around it. Please don't close this school. Here are additional concrete, tangible evidence based reasons to keep it open 1- We are one of the only schools that shows no decline in student enrollment for the next several years. 2- Walkability and the amazing church parking lot next door. When we have big school events it's safe to walk and park. 3- Our facility just had a large remodel and we also have the capacity to bring in 250+ more students. 4- We have more extra clubs and programs than most schools in the study. If you have participated in one (chess, fire choir, etc) please highlight your positive experiences. 5- Strong academically! We were ranked #3 in granite last year. Proficiency well above state average: 78% in math and 75% in reading, compared to state averages of ~39% and ~43% respectively.	

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6/24/2025 11:50:50	iding one of the schools within the boundary study	3. Driggs EI, 13. Olympus	Olympus	When I heard that Driggs Might close I was sad. Because my little sister goes there and I don't want her to have to go far away. Driggs was a special place to me because of the teachers, friends, and people. I can't imagine giving that up here in my neighborhood. It is a huge part of our neighborhood.	
6/24/2025 12:02:08	ols, but do not have children attending at this time.	3. Driggs EI, 13. Olympus	Olympus		
6/24/2025 12:26:45	ttending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs EI	Olympus	I am writing as a concerned parent and community member to strongly advocate against the potential closure of Driggs Elementary as part of the ongoing boundary study. Driggs is a high-performing school that serves a deeply invested, walkable neighborhood. Our family, like many others, purchased our home specifically for its proximity to Driggs. We walk our children to school daily, and the nearby church parking lot offers safe and efficient drop-off and pickup options on days when walking isn't possible that many other schools lack. While we understand the district is facing difficult decisions around enrollment, Driggs does not reflect the trends driving those concerns. Class sizes currently exceed 30 students, and projections show stable enrollment for years to come. Academically, Driggs performs at a high level, well above state averages. These scores are on par with other top-performing schools in the study, such as Cottonwood and Morningside, and demonstrate that Driggs is providing students with exceptional educational outcomes. Closing a school with strong academics, safe infrastructure, consistent enrollment, and unparalleled walkability would be a significant step backward for our community. If forced to relocate to a more distant school, many families—including ours—would be compelled to explore alternative education options (voucher, private, homeschool) to maintain the quality and accessibility we currently enjoy. Driggs is a vital part of our neighborhood's identity and success, and I respectfully urge the district to keep it open.	
6/24/2025 12:55:40	ttending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs EI	Olympus	As a father of three children currently attending Driggs Elementary, I strongly urge decision-makers to keep this exceptional school open. Driggs is not just where my kids go to class—it's the heart of our community, and by every measurable standard, it's thriving. First, unlike many schools facing enrollment decline, Driggs is one of the few projected to maintain steady—and even growing—student numbers over the coming years. That kind of stability is rare and should be protected, not disrupted. The school's location also makes it incredibly accessible and safe. We have the advantage of excellent walkability, and thanks to the generous partnership with the church next door, we have a large, safe parking lot that makes big events manageable and family-friendly. This kind of setup is rare and supports strong community engagement. Our facility itself is another major strength. Driggs recently underwent a significant remodel, making it not only modern and inviting but also large enough to accommodate over 200 additional students. That kind of capacity—especially in a time when other schools are shrinking—is a huge asset for the district. Beyond the basics, Driggs goes above and beyond with extracurricular programs. My own kids have participated in the Fire Choir and chess club, and the positive impact has been incredible—helping them build confidence, social skills, and a love for learning outside the classroom. These are the kinds of opportunities that set schools apart, and Driggs offers more of them than most schools in the study. Academically, Driggs is simply outstanding. We were ranked #3 in the entire Granite District last year, with proficiency scores far exceeding state averages—78% in math and 75% in reading, compared to state averages of around 39% and 43%. Those numbers speak for themselves: this is a school that delivers results. Driggs is successful, safe, and growing. It has the infrastructure, community support, and academic excellence that should make it a model—not a target for closure. Please keep Driggs open and allow it to continue serving families like mine for generations to come. Sincerely, [Identifying information removed]	
6/24/2025 12:57:32	ttending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs EI	Olympus	Driggs is an excellent school. My child went to Morningside the first half of his kindergarten year and I was not happy, no parking, crowded back of school area, unfenced. Driggs has been so nice. Private bathrooms for kindergarten class rooms. I now have two boys at Driggs. There are more clubs offered at this school and we have participated in chess club and running club. The parking is easy and safe, especially for large events. It's easy to get to in and out of without having to navigate through neighborhoods. Driggs has excellent teachers and their testing scores are higher than most Granite schools which is why I have chosen my children attend Driggs versus private schools in the area.	

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6/24/2025 13:15:53	Attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	In Support of Keeping Driggs Open for the following reasons: 1.Stable and Growing Enrollment Driggs is one of the few schools projected to maintain or increase student enrollment over the coming years. 2.Excellent Location and Walkability Our school's proximity to a large church parking lot enhances safety and accessibility during major school events—an asset many schools lack. 3.Modernized Facility with Room to Grow. Following a recent remodel, Driggs has the capacity to accommodate over 200 additional students, making it a smart long-term investment. 4.Rich Extracurricular Opportunities Driggs offers more clubs and programs than most schools included in the study. My children have thrived in chess club, garden club, and fire choir—experiences that enrich their education and build community. 5.Outstanding Academic Performance - Driggs ranked #3 in the Granite District last year, with proficiency scores well above state averages—78% in math and 75% in reading, compared to the state's ~39% and ~43%.	
6/24/2025 13:17:04	Attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	I have my 8 yr old who just finished 3rd grade and attended Driggs from K-3 and will be continuing. I also have twins that just finished kindergarten at Cottonwood Elementary and will be attending 1st grade attend Driggs. Our decision to not have our twins at Driggs was solely the kindergarten experience. The two teachers back in 2016 were underwhelming. The kindergarten experience at Cottonwood was above and beyond. Our kids are reading at a higher level than my older one. Those two teachers are amazing and the structure they both had and curriculum was engaging. I would love for those teachers to somehow replace Driggs kindergarten teachers. We live .5 miles away from Driggs and therefore will be returning all our kids to that boundary school. Cottonwood was 1.5 miles and was not conducive to walk. Maybe bike, but the lot to park was congested and on a very busy road. The location of cottonwood serves a small % of folks able to walk. Driggs is much more accessible and I would be crushed is 4500 south is a new boundary line. It does not seem like a radius is used to determine boundary lines. To have to travel to another school seems so silly when this is literally .5 miles away and we walk rain or shine or cold. Personally the amount of art and community seems higher at Cottonwood than Driggs and like I said the kindergarten curriculum is above and beyond. I would love to have some of that at Driggs. I think honestly the PTA and principal must be more creative with their fundraisers than Driggs. Driggs could learn from Cottonwood. Cottonwood was an older building and poor location.	
6/24/2025 13:33:52	Attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El, 14. Wasatch	Skyline	Driggs Elementary has been an amazing experience for both my child and family. While we are privileged to live close enough to walk, those who live farther never have to worry about parking for drop-off/pick-up or for the many enrichment nights and family activities, creating a safe environment for all. While I see schools around us with either "temporary" classrooms or even empty classrooms, Driggs remains comfortably full, allowing for a complete and enriching academic experience. To lose this place where the entire community comes together would be a detriment not only to the students, but the community at large.	
6/24/2025 13:44:40	C) I am an employee of Granite School District	3. Driggs El	Skyline		
6/24/2025 13:47:40	Attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El, 13. Olympus	Olympus	I went to Driggs in the 80s. My kids go to Driggs and Olympus. Please don't close either one down. The population in and around Driggs will continue to go up and down. Lots older people in the area are selling and younger couples are buying. The are will always attract people.	
6/24/2025 13:48:10	Attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	5. Morningside El	Skyline	The Morningside community is such a dream, I have connected with so many amazing humans because of the DLI, Magnet, and traditional program combination. I feel like these programs bring more diversity to this area and I feel so lucky to be a part of this school community. I love helping on the PTA, I love that there are so many young families in the Morningside area. When I moved to the neighborhood 13 years ago, there weren't many young families, and that has completely changed. It has been so awesome to be able to walk to and from school and now you see kids coming from every street surrounding the school. This is the vision I had for my children's' school experience, and Morningside is the school that brought it together.	
6/24/2025 13:55:44	Attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	The City of Holladay already lacks diversity in terms of average resident ages (among other things). Shutting down elementary schools within Holladay's core boundaries will almost certainly have a negative economic and social impact on the city and the community. It will encourage new families with young children to move to other communities which will almost certainly stunt the ability of the city to sustain a vibrant and diverse economy and population. Please take into consideration the direct and also indirect consequences of your decisions. Thank you	

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6/24/2025 14:02:03	attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	I can't help but scratch my head about the possibility of closing Driggs. The committee keeps suggesting this decision is to plan for the future, however this seems so short sighted. There is no question that in ten years we will be talking to yet another committee on where we will be building a new school because the schools are over capacity. Furthermore, Driggs continues to surpass most schools academically and has enrollment numbers projected to hold steady well into the future. By definition, this is a healthy school that deserves to stay open and support the city of Holladay.	
6/24/2025 14:03:28	attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El, 13. Olympus	Olympus	I understand that the district is closing 2-3 schools in the coming year. I of course am an advocate for our elementary school, Howard R. Driggs, but can also understand considering the greater impact on the community and all granite elementary children, specifically on the east side as it pertains to this study. My initial thoughts are closing the two schools that are struggling the most make sense, however we have to think long term impact of those changes. I truly think closing two schools initially would be the better option, it is much easier to come back and close a 3rd school in the coming years if it is necessary. It seems it would be much harder to open a school back up if we were too aggressive with closures. It is my understanding that one of the schools in Olympus Cove will be closing which makes sense and it would be fairly easy to absorb one into the other. I think it also makes sense to close Morningside as it is already a school where many families are commuting due to the gifted program and the dual language program. The have less of a "community" feel and more of a "commuter" feel because they are coming from many places. If a 3rd school would to close, it feels like based on what I have heard it would be between Cottonwood and Driggs. I understand closing a district border school is difficult because we have potential to loose students to the Canyons District. Based on the demographic of that area however it feels like a large number of those zoned for Cottonwood attend private or charter school, while it also attracts 50ish kids from Canyons and another 50 from Oakwood. If those students were to go to their neighborhood schools Driggs could absorb the majority of Cottonwood students. Driggs has proximity to the neighboring church which is huge for parking and drop off pick ups. Cottonwood has no parking, it is nearly all street parking on Holladay blvd which is dangerous. When they are hosting plays, carnivals, etc it is not safe having so many children crossing that busy street and it bogs down traffic in that area. Holladay City has spent an enormous amount of money making downtown walkable and feel like a neighborhood. Driggs is the closest in proximity to downtown, the shops, parks, grocery stores etc. Closing Driggs feels like a black whole to the community. Driggs is an extremely walkable school as well, we have the area by Driggs, the community south of 45th that are able to get to school safely with bikes, scooters or walking. It also feels like naturally with the economy the homes that are zoned for Cottonwood elementary not all but a large portion are not going to attract families with young children. Another thing to consider is the two failing schools, Rosecrest and Cottonwood, are border schools, how do you prevent border schools from failing in the future, are they failing because their zoned students are going to the neighboring district or because home prices are too high, it might be a different reason for each of these schools but it feels like it should be looked at so we don't run into the same issue down the road. It isn't a secret that Driggs is a thriving school, with great programs, a lot of community involvement, a strong PTA and with the potential to take on several hundred more students. If we are trying to impact the fewest number of students while trying bolster our schools, keeping Driggs open and having Cottonwood students come to Driggs would feel natural as a large portion of their population feels like they are already part of our community and neighborhoods.	
6/24/2025 14:13:23	attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El, 13. Olympus	Olympus		
6/24/2025 14:14:14	attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	Driggs Elementary was recently renovated using taxpayer dollars. Closing this school would waste funds recently expended. Please close one of the other facilities which has more significant deferred maintenance and seismic issues, of which there are MANY in this district	
6/24/2025 14:15:18	attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	11. Churchill Jr, 16. Olym	Olympus		
6/24/2025 14:17:45	ols, but do not have children attending at this time.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	Representing Driggs! 1- we are one of the only schools that shows no decline in student enrollment for the next several years. 2- Driggs is walkable and the amazing church parking lot next door. When we have big school events it's safe to walk and park. And great for the environment! 3- Our facility just had a large remodel and we also have the capacity for an influx of students. 4- We have increased extracurriculars than most schools in the study. 5- Our greatest strength is our academics! We were ranked #3 in granite last year.	
6/24/2025 14:27:30	attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	13. Olympus Jr, 16. Olym	Olympus	Although my children are in 8th and 11th grades now, I would love to see our nearby Driggs Elementary stay open. Here's a school with a strong walking/scooting culture that fosters bonds among various ages of students, a supportive community of parents and neighbors, and a recently renovated building with many years of use left in it. Thank you!	
6/24/2025 14:41:11	ols, but do not have children attending at this time.		Olympus	All five of my children attended Driggs elementary, Olympus Jr. High, and Olympus Hi school. I understand that there is talk of closing Driggs elementary. This would be a mistake in my opinion. Driggs elementary has been and continues to be one of the best elementary schools in the city. Parent participation has always been strong, teachers have been top-notch, students have been strong academically, and it is a blessing to the community. Many people move to the area because of the great schools including Driggs. My grandson will likely be going there when he starts kindergarten so I have a strong interest in keeping it open, not just for him, but for all the families in the neighborhood.	

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6/24/2025 14:41:14	attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Olympus	We live just south of 4500 and rely on Driggs as a walkable neighborhood school—something increasingly rare and incredibly valuable to a thriving city like Holladay. Closing Driggs would dismantle a well-connected, successful community hub that brings families together. It's one of the few schools in the area not facing enrollment decline, and it has space to welcome even more students, making it a sustainable long-term option. Events at Driggs are safe and accessible thanks to its location and shared parking with the nearby church—something many schools can't offer. Academically, it's one of the strongest in the district, with high achievement that benefits the broader community. Removing this asset wouldn't just impact families at Driggs; it would erode one of the city's few remaining walkable, family-centered institutions and leave a lasting gap in the fabric of Holladay.	
6/24/2025 14:48:58	C) I am an employee of Granite School District	3. Driggs El	Olympus	Driggs underwent a renovated in 2019 - - Full school restoration and renovation rendering the school more structurally sound than others in 2019 -added an ADA accessible lift - updated all technology -Capacity of 650 to 700 students —This is without rels -five early childhood rooms within that capacity that we use for kinder and first grade classes Safety -Updated locks and gates on all entrances meaning a closed campus for safety -Next-door is a church which driggs has an agreement with that driggs can use in case of an emergency is an evacuation zone -Drop off and pick up is excellent due to the location of Driggs. No major traffic disruptions -The church next-door serves as an overflow parking meaning there are very few cars parked on the street or in the neighborhoods, allowing for a safer walking community for students. -Walkability do to location -27th east is getting sidewalk sidewalks on both side sides, contributing to walkability well as safety. -Driggs location is easily accessible from multiple routes -Current enrollment around 450 students -Increased student enrollment over the past two years -Strong kinder numbers for registration Driggs has an amazing community that supports not only the students but also the teachers. Driggs is one of the top schools in the district and state.	
6/24/2025 15:18:19	ols, but do not have children attending at this time.	3. Driggs El	Olympus		
6/24/2025 15:18:34	ittending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El, 16. Olympus	Olympus	I understand the need to close an elementary school. The most important thing to me is not to change what junior high and especially what high school my students go to!	
6/24/2025 15:19:19	ittending one of the schools in the boundary study.	8. Penn El	Olympus	PLEASE do not close two or three elementary schools. Bigger is NOT better. Please recognize there are many sizes and ways to run an elementary school. When you have parents, administration and community members from EVERY school begging you not to close schools, please listen. The community members, parents, teachers and staff know what is best for their community. Please listen to them. I know there are a few schools like Upland Terrace and Crestview who want their neighboring schools to close to bolster their numbers. That's like asking a parent to starve one child to feed the fat child. Upland Terrace and Crestview are wonderful schools and maybe they need to manage their school a little bit better, but closing neighboring schools is not the magical solution. Eastwood has the fewest students and yet they LOVE their school even without all the special programs. Community schools put community first and by closing our schools you are putting community last. Please listen to the community and recognize we do not need to close schools at this time, even if there are some that are smaller than the typical GSD way. Let's think outside the box and do what is best for the students, the teachers and our community.	
6/24/2025 15:32:24	ittending one of the schools in the boundary study.	1. Cottonwood El, 3. Drigg	Olympus	I know that the committee has been using the FCI score as a metric help inform their decision on which school(s) to close. However, it's important to note that the FCI scores are outdated and some schools which have had capital improvements still show a low FCI. Not recognizing the tax payer funded capital improvements that have taken place since the FCI study is problematic. As an architect who understands the great expense that goes into the building maintenance and improvement, considering all improvements, not just an old FCI score, is extremely important. Seismic safety is a major concern for schools in Granite and across the state of Utah. The fact that Driggs Elementary is on the list of possible closure, despite having seismic improvements as part of their recent upgrade is concerning. Any buildings that have had recent updates; particularly those with seismic improvements, should be off the table.	
6/24/2025 15:43:37	ittending one of the schools in the boundary study.	8. Penn El, 12. Evergreen .	Olympus	I do not agree with closing 3 schools. Maybe 1. If it doesn't save money as has been expressed to close schools then why do it if those parents, teachers and students are happy with their circumstances. Overall, the purpose of schools is for the students!!! Definitely having bloated schools of 550+ is not the answer. Also, can we consider more control in each school individually instead of trying to make everyone the same so we can compete better with charter and private schools. Each school is very different with different populations and needs and to not acknowledge that is just creating problems and dysfunction.	

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6/24/2025 15:56:54	attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El		We are in Granite school district and have a son starting Kindergarten this Fall. I am not from Utah so we were new and completely ignorant to all the schools in our area. I had a long list of requirements for an elementary and toured nearly a dozen schools to find one that felt an appropriate fit. We were incredibly impressed by Driggs and its faculty, and were thrilled to be accepted. They were very understanding about my interest in doing half-day kindergarten and have been responsive and thoroughly welcoming.	
6/24/2025 17:25:08	ols, but do not have children attending at this time.	13. Olympus Jr, 17. Skylin	Skyline	Our last child just finished at Howard R. Driggs. It is an incredible school with the capacity to house 200 more students. It has recently been remodeled and will not need a large investment in reconstruction any time soon. We have always had consistent enrollment numbers and incredible staff that makes it an incredible place to learn. Parents are involved and kind. We have more extracurricular activities. My kids loved book club and garden club and safety patrol. My youngest also got to do announcements. We are #3 academically in granite school district. More students at Driggs would benefit in numerous ways!	
6/24/2025 17:50:23	ols, but do not have children attending at this time.	5. Morningside El, 11. Chu	Skyline	My youngest student just graduated from skyline. I just wanted to mention what a great opportunity our kids had to participate in French DLI starting in 1st grade. My oldest is using her French in an internship abroad in Grenoble, France right now. She is fluent enough that she has been able to speak French throughout the program without any additional Classes. We would have never participated in DLI had the program not been available at Morningside, our neighborhood school.	
6/24/2025 17:56:50	attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs El	Skyline	There are several children in my block under age 5 that will likely start school in the next few years. I hope they will have a neighborhood school like Morningside that is within walking distance that offers great opportunities like DLI, magnet, etc. As a seismologist (my opinions are my own), I would prefer that the schools most likely to fail during an earthquake are chosen to close down. If closing down a school only to reopen it as a charter school is the likely outcome then you are simply shifting the problem of dead children, and staff, to "not Granite School District's problem". The occupants at Canyon Rim Academy are no safer than if they were under Granite School District's care. The district did the right thing by closing and demolishing Spring Lane Elementary and I hope they systematically work through the schools with the biggest threat. I feel the same about schools with insufficient insulation and utility issues. Likewise, the schools that terrify me are the ones highest on the FCI index and will be most costly to retrofit like Eastwood and Oakridge at FCI > 85% (scores of 4 and 5, respectively). I am surprised that Morningside is not listed above 85% (score of 20) unless the mobile classrooms are accounting for more than 15% of the school. Which is a different issue regarding the ability to absorb students from closed schools. Both Cottonwood and Morningside have structural unreinforced masonry and while Cottonwood is larger (and could absorb additional students) it is closer to the Wasatch Fault, creating a greater potential for catastrophic failure. Personally, I would love to see a beautifully constructed new elementary school above 215 to accommodate the students there and save them from the URM (structural unreinforced masonry). While Driggs isn't without repair needs, it is in better condition than other schools. Driggs was recently renovated, though not seismically. I do not know the construction method of Driggs, it seems like a good candidate for retrofitting (though, I am not an engineer or building inspector). But it appears to be of a manner that is not structural unreinforced masonry, which is why I chose to send my children there versus adjacent schools. Driggs can accommodate more students and our neighborhood already splits enrollment between multiple schools. The Driggs education experience is remarkable. Highly ranked and with exemplary teachers that help to ensure student success. Every school thinks their teachers are the best. Granite has amazing teachers and they all deserve accolades. Teachers will move to new schools and thrive. I pray that the wonderful communities at the shuttered schools will improve their new school's community. Our enrollment is unlikely to decline in the future but, there is room for new students to be welcomed. The Driggs community is a welcoming and loving community. I was disheartened to hear parents at meetings complaining about potentially having to bring in children from other schools to theirs. If the school cannot absorb a portion of another schools boundary is that a problem? I have heard supportive and open-minded statements from the families and teachers of Driggs coaching students and parents of how wonderful it would be to have new friends come in and share our school. We have a healthy capacity. If Driggs closes, there are a few schools that I would hesitate to send my children to, both out of fear of an earthquake and that the vitriol I heard at meetings would translate to my children. If Driggs' parents are guilty of the same rhetoric then I haven't heard it. I trust the board will prioritize the safety of our children and I appreciate that this will help usher in seismically reinforced structures for our schools.	
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6/24/2025 19:40:48	attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs EI		There is a lot of passion for these elementary schools!! Many are community rooted and schools that families trust and treasure. There has to be a better solution than to close. Driggs is one of the best schools in the district! It has a robust and flourishing support team from families, parent involvement, and community. The walkability is awesome for the kids to get outside and build independence. The teachers, principal, and PTA are fantastic and parents know they can count on Driggs for a safe, academic, and fun place to learn. The district goals of grade level size and class size are already being met. It is shocking that Driggs is even a consideration. Filtering these students to different schools would be detrimental. It would cause unnecessary stress to students and dismantle a thriving and fantastic community. There would be more driving, congestion, and longer commute times. Please don't close Driggs!	
6/24/2025 20:19:37	attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs EI, 13. Olympus	Olympus		
6/24/2025 20:36:55	ols, but do not have children attending at this time.	5. Morningside EI, 11. Ch	Skyline	Morningside was an incredible school for my son. The teachers are amazing and the French program was incredible. Talking with others around the valley our French program was the best! My son speaks fluent French thanks to amazing elementary school teachers at Morningside. I live on a Main Street by Morningside and love watching the kids walk to and from school each day. I love that most kids can walk to school and don't have to take a bus!	
6/24/2025 21:16:16	ittending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs EI	Olympus	We absolutely love driggs!!	
6/24/2025 21:20:58	ittending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs EI, 13. Olympus	Olympus	Hoping the process is transparent and inclusive.	
6/24/2025 21:29:54	ittending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs EI	Olympus	1. We recently moved here and I have three children who attend Driggs. We have attended a total of 4 other elementary schools, Driggs being the 5th over the last 6 years due to various moves for graduate school and work. We are thrilled to have landed here and I have been so impressed by the culture of kindness and inclusion at Driggs! 2. The Driggs programming is robust! It has a tradition of offering various opportunities to every learner on a regular ongoing weekly and monthly basis- chess club, book club, fire choir, safety patrol and more. Then it has the annual tradition of great initiatives! They have a tradition of various programs throughout the year including the Art Night and the new STEM week that kicked off this year. I personally led the STEM initiative and was floored at the parent involvement and community support! We had 4 community partners that night, over 60 parent volunteers, 38 high school volunteers (Skyline and Olympus) and over 550 participants who came through the school for a 2 hour evening event participating in hands-on STEM activities with their kids. I have helped run STEM initiatives at every school my students have attended and I have never seen this type of support from Admin, teachers, parents or the surrounding community. It was truly awesome! 3. The building lends itself to a positive place to work (for teachers) and learn (for students). Hallways are well lit, wide and light. The classrooms are also a welcoming place to be - spacious and well lit. It makes a difference. I have noticed it as I have volunteered and my kids has mentioned on more than one occasion - the school feels happy and bright with lots of light. I love this for my kids and their peers! 4. The large, fairly newly renovated building is ready to welcome other students into their strong traditions. 5. It is on 2 easy roads for access. 45th is easy access for those that drive and I have found the many entry points for parking (4!) makes drop off and pick up incredibly easy! There is the school parking lot and then the adjacent church parking lot is huge with 3 additional entry points. Safety in the parking situation has been a concern at other schools we have attended, but it is so nice here! 6. To add to that, the parking situation is so wonderful for school events! We have chosen not to attend certain school events at previous schools due to the problem with parking - I hope this point is not overlooked because it makes a difference to parents when attending conferences, coming to volunteer, getting off of work late and trying desperately to park and run into the school to catch a portion of your childs' play - it matters. 7. The strong tradition of academics at Driggs is fantastic. I chose not to send my child to Morningside for the gifted program because the strength of this school and dedicated staff has challenged my daughter in ways that have continued to propel her forward. 8. The PTA is robust and positive. The tone and culture of the PTA is one of collaboration. The PTA turns over through the years, but traditions are strong for kindness and teamwork at Driggs. I came in new this year and was immediately welcomed and my new idea of STEM week was celebrated and I was thrilled by so many people stepping up doing fun exciting initiatives! 9. This general area of Utah is expensive, but the amount of young families in our immediate neighborhood is strong. The homes are basic and people are moving in because they value established neighborhoods with a strong community school, Driggs.	
6/24/2025 21:41:27	iding one of the schools within the boundary study	3. Driggs EI, 13. Olympus	Olympus	the teachers are amazing. the test scores are great at driggs. it created the best memories of my childhood. it is magic. don't let us lose driggs	

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6/24/2025 21:46:57	ols, but do not have children attending at this time.	3. Driggs EI	Olympus	Driggs has such a good community and the teachers care for their students and family's. It is in a good location and it is safe for students to get there. The art program is amazing and important to all the kids. It is a new building which is why it wouldn't make sense to close it	
6/24/2025 21:58:11	iding one of the schools within the boundary study	3. Driggs EI, 13. Olympus	Olympus	I used to go to Driggs and absolutely loved it. Compared to the horror stories I've heard from my friends I know that Driggs students are well behaved. The teachers were exceptional and programs available were exciting and entertaining. I also don't think Driggs should be closed because they just repainted it and redid one of the playgrounds.	
6/24/2025 22:12:53	ols, but do not have children attending at this time.	3. Driggs EI	Olympus		
6/24/2025 22:49:13	ols, but do not have children attending at this time.	5. Morningside EI	Skyline	Please do not close down morningside. It has been a great blessing having the French immersion program in our community	
6/25/2025 6:08:22	ittending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs EI, 13. Olympus	Olympus	Please keep Driggs; we love this school and without it, our girls would be split from their friends group and alienated.	
6/25/2025 8:15:55	ittending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs EI	Skyline	I strongly support keeping Driggs Elementary open. Here are several key reasons: •Stable Enrollment: Driggs is one of the only schools in the area with steady enrollment projected for the coming years, demonstrating sustained community demand. •Walkability and Accessibility: The school is located within walking distance for many families (we are two blocks away) and benefits from a large, adjacent church parking lot that makes event access safe and manageable. •Modernized and Ready for Growth: The facility recently underwent a major remodel and has capacity to accommodate 250+ additional students, making it well-prepared for future expansion. •Exceptional Academic Performance: Driggs was ranked #3 in the Granite District last year, with student proficiency rates far exceeding state averages—78% in math and 75% in reading, compared to 39% and 43% statewide. •Robust Programs and Clubs: Driggs offers a wide range of enrichment opportunities such as chess club, Fire Choir, and other extracurriculars that help build a strong, engaged school community. These strengths make Driggs not only a top-performing school, but a vital and sustainable part of the community. Please consider these facts as you make your decision.	
6/25/2025 8:28:19	ittending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs EI, 6. Oakridge E	Skyline		
6/25/2025 8:30:52	ittending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs EI, 13. Olympus	Olympus	Driggs is the most walkable school. It has the newest remodel. Easy parking with the church next door. It has room to take on more students. I don't understand why this school would even be in consideration. I'm also an employee of granite. The accessibility of driggs and olympus needs to be more accessible to the neighborhoods surrounding.	
6/25/2025 8:30:59	ittending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs EI, 6. Oakridge E	Skyline	1- We are one of the only schools that shows no decline in student enrollment for the next several years. 2- Walkability and the amazing church parking lot next door. When we have big school events it's safe to walk and park. 3- Our facility just had a large remodel and we also have the capacity to bring in 250+ more students. 4- We have more extra clubs and programs than most schools in the study. My son did stem club and the club was full! Kids loved it. 5- Strong academically! We were ranked #3 in granite last year. Proficiency well above state average: 78% in math and 75% in reading, compared to state averages of ~39% and ~43% respectively.	

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6/25/2025 17:05:34	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	3. Driggs El, 13. Olympus	Olympus	Holladay neighborhoods are starting to have more families with young children as aging homeowners sell their properties. Parents who grew up in Holladay and newcomers who research suburban neighborhoods before buying select Holladay in part because of the quality of the public schools. In addition to being a public good and a civic investment, good schools support property values - a virtuous cycle. Closing schools will push students towards private schools, charter schools and home schooling; none of these options build community or serve all socio-economic groups equally well. I understand the need to be efficient in light of demographics, but I also lament additional moves to hollow out public schools located within neighborhood communities. If we close it, they will not come.	
6/25/2025 17:11:52	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	3. Driggs El	Olympus	Please do not shut down Howard Driggs. Our children and our real estate values will suffer.	
6/25/2025 21:16:42	C) I am an employee of Granite School District	3. Driggs El	Skyline	Renovated in 2019 ◦Full school restoration and renovation rendering the school more structurally sound than others in 2019 ◦added an ADA accessible lift ◦updated all technology •Capacity of 650 to 700 students ◦This is without relas ◦We also have five early childhood rooms within that capacity that we use for kinder and first grade classes •Safety ◦We have updated locks and gates on all entrances meaning a closed campus for safety ◦Next-door we have a church which we have an agreement with that we can use in case of an emergency is an evacuation zone ◦Drop off and pick up is excellent due to the location of Driggs. We do not cause major traffic disruptions ◦The church next-door serves as an overflow parking meaning there are very few cars parked on the street or in the neighborhoods, allowing for a safer walking community for students. •Walkability do to location ◦27th east is getting sidewalk sidewalks on both side sides, contributing to walkability well as safety. ◦Our location is easily accessible from multiple routes •Current enrollment around 450 students •Increased student enrollment over the past two years ◦Strong kinder numbers for registration	

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6/25/2025 21:37:37	C) I am an employee of Granite School District	10. Upland Terrace El	Skyline	I had a wonderful opportunity to attend upland terrace elementary as a kid and I had an amazing teachers.[Identifying information removed] Upland Terrace Elementary is a fantastic school that should not be shut down because I [Identifying information removed] and want each child in Utah to be able to experience how amazing Upland Terrace Elementary is.	
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6/26/2025 9:15:57	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	3. Driggs El	Olympus		
6/26/2025 10:53:10	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	8. Penn El	Olympus	We chose to attend William Penn instead of our boundary school for the Spanish Immersion program, which we love. It would be great to have more schools with this program to keep kids in their boundaries and more friends within neighborhoods.	
6/26/2025 12:47:21	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	3. Driggs El	Olympus		
6/26/2025 12:51:15	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	3. Driggs El	Olympus	1- we are one of the only schools that shows no decline in student enrollment for the next several years. 2- walkability and the amazing church parking lot next door. When we have big school events it's safe to walk and park. 3- our facility just had a large remodel and we also have the capacity to bring in 200+ more students. 4- we have more extra clubs and programs than most schools in the study. If you have participated in one (chess, fire choir, etc) please highlight your positive experiences. 5- strong academically! We were ranked #3 in granite last year. Proficiency well above state average: 78% in math and 75% in reading, compared to state averages of ~39% and ~43% respectively.	
6/26/2025 12:54:41	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	3. Driggs El	Olympus	1- we are one of the only schools that shows no decline in student enrollment for the next several years. 2- walkability and the amazing church parking lot next door. When we have big school events it's safe to walk and park. 3- our facility just had a large remodel and we also have the capacity to bring in 200+ more students. 4- we have more extra clubs and programs than most schools in the study. If you have participated in one (chess, fire choir, etc) please highlight your positive experiences. 5- strong academically! We were ranked #3 in granite last year. Proficiency well above state average: 78% in math and 75% in reading, compared to state averages of ~39% and ~43% respectively.	
6/26/2025 13:39:15	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	3. Driggs El	Olympus	I have heard you are considering closing Driggs Elementary. It is such a safe school that is walkable for the kids to get there & back. Please save our school!!	
6/26/2025 14:34:31	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	3. Driggs El	Olympus	Driggs is an amazing school with constant enrollment and a huge community involvement. Do not close it!!!! The district recently spent a whole bunch of money on seismic upgrades, test scores are good and enrollment is steady. It makes zero sense to close this amazing school.	

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6/26/2025 14:36:19	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	3. Driggs EI, 13. Olympus	Olympus	Driggs Elementary is a dynamic community that includes students from all backgrounds. We have loved having our children attend Driggs. It has helped our community and family tremendously with such an amazing community.	
6/26/2025 14:49:01	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	3. Driggs EI	Skyline	Driggs is amazing! The facilities are well-maintained and the faculty and staff are absolutely wonderful. In particular, Driggs’ special ed personnel operate like a well-oiled machine. They care for my special needs son in a way I had never imagined. He has made unbelievable progress at Driggs. It is a wonderful community, truly devoted to kindness and to the wellbeing of the students. I feel very blessed that my children have been able to attend there.	
6/26/2025 14:50:47	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	3. Driggs EI		I am very excited to send my kindergartener to Driggs. She will begin attending in the fall - and we have had only positive reactions with teachers, administrators, and support staff to day. We're happy to be Driggs Dragons, and hope that Driggs remains open for my child and her younger sister!	
6/26/2025 14:54:29	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	3. Driggs EI, 13. Olympus	Olympus	Driggs is a flagship school with great staff and location. Please keep it open. Most people in Morningside boundaries do not attend Morningside and it is an inconvenient location.	
6/26/2025 15:02:13	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	3. Driggs EI	Olympus	1- we are one of the only schools that shows no decline in student enrollment for the next several years. 2- walkability and the amazing church parking lot next door. When we have big school events it’s safe to walk and park. 3- our facility just had a large remodel and we also have the capacity to bring in 200+ more students. 4- we have more extra clubs and programs than most schools in the study. If you have participated in one (chess, fire choir, etc) please highlight your positive experiences. 5- strong academically! We were ranked #3 in granite last year. Proficiency well above state average: 78% in math and 75% in reading, compared to state averages of ~39% and ~43% respectively.	
6/26/2025 15:13:05	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	3. Driggs EI, 13. Olympus	Olympus	Keep Driggs open. One of the top performing schools in the state and enrollment is not declining.	
6/26/2025 15:17:23	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	16. Olympus High	Skyline	Driggs, Olympus Jr, and Olympus High have provided my kids with the best possible education. [Teacher name removed] was the best teacher at Drigg’s for my kids. [Teacher name removed] is the best at the High School.	
6/26/2025 15:17:56	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	3. Driggs EI	Olympus	Driggs is the best school in the district with the ability to house the students and a safe environment for them. The school is a very important part of the community and needs to remain as a school. Property is not available in Holladay, or the surrounding areas for another school and the property can never be recovered in the future. This is not a good move on anyone to close any of the schools and add additional students to another school.	
6/26/2025 15:22:34	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	3. Driggs EI	Olympus	I have a student entering 2nd grade at Driggs and another just completed 5th grade at Morningside. If Driggs closes, my preferences for my 2nd grader would be: (1) Morningside's STEM track, (2) unsure about Upland or Crestview. They are about the same distance for our home and have the same access for vehicles. However, Crestview has fewer sidewalks.	
6/26/2025 15:24:10	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	3. Driggs EI, 13. Olympus	Olympus	Just hoping for the best solution for all. I love Driggs and have been very happy there!	
6/26/2025 15:24:45	E) I choose not to answer	3. Driggs EI	Cottonwood	The schools in the area are not accessible for out boundary folks. If these school does not have out boundary students. They would not sustain. The school needs open voucher systems and bus system and after school program.	
6/26/2025 15:42:06	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	3. Driggs EI	Olympus	Don’t close Driggs! It has extremely involved parents, a growing student population and you just spent millions to upgrade it. Bottom line, it’s one of the strongest schools in the district. I’ve heard all the conversations about geographic distance from other schools, but you are out of your mind if you think closing Driggs makes sense.	
6/26/2025 15:46:33	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	3. Driggs EI	Olympus	Our school has a high population, high scores, just had millions of tax payer dollars used to remodel, with no decline in growth in the future. Driggs is an amazing school with an amazing community. Thanks for reading my comments.	
6/26/2025 15:47:49	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	3. Driggs EI, 13. Olympus	Olympus	Please keep my schools Open! This is not an issue that needs to effect the children! Keep them Comfortable and feeling safe!	

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6/26/2025 15:49:10	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	3. Driggs EI	Olympus	I cannot even stress how much Howard R. Driggs Elementary brings to our community. Losing it would create a black hole in the middle of Holladay! There are families moving into the neighborhood all the time (I can think of 4 young families blocks from Driggs just in the past month, who largely chose their home due to the walkability and amazing reputation of Driggs!) It's very hard to think of Driggs being up for closure when there doesn't seem to be any con to it. There is no issue with the building (which has been recently remodeled), there is incredible walkability with no busy streets that will affect a huge part of Holladay for several neighborhoods, we have NO sign of decline of enrollment, and we can hold and acquire more students! We have amazing clubs, my son was in the chess club and it was packed! It was such a positive experience that so many kids benefited from. We also recently got a fire choir that so many kids participated in and they would perform for the community. Not to mention we excel in academics! We have a new neighbor who moved from another neighborhood close by and she went on and on how she could feel a huge difference in the community at Driggs and was SO thrilled to be there. That's how we all feel! Driggs truly is special. Also, please don't let the wealth of other neighborhoods (where mostly empty nesters reside and new families cannot afford to buy) be a factor in closing a thriving school. There are plenty of families in Holladay that could send their kids to private and don't because of Driggs reputation and stellar academics. I cannot stress the loss it would be to our community and surrounding neighborhoods. Driggs is in the HEART of Holladay! Don't close us down. Please!	
6/26/2025 16:01:47	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	3. Driggs EI	Olympus	We bought our home several years ago specifically to be in walking distance of Driggs. We have absolutely loved the school and the community. It would be a devastation to our neighborhood to lose it. I actively avoid 2300 south for the Olympus High traffic and cannot imagine driving down Lincoln Lane to take my kids to Crestview or over to Cottonwood, when they can now easily walk both to and fro safely. It would truly create a nightmare intersection for so many families. Driggs excels in almost every department and we can bring in more kids! The building, field with plenty of space for 3 amazing playgrounds for all grades to enjoy, the academics, the parking lot next to us to safely park for pick ups, performances, etc. there is so many pros. We also have so many in-boundary students (many more than other schools nearby) who this would greatly impact. My son was in the chess club, walks home with his friends, had an incredible teacher where he got an amazing education, the building feels new and updated, and there are empty classrooms ready for more kids. Not to mention we are the only school with a courtyard for kids to eat lunch and get fresh air at lunch. Our neighborhood is acquiring new families all the time and we show no decline in enrollment, if anything, we are getting more. Compare our Kindergarten enrollment to Cottonwood's - it's astronomical. More young families are moving here. Not there. Please do the right thing and look at all the facts. Thank you.	
6/26/2025 16:02:20	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	3. Driggs EI	Olympus	Driggs is a great school with excellent teachers and high test scores. The area has a constantly high number of children and it shows with the enrollment rates at Driggs. The clubs that are offered at Driggs outnumber most schools. Lastly, the area around the school is safe, as the adjacent church parking lot gives more room for pick ups and parking during school events.	
6/26/2025 16:21:56	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	3. Driggs EI, 13. Olympus	Olympus	Driggs it a top rated School. Closing this one would be a HUGE mistake. Domino effect, everything would go down. Driggs pushes out some of the best students in the district. My older kids in High School can back me by saying, All the GT kids they know came from Driggs Elementary. Our future is in bright hands because of Driggs. We pay a S*** load of property taxes that go to our schools, and to keep our schools open. Where is the money? This should not be an issue every year! Hire new people (apparently Driggs Graduates) to actually do their jobs and distribute the funding where it needs to go. Stop Screwing with our kids! Worrying about their schools closing every year! Let them be kids!! People flood to Holladay so they can send their kids to Driggs! Best school, best community, best students!!	
6/26/2025 16:32:50	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	3. Driggs EI	Olympus	One suggested solution: Relocate special programs to lower population schools. I think this could work for Morningside Elementary's Gifted, and Dual Immersion programs. Relocate them to Eastwood, then shut down Morningside and disperse the remaining population into Driggs and Upland Terrace Elementary. No one has to cross Wasatch Blvd except the kids in the special programs (many of whom drive from out of boundary anyway). The Emigration Canyon kids get to keep their school as close as possible. And, Eastwood gets a boost in their population from all the special program kids.	
6/26/2025 16:35:50	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	3. Driggs EI	Olympus	Full-disclosure, I have a vested interest in Driggs staying open because that's where my kids go to school. Also, have I mentioned how much better Driggs is for parking and traffic than the other schools within the walkable radius of Driggs. Driggs has a partnership with the church next door that gives it ample parking, which is sorely needed during big events like the school carnival, sing-around-the-tree, and the 5th grade play.	

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6/26/2025 16:36:00	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	3. Driggs El, 13. Olympus	Olympus	Do Not Close Driggs!! Stop trying to close our schools down every year! This is getting ridiculous. We are going to get screwed in the future when all these new families that are moving in and having kids have no room in the schools. They are moving into Holladay with Driggs elementary in particular as a huge pull! We will have overcrowded classrooms pretty quick. We are already pushing the limits that will hurt our children's success. Closing schools is not the answer. Look at the children living in the boundaries and attending their neighborhood schools. Closing Driggs isn't the solution. Time for an overhaul in the accounting department, and distribute the INSANELY HIGH property taxes Holladay pays, in the right directions. Actually help our children. This adds stress to these little kids lives every time they worry about their schools closing. They should not have to think about this. We need to be the adults, let them be kids, and let them go to their neighborhood schools where they feel safe. Where they can walk and ride their bikes, and be with their friends they actually live by. Closing schools is not the way!	
6/26/2025 17:09:48	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	3. Driggs El, 13. Olympus	Olympus	Driggs can be closed. There are other schools in the area that can pick up they load. We will save money by closing Driggs.	
6/26/2025 17:32:49	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	3. Driggs El, 13. Olympus	Olympus	Driggs was an incredible experience for my kids and an important part of why my neighborhood feels like a community. My direct neighborhood is in transition. Many of the older homes are being remodeled and younger families are moving in. Additionally I'm seeing an increase in younger families moving to our area in the multi-family homes/condos and apartments that are being built all over my neighborhood. I think it's important to keep in mind that the trend in Holladay is GROWTH, and Holladay has become a desirable area for FAMILIES. Unlike the Avenues or even Sugarhouse, which seem to be becoming the single young/trendy professionals place to live, Holiday is the desirable place to raise a family. I do not think Driggs should be closed. And I think the boundaries as they are work well, as the boundaries should continue to see families with children grow over the next few years.	
6/26/2025 19:40:57	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	3. Driggs El	Olympus	Driggs is an amazing community school. Recent renovations restored positive components and expanded student capacity. Driggs is centrally located and many students safely walk to school. Driggs has great parent and community support. If you close it you risk losing that great help and support. We have recently heard of unsafe building conditions at Cottonwood Elementary. We do not feel safe sending our children to that neighboring school at this time. We would look at charter or private schools should Driggs close.	
6/26/2025 19:47:31	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	3. Driggs El	Skyline	I have two boys and two nieces attending this school. One of the biggest blessings is how close and small it is—it makes a huge difference for working parents like us when it comes to drop-off and pickup. I honestly can't imagine juggling four kids at different schools with staggered bell times and more than five minutes apart! The kids love the small-school environment too. It feels like a big family, which is exactly what you want at the elementary level. I also really appreciate the thoughtful design of Driggs. Being next to a church with extra parking has been a lifesaver during events. The multiple drop-off and pickup options—whether through the front, the church lot, or the back through the neighborhood—help ease traffic and keep things flowing smoothly.	
6/26/2025 19:53:22	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	3. Driggs El	Olympus	Driggs is an amazing school with the most updated infrastructure of elementary schools. Our kids love the community, and the location is so convenient with the church parking lot available for school drop off/pick up and other school functions. It would be the most cost-efficient school to remain in place due to the upgrades it already has had.	
6/26/2025 20:37:51	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	10. Upland Terrace El, 17.	Skyline	Upland Terrace Elementary plays a vital role in our community as the only elementary school that feeds entirely into Wasatch Junior High and Skyline High School. With the district investing millions in the reconstruction of Skyline, it is essential to preserve the integrity of the full educational pathway by keeping Upland Terrace open. As a former PTA president at Upland Terrace, I've seen firsthand the strength of its community and the exceptional quality of education it offers. This school is more than a building—it's a foundational part of our neighborhood's success and future.	
6/26/2025 21:40:15	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	3. Driggs El	Olympus	Driggs is a great school with a full enrollment, recently remodeled and no declining population.	
6/26/2025 21:42:36	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	12. Evergreen Jr, 16. Olym	Olympus	We value how Rosecrest is central in our neighborhood. Students easily walk to and from school on quiet neighborhood sidewalks and streets. If Rosecrest closes, there is serious concern about students crossing high traffic roads and the higher possibility of dangerous situations for students trying to get to and from school. The school building has been remodeled within the past few years. The building is in excellent condition. Rosecrest programs are part of the community. There are after school programs for chorus and theater, with our neighborhood supporting and attending student performances. There are also STEM nights that the community has been involved in with hands-on exploration activities in math and science. There have been literature nights to increase reading. Teachers are involved with enrichment programs during school in various subjects: the arts, STEM, social studies and science. Rosecrest traditions are a vital part of the neighborhood culture and connectedness of Millcreek residents.	
6/26/2025 22:31:31	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	3. Driggs El, 13. Olympus		Love my schools. All the educators are amazing. Keep Driggs and all Olympus Schools Open!	

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6/26/2025 22:32:04	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	3. Driggs El	Olympus	I just want to mention that we have had about 8 young families move into our neighborhood, which immediately surrounds Driggs in the last 8 months. This neighborhood is constantly attracting young families and a massive reason is because of Driggs. I feel like this draw strengthens all of the surrounding neighborhoods because there is a lot of energy drawing young families and it spreads. I seriously believe that if you close Driggs, that energy will die in our neighborhood and it will spread and could potentially atrophe the whole area. Please keep Driggs open!!!! It is an incredible school! It is magic!! Almost too good to be true!	
6/26/2025 23:25:04	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	3. Driggs El	Skyline	Driggs is fantastic, the facility is fantastic, the location and agreement for surplus parking is fantastic. Don't close it!!!!	
6/27/2025 7:25:47	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	13. Olympus Jr, 16. Olym	Olympus	Our two teenage girls (now at Olympus High) had an excellent and well-rounded start to their educational experience at Driggs Elementary. Caring, experienced, and attentive staff, combined with an involved group of neighborhood parents, make Driggs an exceptionally effective learning community. Also, our girls benefitted greatly from being able to walk (or scooter!) each day to their neighborhood school. In addition to the physical exercise, walking to and from school gave them a sense of independence and responsibility, even at a very young age. It is not an exaggeration to say that we bought our home for Driggs. We are not from this area originally, but researched and selected a home where our children could attend Driggs. While our girls have now grown up and moved on from Driggs, we hope Driggs will remain open to serve our neighborhood children for years to come.	
6/27/2025 9:17:26	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	3. Driggs El	Olympus	As I understand, Driggs Elementary is not projected to have declining enrollment in the next few years and is performing well compared to other elementary schools in the district. The recent seismic upgrades to the school probably helps justify keeping the building going for much longer, too. Please keep Driggs open and running!	
6/27/2025 16:31:49	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	3. Driggs El, 13. Olympus	Olympus	I have been in business management my entire career and know the importance of location when running a business. I look at these school closures in that way, running a successful business. If GSD is planning to keep Olympus High school healthy and strong, it is in the districts best interest to keep the neighoring junior high and elementary schools close to it open and healthy. It would send the wrong message and absolutely kill the high school 20 years down the road if a local elementary, within the same city block were closed. If you think of the HS as the “warehouse” for the business of educating kids, then schools like Upland Terrace and DRIGGS are their store fronts. Both Upland and Driggs should be protected at all costs in order to keep the high schools populated and running smoothly. 35 plus years ago I was bused into morningside and Churchill from the Jordan school district just to keep skyline open. It is time for GSD to look at both of these schools, bite the bullet and close them as they should have been decades ago. Olympus cove simply can not sustain a junior high, it hasn't been able to for decades and morningside has been protected and babied and limped along in order to justify keep Churchill open. Make the tough call and close those schools. Because of skylines academic performance, they will always have outside population permitting in. Morningsides boundary makes absolutely ZERO sense. It pulls from population for Rosecrest and Cottonwood elementary's, AGAIN, in order to appease the Skyline/Churchill parents who fight for Morningside. DO NOT weaken the Olympus community directly surrounding Oly high! Those kids from DRIGGS hop, skip, jump, scoot, ride bikes, walk, commune to Friday night lights in their neighborhood. It would be a travesty if you took their walkable elementary away from them. DRIGGS has capacity to accept additional students. DRIGGS has a community garden for children to learn in. DRIGGS has community that gathers and uses its space. DRIGGS has art club, garden club, chess club, choir, STEM club, mural art, an open courtyard that allows kids to eat outside during lunch and allows natural light into EVERY classroom. It is a gem of a school with easy access from main roads with safe drop off points in the church parking lot and front of the school. Please look at it from a business perspective. Why would you close the store front of the warehouse that would kill the business? DRIGGS needs to stay in order to maintain the high school. Surrounding communities already commute into the same city block as the high school. They can also drive into the same block for their elementary school. Thank you for your time.	
6/27/2025 16:55:15	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Skyline	We participate in the French program and hope it will continue even if Morningside closes. I assume we will be relocated to Driggs even though we love S of 4500 South since that's where the kids went prior to the last boundary change	
6/27/2025 16:58:03	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	3. Driggs El, 13. Olympus	Olympus	My property is located in a neighborhood who has 3 different school boundaries. Morningside, Driggs and Cottonwood all converge on one street and make it extremely difficult for the community to bond. Ie: there are 6 families that live on our street. 2 families go to Morningside, 1 family attends Driggs, and 3 families attend Cottonwood. We all have boys the same age and none of them are friends. They don't see each other daily at school and don't play on sports teams together, especially the families that feed into Skyline. I would like you to look at this area and make a better decision on the boundary line of this neighborhood. Geographically, there is a gully that splits our neighborhood in half. Behind Kentucky Avenue and Jenny Lane is a deep ravine or gully that kids don't cross over. My proposed boundary line follows that ravine and I suggest everyone to the north of the gully, including Kentucky Ave go to schools north of the gully, Driggs and Morningside. Everyone south of the gully, Wander lane, Jenny lane, Valley view, etc attend Cottonwood elementary. It is a natural break to the neighborhood that helps population for Cottonwood elementary and does not impact DRIGGS or Morningside tremendously. You also will not have to bus those students on Jenny lane, valley view and naniloa circle to morningside any longer. Saving you busing costs. Thank you for your consideration.	

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6/27/2025 19:15:33	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	3. Driggs El	Olympus	Our family has been very happy with the experiences our grandkids have had at Driggs. Outstanding teachers (winners of district awards), active PTA, enriching activities in addition to basic curriculum, helpful administrative staff, and well run.	
6/30/2025 13:41:05	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	3. Driggs El, 13. Olympus	Olympus	I am very concerned about the possibility of Driggs closing. It doesn't seem to make sense to me... It seems more logical for Morningside or Cottonwood elementary to close. Driggs has an outstanding supportive community that would basically be destroyed if Driggs were to close.	
6/30/2025 13:53:49	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	3. Driggs El	Olympus	We have loved our experience at Driggs so far and are looking forward to our son continuing there for his elementary years. The walkability for us is so nice, plus having the church parking lot next door for events is very convenient and reduces parking in the neighborhoods. Our son is only in preschool but we've heard great things about the extracurriculars/clubs there, as well as the expansion, making it possible to grow the student body. As far as teachers and academics go, we felt we'll supplant year and appreciate the high level of proficiency the students there seem to achieve. We're very hopeful that Driggs will continue to be a school that serves our neighborhood. Thanks!	
7/1/2025 17:33:46	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	3. Driggs El	Olympus	This past school year Driggs added at least one additional teacher to both the kindergarten and 1st grade classes which was incredibly important as the kindergarten classes '23-'24 were over 35 children each and growing. We're one of the only schools that shows no decline in student enrollment for the next several years. Walkability and the amazing church parking lot next door. When we have big school events it's safe to walk and park. Our facility just had a large remodel and we also have the capacity to bring in 200+ more students. We have more extra clubs and programs than most schools in the study - chess, fire choir, running club. We were ranked #3 in granite last year. Proficiency well above state average: 78% in math and 75% in reading, compared to state averages of ~39% and ~43% respectively. 89% of Driggs Elementary School students met the reading benchmark on the EoY Acadience test.	
7/2/2025 8:17:09	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	10. Upland Terrace El, 14.	Skyline	It is extremely aggressive to close three elementary schools within this region being studied. It is a third of the schools, which is quite drastic. A more reasonable and practical approach would be to close two schools and see where the prices fall after a couple years, holding another (third school) on probation during this time to see if the effects of those two school closures is positive or negative. Two schools near one another and in a central location of the region (not "boundary schools") are "on the chopping block" which could leave a large portion of the region without a walkable school, and uneasy commute for many families. In essence, pt would be a large hole in the central area being studied, pushing students farther away from the feeder junior highs and high schools. This doesn't make sense. It so more practical to close a boundary a school that has a new school nearby and would not disrupt as many families. Please, take into consideration the families and students in the central area is the region that are on the chopping block. Encourage students and families to stay connected and support the feeder schools, not push them away by distancing them from these junior highs and high schools. Please don't make decisions based on personal feelings, especially if you live in one of the areas being surveyed.	
7/2/2025 15:54:56	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	3. Driggs El	Olympus	Thank you for your time. Ever since I was a student at Cottonwood Elementary 55 years ago, Driggs has been the example of how a school can impact the community and vice versa. Now that I live in the Driggs area, and have several grandchildren who will attend there, I'm reminded what a pillar it is. Every school day there are dozens, maybe hundreds of kids from the neighborhood walking to school. And with the huge church parking lot next door, the parking and the drop off are easier than any school I have seen. I know that Driggs consistently ranks, academically, as one of the highest in Granite District, and has historically been above state averages. This is a community that supports its students and its teachers. This is a school that should continue to be a beacon for the rest of the area. Thank you.	
7/2/2025 21:14:48	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	3. Driggs El	Olympus	We need Driggs to stay open!! This school has been in the community for decades and our children would be robbed if they aren't able to attend this school anymore	
7/2/2025 21:23:15	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	3. Driggs El	Olympus	Howard R Driggs is a robust community that provides high quality education, collaborative teams of educators, parents and administrators, impactful engagement for students, and effective communication. I urge you to consider maintaining enrollment for Driggs elementary.	
7/4/2025 17:49:23	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	10. Upland Terrace El	Skyline	I grew up in the Bay Area, and when I was in college, they started closing schools in my home area, even selling or repurposing schools due to "declining enrollment." Later, there were issues with schools not having enough space for the growing demographic. As one who lives around the corner from Upland, (down the street from Wasatch and Skyline), it seems very short sighted to close Upland. Millcreek is a growing (fastest?) city, and it will continue to do so due to the desirableness of the area. Further, thanks to Millcreek city we have sidewalks and safe walking to Upland (and WJH and SHS), so children can walk, parents add less to air pollution. Both the cultural increase in making cities walkable, and the serious issue of our air, are more reason to keep Upland open.	

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7/6/2025 8:56:41	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	3. Driggs El	Cottonwood		
7/7/2025 15:40:51	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	3. Driggs El	Olympus	As a member of the neighborhood pocket between holladay blvd and highland drive we ask you to consider us moving to crestview if driggs will be closing. As a whole we've all agreed that if we had to move please move us there- we're closer (some will even walk), they are socio economically closer to our neighborhood, and it feels much closer than going anywhere else. Please consider this. We love Driggs and obviously want our school to stay open but please consider this if you close Driggs	
7/7/2025 16:06:47	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	3. Driggs El	Olympus		
7/7/2025 16:54:10	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	3. Driggs El, 16. Olympus	Olympus		
7/7/2025 23:36:28	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	6. Oakridge El	Skyline	We have been dreading writing the feedback as it has been a frustrating, depressing, inspiring, shocking, and thought-provoking process of attending open houses, discussing this process with friends and family, and receiving (or sometimes not receiving) pertinent information about the Area 5 Study. School quality and accessibility were key factors in deciding on a house in the Skyline HS area. We greatly value public education and had made the commitment to the neighborhood schools of Oakridge, Churchill, and Skyline before we even had children. Skyline was a major factor in living in this feeder pattern as one of us had the exceptional experience of IB, which was nearly removed from a similar population study in another state, until the board recognized the community value and the school was saved at the last minute and ranked #24 in the nation within 5 years. Once our children enrolled in Oakridge, we discovered what this gem of a school was all about and the positive impact it has in this neighborhood. We were greatly looking forward to the timeline presented in Granite's bond appeal of 2017. We supported the bond in that a wide variety of schools could be renovated or rebuilt. However, the bond was presented as \$238 million for 31 schools in a 10-year period. In the open houses, the default answer to several attendee's questions on this topic seemed to be that "the voters approved the bond, which has been used primarily for Cyprus and Skyline High Schools." This feels like false advertising with no money left for the elementary and junior high schools that were on the bond advertisement in 2017. In addition, only 80% of Skyline students are from within Granite School District boundaries, so 20% are benefitting from a massive rebuild that has taken funds from the originally comprehensive purpose. How much money could have and should have been still earmarked for a variety of schools in the District? According to Granite SD data, the ALC and DLI programs at Morningside pull about 30 students (or approximately 10%) from Oakridge boundaries. Our children have qualified for the ALC program, but we believe that Oakridge offers excellent academic support and we strongly value the symbiotic relationship offered by this wonderful neighborhood school. When I asked at an open house meeting if bussing would still be available, as currently offered by the ALC program, the answer defaulted to the State's guidelines that it is only required for greater than 1.5 miles. It is hypocritical that the advanced learners that are being poached not only stand to lose the school they are being poached from but also the bus support they initially qualified for. Many answers at the open house meetings seemed to pass the buck to issues such as legislative funding. At the same time, there were constant references to Granite SD benefiting from economies of scale. How and why is this element not being utilized to push the legislature for increased financial support? What is the trade off for having a diminished voice in the state's largest school district, when the school district can't or will not advocate/bargain/pressure legislation? It is unknown how many students have been poached by private institutions due to the lack of ALC or other specialized programs, but this has been an anecdotal issue for Oakridge. Additional attrition has been caused by the limited options for before- and after-school care. However, the Montessori program at Oakridge is excellent and a major draw within and outside of the community. Even with these challenges, Oakridge has consistently proven to be scholastically challenging, highly ranked, and community supported. Additional thoughts in this process include: Data has been inconsistent, with open house presentations citing reports from 25 years ago, which is 15 years prior to the demographic data presented. In addition, there are significant geographical considerations with the thought of an extra ~100 cars heading to Eastwood or down the hill to Morningside. Lastly, the sarcasm and flippant commentary has been grating throughout this process: "It is not the responsibility of Granite School District to help the families in this area reproduce at a rate that will maintain our schools." This is dismissive, demeaning, and insensitive no matter who the community is. Please don't sabotage the educational availability and community engagement in this neighborhood. At the end of the day, and in regards to taxpayer funding, is the Granite School District a business or a service?	

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7/8/2025 8:42:00	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affected	10. Upland Terrace El, 14.	Skyline	Keeping Upland Terrace open matters because there aren't many places in Utah where children can walk K-12 to school from home. This is unique and it shouldn't be ruined. Walkability and safety matter. I worked for the Gold Medal School Program and Upland was one of my schools that I worked hard to have sidewalks placed, so all children can walk safely to school on sidewalks, especially on busy streets. If it is closed our children and grandchildren will be required to cross busy streets where people don't slow down for adult runners. Upland feeds only into Wasatch and Skyline. We are a direct line feeding into those schools, it doesn't make sense to close this school. Family and neighbors support this school. Until a couple of years ago, I was still volunteering to help teach reading in Upland even though I don't have any children attending. It is a neighborhood school, and there is a lot of support. Our neighborhood is doing a cleanup at the school on July 18th and also repainting the US map as it is fading. We care and take care of this school. This school has a thriving special education program and has for years. I have a friend who brought her son here from Bountiful for this program. It is an exemplary program. Please don't close this amazing school, for these reasons and so many others.	
7/9/2025 19:08:59	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	9. Rosecrest El	Olympus	Rosecrest has been an amazing little community. We love it. If it closes, where are all the kids on the north side of 3300 going to go? I also wish we went to 6th grade in elementary. Middle school is the hardest transition for kids, so why not make it shorter! I also think it would help delay when kids get phones. Postponing cell phone and social media will help our kids in so many ways. It is my strong opinion that we need to postpone cell phone and social media use. That idea is well supported in the literature and research studies. Please consider 6th grade in elementary schools again, and please do not close Rosecrest!	
7/10/2025 8:51:26	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affected	10. Upland Terrace El	Skyline	It is my understanding that Granite School District is conducting a PAC study to identify 1 to 3 Eastside elementary schools to close due to declining enrollment. I would like to add my voice as a proponent of keeping Upland Terrace open as you evaluate the options. Seventy-nine percent of in boundary students Upland Terrace attend the neighborhood school. This is one of the highest rates of elementary schools being considered for closure. It's safe walkable location, prevents children from crossing busy streets. Upland is the only elementary school that fully feeds into Wasatch junior high and Skyline High school, both of which have received significant district funding. Keeping a neighborhood elementary supports this investment. Keeping Upland Terrace open provides an opportunity for family support. Older siblings can walk west from Wasatch or Skyline to pick up younger students, reducing transportation needs and ensuring safer commute. Finally, Upland, special education program is integrated with traditional classrooms, fostering, inclusion, and teaching compassion, collaboration, and understanding. Moving the program is extremely challenging for these children, who rely on consistency. Thank you for your consideration as you address this matter.	
7/11/2025 9:17:54	E) I choose not to answer			This feedback was sent to the boundaries email 6.21.25 "Friends, I have been following the process closely, and I was originally led to believe that the "narrowing of scope" decision was to be made/announced possibly late June to sometime in July. I've then heard rumors that the recommendation announcement would be pushed back close to the start of school in early/mid-August. I see in the email I just received that the recommendations announcement now will be made at the Sept. 2nd Board meeting, with some public meetings held at the end of September. Cool. Could you clarify for me when the recommendations of narrowing the scope will actually be made public, and possibly the reasoning behind pushing back that announcement, if indeed it has been delayed? Thank you for your time and your efforts. I'm sure you are getting a lot of flak for this necessary process. Cheers! ~[Name removed]"	

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7/11/2025 9:20:14	E) I choose not to answer			This feedback was sent to the boundaries email 6.23.25 "Hi, I know you are in a difficult position with the decisions you have to make but I just wanted to share a couple of my thoughts regarding the boundary/school closure discussion. I am a parent to a student at Driggs Elementary. This last year was our first year at Driggs and it was a wonderful and fulfilling year for my oldest. I was anxious about the full day Kindergarten but he thrived. I give a lot of his success to his teacher, our principal, parent volunteers and the community in general. The community/PTA have provided wonderful opportunities outside of school for the rest of my family to come and enjoy what Driggs has to offer. (Stem Night, Art Night, Carnival) These activities have been highlights for my oldest and 2nd who is so excited to be “Driggs Dragon!” To give background so you understand my point of view, our neighborhood is located right behind Holladay Elementary. My husband attended Holladay Elementary and was moved to Driggs when it closed. Though it wasn’t ideal at the time, my husband’s family made it work. I understand that closures are necessary when neighborhoods turn over but I think it’s important to note that Driggs should stay open. It is one of the most central schools in our Holladay neighborhood and serves so many families within our community. Julie Jackson took the time to come meet with members of our neighborhood and she shared that the district did a \$6 million renovation on Driggs a few years ago and I think that would be absolutely wasteful to close the school after such an investment. Driggs is a larger building that can accommodate more students as well. My son had 3 classes with 28-31 kids in each class of his grade this last year. Cottonwood Elementary is on the edge of the boundary and has dwindling numbers. It is difficult for young families to afford to move into these Holladay neighborhoods so unfortunately, I don’t believe these student numbers will increase much over the coming years. Instead of closing Driggs and splitting our community into 3 different schools, I think an option to consider would be closing Cottonwood elementary. Their student base will continue to diminish so I believe it would benefit most of the community if we bring the students from the cottonwood neighborhood to Driggs. The building has the capacity and you’ll be moving kids closer to the schools they’ll be attending following elementary school (Olympus jr, Olympus High School). Our neighborhood is bused to Driggs but half of the neighborhood doesn’t take the bus so we have to account for the extra drive time and traffic that traveling on Holladay Blvd would add in the mornings and afternoons when Driggs is a straight shot up 4500 S. Cottonwood Elementary is NOT walkable from our neighborhood as it is 2 miles from my home. Driggs is .8 miles from my home and though I wouldn’t say it’s the most convenient, it definitely has more appeal when my son asks to ride his bike home from school. My last input that I hope you’ll take into consideration is if Driggs was to close, the closest school to our neighborhood is Crestview Elementary. Please consider keeping our little pocket closer to home by allowing our students/children to attend Crestview Elementary rather than Cottonwood Elementary. Crestview is only .7 miles from our home and would allow our kids to ride their bikes if they don’t want to take the bus. Cottonwood is too far for me to feel comfortable doing that especially with the busyness of the traffic through the Holladay Square/shopping centers located just south of Murray Holladay Rd. Driggs has been a fantastic school for our family so far and I’m hopeful it will be able to remain open as my other children prepare to enter the district. The community is warm and open and I feel like if any schools needed to close and be moved to Driggs, the student base would be welcomed with full fellowship and excitement. Driggs is thriving and is one of the top performing schools in the district. Please consider keeping our school open! - [name removed]"	

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7/11/2025 9:26:07	E) I choose not to answer			This feedback was sent to the boundaries email on 6.26.25 "Dear Granite School District Leadership, I am writing to express my strong opposition to any plan that would result in the closure of Howard R. Driggs Elementary School. As a committed member of this community, I believe such a decision would not only be short-sighted but would also disregard the school’s consistent enrollment, recent infrastructure investments, and its irreplaceable role in the fabric of our neighborhood. Driggs has maintained steady enrollment numbers over the years, a clear sign of the trust and enthusiasm families place in this school. In an era when many schools face fluctuating population trends, this consistency speaks volumes about the value parents and students see in the Driggs experience. Furthermore, the district has already made a significant investment in the school’s future by completing seismic safety upgrades. These improvements have enhanced the building’s safety and demonstrate that the district has previously recognized the long-term viability of the campus. Closing Driggs now, after those investments, would not only be financially wasteful but would also send a contradictory message to the community. Most importantly, Driggs is more than a school building—it is a living part of the community’s identity. Generations of students have passed through its halls, and the school continues to serve as a hub for neighborhood connection, family engagement, and community pride. Closing it would fracture that legacy and displace a thriving, engaged school culture that cannot be replicated elsewhere. I respectfully urge the district to reconsider any plans to close Driggs and to instead celebrate and support this exceptional school. Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration. [Name removed]"	
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7/11/2025 9:20:14				This feedback was sent to the boundaries email 6.23.25 "Hi, I know you are in a difficult position with the decisions you have to make but I just wanted to share a couple of my thoughts regarding the boundary/school closure discussion. I am a parent to a student at Driggs Elementary. This last year was our first year at Driggs and it was a wonderful and fulfilling year for my oldest. I was anxious about the full day Kindergarten but he thrived. I give a lot of his success to his teacher, our principal, parent volunteers and the community in general. The community/PTA have provided wonderful opportunities outside of school for the rest of my family to come and enjoy what Driggs has to offer. (Stem Night, Art Night, Carnival) These activities have been highlights for my oldest and 2nd who is so excited to be “Driggs Dragon!” To give background so you understand my point of view, our neighborhood is located right behind Holladay Elementary. My husband attended Holladay Elementary and was moved to Driggs when it closed. Though it wasn’t ideal at the time, my husband’s family made it work. I understand that closures are necessary when neighborhoods turn over but I think it’s important to note that Driggs should stay open. It is one of the most central schools in our Holladay neighborhood and serves so many families within our community. Julie Jackson took the time to come meet with members of our neighborhood and she shared that the district did a \$6 million renovation on Driggs a few years ago and I think that would be absolutely wasteful to close the school after such an investment. Driggs is a larger building that can accommodate more students as well. My son had 3 classes with 28-31 kids in each class of his grade this last year. Cottonwood Elementary is on the edge of the boundary and has dwindling numbers. It is difficult for young families to afford to move into these Holladay neighborhoods so unfortunately, I don’t believe these student numbers will increase much over the coming years. Instead of closing Driggs and splitting our community into 3 different schools, I think an option to consider would be closing Cottonwood elementary. Their student base will continue to diminish so I believe it would benefit most of the community if we bring the students from the cottonwood neighborhood to Driggs. The building has the capacity and you’ll be moving kids closer to the schools they’ll be attending following elementary school (Olympus jr, Olympus High School). Our neighborhood is bused to Driggs but half of the neighborhood doesn’t take the bus so we have to account for the extra drive time and traffic that traveling on Holladay Blvd would add in the mornings and afternoons when Driggs is a straight shot up 4500 S. Cottonwood Elementary is NOT walkable from our neighborhood as it is 2 miles from my home. Driggs is .8 miles from my home and though I wouldn’t say it’s the most convenient, it definitely has more appeal when my son asks to ride his bike home from school. My last input that I hope you’ll take into consideration is if Driggs was to close, the closest school to our neighborhood is Crestview Elementary. Please consider keeping our little pocket closer to home by allowing our students/children to attend Crestview Elementary rather than Cottonwood Elementary. Crestview is only .7 miles from our home and would allow our kids to ride their bikes if they don’t want to take the bus. Cottonwood is too far for me to feel comfortable doing that especially with the busyness of the traffic through the Holladay Square/shopping centers located just south of Murray Holladay Rd. Driggs has been a fantastic school for our family so far and I’m hopeful it will be able to remain open as my other children prepare to enter the district. The community is warm and open and I feel like if any schools needed to close and be moved to Driggs, the student base would be welcomed with full fellowship and excitement. Driggs is thriving and is one of the top performing schools in the district. Please consider keeping our school open!	

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7/11/2025 9:26:07				Dear Granite School District Leadership, I am writing to express my strong opposition to any plan that would result in the closure of Howard R. Driggs Elementary School. As a committed member of this community, I believe such a decision would not only be short-sighted but would also disregard the school’s consistent enrollment, recent infrastructure investments, and its irreplaceable role in the fabric of our neighborhood. Driggs has maintained steady enrollment numbers over the years, a clear sign of the trust and enthusiasm families place in this school. In an era when many schools face fluctuating population trends, this consistency speaks volumes about the value parents and students see in the Driggs experience. Furthermore, the district has already made a significant investment in the school’s future by completing seismic safety upgrades. These improvements have enhanced the building’s safety and demonstrate that the district has previously recognized the long-term viability of the campus. Closing Driggs now, after those investments, would not only be financially wasteful but would also send a contradictory message to the community. Most importantly, Driggs is more than a school building—it is a living part of the community’s identity. Generations of students have passed through its halls, and the school continues to serve as a hub for neighborhood connection, family engagement, and community pride. Closing it would fracture that legacy and displace a thriving, engaged school culture that cannot be replicated elsewhere. I respectfully urge the district to reconsider any plans to close Driggs and to instead celebrate and support this exceptional school. Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.	
7/11/2025 16:31:04	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	10. Upland Terrace El, 14.	Skyline	I think it is important to support/maintain elementary schools that have a high percentage of in-boundary students. Doing so is least disruptive to families with children who attend Upland Terrace Elementary and limits expensive busing programs associated with busing large percentages of children who live within walking distance of school to another elementary school miles away. If a neighborhood has the population base to support its local elementary school, MAINTAIN THE SCHOOL.	
7/11/2025 18:24:50	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	10. Upland Terrace El	Skyline	My grandchildren go to Upland Terrace and Skyline. I often watch them after school. I appreciate that both of them can walk to my house after school. I have always felt safe with them walking to and from school and back to my house.	
7/12/2025 19:33:57	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	3. Driggs El, 13.	Olympus		
7/16/2025 19:53:40	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	3. Driggs El, 11.	Churchill	Olympus	All my kids went to or are going to Driggs and then we will be sending them to Churchill and Skyline.
7/16/2025 20:10:04	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	3. Driggs El		Olympus	Although I don't currently have children attending the school, Driggs is a crucial community hub and a large reason why we chose to move into our neighborhood. We live within about 100 yards of the school and our neighborhood has seen a huge influx of young families over the past year. In fact, within seven houses of us, four young families have moved in within the last seven months. This would be the worst time to close Driggs given the changing demographics, not to mention the school's critical role as a center for community activities.
7/17/2025 12:55:16	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El		Olympus	Please keep Morningside! The DLI is why we chose this school, and the Magnet program is stellar. It’s such a unique and special school. (Even if it could use a bit of remodeling...)
7/17/2025 15:51:29	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	3. Driggs El		Olympus	Driggs has so much to offer our community. It is a walkable school! The influx of young families in my neighbor, has been significant the last year! I understand that Driggs does not see evidence of student decline over the next couple of years and given the movement in my neighborhood, I see more growth. Driggs has excellence academics, ranking 3rd in Granite last year! Plus the schools offers an amazing variety of extra curricular activities and wonderful parent support! Keep Driggs a part of our community!
7/17/2025 15:59:45	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	3. Driggs El		Olympus	I used to be a student at Driggs Elementary. I was able to walk to Driggs safely with a group of neighborhood friends each year. I hope to be able to send my kids there one day when they are old enough. The location, teachers, and academics are very strong. It continues to have a positive impact on all surrounding neighborhoods!
7/17/2025 16:05:22	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	2. Crestview El		Olympus	We are buying a home [near] Crestview and have two daughters who will be attending in the next five years. We were so excited to buy in an area my kids could walk to school and have a close knit community built around an awesome elementary! Also have family who works there and has amazing things to say about the school!
7/17/2025 16:05:47	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	3. Driggs El		Olympus	
7/17/2025 16:09:36	E) I choose not to answer	3. Driggs El		Olympus	Enrollment is strong, walkability is great, recent remodel, strong academics, solid parent involvement. I doesn’t make sense to me to close the school with all these things going for it. Please keep Driggs and let me kids go there someday. Thanks!

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7/17/2025 16:16:36	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affected areas	3. Driggs EI	Olympus	I am a former student and loved my time there. The faculty is the best. It is a safe area and allows students to walk to and from school. I used to often bike to school with no trouble and had no worries coming and going. The parking lot next door also made pick up and drop off very easy and efficient which is something I presume other schools don't have. Also the stats academically support the claim that students get excellent education there. It is also a newly refurbished building and is a great environment for students. And the school has strong enrollment and shows no decline over the next couple of years. If it did increase in enrollment then the newly refurbished building would have room to support 200+ new students. Also there is numerous amounts of clubs and programs, more than most schools in the study.Thank you for listening to me, I hope that Driggs can stay open.	
7/17/2025 16:29:23	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affected areas	3. Driggs EI	Olympus	My children have all gone to Driggs and my grandchildren will go to Driggs. I've always loved the support that the community have given to us at Driggs elementary. Parent volunteers and even parents volunteering who don't have children at the school. I love to see all the children walking to and from school every day. My children were involved in the chess club and love being involved in that extracurricular activity. Please do not tear tricks down. It is a beautiful building and has so much capability. Thank you	
7/20/2025 20:50:25	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending our school	10. Upland Terrace EI	Skyline	I have a child with Down Syndrome who will attend preschool at Upland Terrace this fall. It is important to me to have a strong, integrated program with community support for him. I also think it's unique in our neighborhood to have an elementary, junior high, and high school close together. This is convenient for everyone, but especially for students with special needs and families with children at multiple schools who benefit most from the walkability between schools.	
7/20/2025 20:56:32	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending our school	10. Upland Terrace EI	Skyline	I have a child attending the special needs preschool at Upland Terrace. The walkable location is a lifesaver. We are excited for our youngest to also become enrolled in a few short years.	
7/21/2025 21:18:17	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending our school	8. Penn EI	Cottonwood	We were zoned for spring Lane that closed then we were zoned for Mill Creek elementary that closed and now the elementary were zoned for I don't even know where it is	
7/22/2025 8:54:40	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending our school	10. Upland Terrace EI	Skyline	I am writing to express my deep concern over the potential closure of Upland Terrace Elementary and to strongly urge Granite School District to reconsider this action. Upland Terrace is not just a school, it is a cornerstone of one of the most walkable, community oriented neighborhoods in the district. Closing it would not only disrupt the educational experience of current and future students but would also have lasting negative effects on the surrounding community and the district's longterm financial stability. One of Upland Terrace's greatest strengths is its unique location within an exceptionally walkable neighborhood. Many students walk to and from school each day. a rarity and a privilege in today's world. This accessibility supports healthy routines, independence, and daily family interactions, contributing to a safe, engaged, and environmentally friendly community. In addition, Upland Terrace is part of a rare educational continuum where elementary students, their older siblings, and their peers can all walk together or independently to Wasatch Junior High and Skyline High School. This proximity creates a deeply connected and stable educational pipeline that supports students from kindergarten through graduation. Families deliberately choose to live in this neighborhood because of its strong, accessible public schools. For many, Upland Terrace is a key factor in purchasing a home or deciding to remain in the area. If the school were to close, the loss would be more than emotional or logistical, it would be financial. Property values would likely decline as families seek neighborhoods with intact, walkable school options. This, in turn, would erode the district's own tax base, reducing available funding for other schools and programs over time. Furthermore, the ripple effects would be felt in local enrollment patterns. The closure of Upland Terrace would displace hundreds of students, potentially overburdening nearby schools and increasing the need for busing, again, decreasing accessibility and increasing costs. Families who previously walked to school would now be forced to drive or rely on district transportation, contributing to traffic congestion and removing a valuable aspect of community life. Beyond logistics and finances, Upland Terrace Elementary fosters a strong sense of place, inclusion, and neighborhood identity. The school is a hub where generations have come together, not just to learn, but to connect, volunteer, play, and grow. It is part of what makes this area a highly desirable and cohesive community. Closing the school would fracture this dynamic and diminish the quality of life for residents who have long invested in this neighborhood and its schools. In closing, I urge Granite School District to recognize that the decision to close Upland Terrace Elementary would not be a short term fix, but a longterm setback. This school exemplifies the very best of what a neighborhood school can be. Its walkability, location within an educational corridor, and importance to the community and district finances make it irreplaceable. Please consider the far reaching impacts social, educational, environmental, and economic before making a decision that would alter this neighborhood's fabric for generations to come.	
7/22/2025 10:36:08		5. Morningside EI		I am a grandparent to a first grader (soon to be second grader) at Morningside Elementary. I understand that some schools in the Granite District are on a recommended list to be closed with Morningside being one of them. I am writing to try to persuade you not to close this amazing elementary school or move any of its programs elsewhere. From what I understand, talking to other parents and observing, Morningside is thriving with its enrollment and programs offered. My granddaughter loves her school and has been there since kindergarten. Even though she is in the ALC classroom, she has friends in the other programs as well, as do many of the other children and families. It would be very disruptive to all families if any of these programs were moved to another school. The parent community is amazing with all the support and involvement they all contribute. I pick up my granddaughter on a regular basis and can see for myself the great community Morningside is. My grandson will be starting kindergarten soon and is truly looking forward to attending Morningside. Please reconsider and do not close or move any programs out of Morningside. My daughter's family loves the school and environment and would be so disappointed for their children not to be able to continue to attending this amazing school.	

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7/22/2025 11:35:55	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	10. Upland Terrace El, 12.	Skyline	Our 4 children attended Upland, Wasatch and Skyline as did 3 of our grandchildren. These schools are walkable for many students and their proximity to each other make for a close knit community! We could not have found such a perfect place to educate our children! We highly recommend keeping these three schools open!	
7/26/2025 15:08:03	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	3. Driggs El, 13. Olympus	Olympus	Driggs Elementary has high enrollment, thriving PTA and parent input, and is located on two busy streets which makes it quite accessible to all patrons, those that walk, are bussed, and are driven. The school should remain open for the foreseeable future.	
7/27/2025 21:29:04	C) I am an employee of Granite School District	3. Driggs El	Olympus	Over the last ten years, as a member of the Driggs community, I have had the unique opportunity to be a parent of children attending Driggs, an hourly employee, and now a teacher. I have observed Driggs from many lenses. The Driggs community is a tremendous collaboration of a dedicated faculty and staff, along with caring parents who give generously of their time and resources to benefit all of the student body at Driggs and often other students in our district. The generosity of the LDS church allowing Driggs to utilize their parking lot has created a safe and efficient way for students to arrive at school as well as provide parking during school wide functions. Many students and their families utilize their close proximity to the school by walking and riding bikes or scooters. The recent remodel of Driggs is a very significant reason for Driggs to remain open. We owe it to taxpayers to be responsible with the money that was spent towards this remodel. Our steady enrollment numbers compared to other schools, strong academics, and before and after school programs are also important things to take into consideration. Driggs Elementary is a vibrant part of this local community.	
7/28/2025 9:00:26	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	3. Driggs El	Olympus		
7/28/2025 22:21:08	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	3. Driggs El	Skyline	We continue to face significant challenges related to declining enrollment across the district. In light of this, I urge the Granite School District to reevaluate its current approach to school boundaries and transportation policies. Specifically, the district should consider implementing open boundaries and a more flexible busing system that is not solely based on geographic location. The current structure is contributing to growing disparities between schools on the east and west sides of the district. East-side schools are experiencing critically low enrollment levels that threaten their long-term viability, while many west-side schools are struggling with overcrowding and limited resources. This imbalance also exacerbates issues related to equity and diversity across the district. !The current boundary system is no longer serving our communities effectively, and without meaningful, systemic changes, these challenges will persist — and likely intensify. I respectfully ask the board to take a closer look at this issue and to prioritize sustainable, district-wide solutions that ensure every student has access to quality education, regardless of their address.	
7/31/2025 17:40:00	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	3. Driggs El, 13. Olympus	Olympus	Julie Jackson has stated that she wants three schools to close to get to "ideal" enrollment, however Driggs is already within 50 students of that magic 500 number now and is projected to remain stable or grow through 2029. A quick analysis of the 10 schools considered in this study shows with 2 closures, enrollment per school is 498. Three school closures seems excessive, pushing per school enrollment to over 550, packing students into rooms that were once used for art, music, or other programming. Spring Lane and Millcreek Elementaries closed just two years ago and the schools that absorbed those student bodies have barely had a chance to determine the impact and assimilate. Now those same schools are involved in this study. Shouldn't we let the impacts of those closures play out a little before we take a hacksaw to this area? Or close 1-2 schools and identify possible closures in a few years if certain conditions aren't met. Eliminating 30% of schools in one area is too aggressive of an approach and presents more risks than benefits. As for Driggs - which is my alma mater and the school we chose to remodel our house and stay for - it goes against every criteria listed in this study to close. Our enrollment is strong, we're in the top 1% statewide for academic performance, Driggs' building was just updated in 2019 and has the capacity for 650-700 students. Driggs has 78% in-boundary attendance and the vast majority of those students walk to school. Driggs has an engaged PTA and comprehensive programing, including several clubs (STEM, chess, garden, book, fire choir, safety patrol, student ambassadors, gold medal mile). The partnership with the LDS church next to Driggs provides emergency evacuation space, overflow event parking, and pickup/dropoff zone off the street. Driggs is a cornerstone of our community and its closure would create a ripple effect for this entire neighborhood. Its closure would feel like a punishment to a school community that is thriving. As a working parent, I rely on the walkability of my kids' school, so if Driggs were to close I will have to drive them to school and therefore will be choosing to drive them to a private school closer to my workplace.	

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8/1/2025 9:09:04	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	10. Upland Terrace El	Skyline	Upland Terrace has strong support in our neighborhood. Many of us parents chose this neighborhood to raise our children because of its proximity to all three schools (Churchill, Wasatch, Skyline). Shutting down Upland would be devastating for us. I'm also concerned about the effect it would have on property values, which I suspect would significantly decrease or decelerate should the main selling point of the neighborhood be removed. I would much rather pay higher taxes until student population recovers than lose a hundred thousand dollars in equity.	
8/5/2025 19:06:58	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	10. Upland Terrace El, 14.	Skyline	Upland Terrace is a fabulous school. Both my kids attended, and did well in their education later because of the things they learned and gained from Upland. The walk ability for in boundary students is great, and it's so close to Skyline and Wasatch Jr that older siblings can pick them up saving working parents from figuring out rides. It's the only elementary that fully feeds into Wasatch and Skyline, and keeping a neighboring elementary supports the investments made by the district in those schools. There is a community garden that has been there nearly 25 years with native Utah plants and a legacy of learning in and about the native plants there. Kids from the high school regularly care for the garden, as do neighbors. Please keep Upland Terrace, it means a lot to our community.	
8/6/2025 16:49:59	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	5. Morningside El	Skyline	Morning side has both the IB program and the French dual immersion program making it a very valuable school! I live across the street and my two little ones go here grade 1 and 2. I am a single parent and having this school across the street has been my saving grace as I try to juggle giving my kids the best opportunity and staying a float in this economy. There are SO many kids in the neighborhood, literally two direct neighbors have kids the same age, and there really is such a strong network here already. Please keep this in consideration while you make this difficult decision! Best of luck!	<i>*Morningside currently houses the French Dual Immersion Program and ALC Program. The IB Programme in Granite School District is only at the High School level at this time.</i>
8/11/2025 9:01:54	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending o	4. Eastwood El	Skyline	We bought our home within the Eastwood boundary specifically because of Eastwood's stellar educational opportunities for our kids. Our daughter in third grade LOVES her school, and our son is entering Kindergarten there next week. The unique community here cannot be replicated - we walk to school and meet our neighbors, and we love this school and community. Please keep us open!	
8/15/2025 16:50:32	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	5. Morningside El	Skyline	My child will be enrolled in 2027. I specifically moved to this area because of morningside and bought a house within walking distance to the elementary. I really hope this doesnt get shut down. There have been alot of people with kids moving to this neighborhood with kids the past few years.	
8/15/2025 16:52:35	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affecte	5. Morningside El	Skyline	My child starts at morningside next year. We really like this school. We live within walking distance. Please do not shut it down. Smaller class sizes is a plus to the kids.	
8/17/2025 10:18:38	E) I choose not to answer	18. Other / Unknown	Other	My children attend school outside our boundary area, and the commute presents significant challenges. As the district considers school closures, I urge you to include schools on the upper east side—especially those with other schools nearby—as part of the evaluation. If we keep the lower east side school open it ensure lower side family has access to good school. Be future growth is not at the east side and that is evident by the data. The decision must be made on data. The granite school must develop strong school in the lower east side. Move the French and gifted program to lower east side. The programs mush be afforded to developing area. There are so many east side school in proximity. Granite School District must also ensure that enrichment programs are available at schools beyond just those on the upper east side. It is not equitable to consistently target schools on the lower east side for closure while leaving others untouched.	

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8/21/2025 15:03:02	-	-	-	This email was sent to the boundaries email address 8/6/25 "Dear PAC Committee, Good afternoon. My name is [Name Removed] and I am a parent with students attending Olympus Junior and Howard R. Driggs. After months of studying, attending meetings, hearing community feedback and really trying to think through the best option I believe for Granite has been nothing short of a feat. Here are a few things I keep coming back to in regards to Howard R. Driggs: 1- If the PAC study is happening because of student enrollment decline and projected student enrollment decline, why would you close one of two schools in the study (Driggs and Rosecrest) who show a steady population with no decline for the next 5 years per the data from the Granite School district PAC study page? What kind of message does this send? If you have a strong school, prepare to be dissolved to help struggling schools around? The strong PTA and parent involvement at Driggs is because we love our neighborhood, walkable school. If you were to shut Driggs it would be really hard for me, [identifying information removed] to be as involved. I don't think the theory of shutting a strong school to build up struggling schools is very thought through because the emotions of a school closure could really impact the willingness to help elsewhere. Also, what message does this send to other elementary schools? Don't get strong or you'll get shut down? We should be celebrating the strong schools we have left. To close a strong school like Driggs could also impact young families moving in, which in turn is just continuing the problem of young family decline in all of holladay. Families want walkable, strong schools With that being said, I could show all the statistics as to why Driggs is thriving. Strong student enrollment, recent remodel, high test scores, etc. But I believe that you have done enough research to know that already. So I thought I would share a couple ideas that I think make the most sense. I believe it makes sense to close 2 schools first and then let the dust settle. Give it 5 years and reassess. I think the Granite School district has made some regrettable decisions in the past (ie. Selling Milcreek elementary to a charter, closing Granite High, etc) before things had been thought through enough. Why tear three communities apart if not necessary at this point? Option 1: Close Eastwood and Morningside It seems like an obvious choice to close one of the cove schools and bring that area together to attend one elementary school. Both schools are struggling. It also seems obvious to close Morningside. Currently, only 33.6% of the students enrolled at Morningside are in that elementary school boundary. This is because of the special programs that are housed within the Morningside walls. The traditional elementary school route at Morningside is failing. Also, the Morningside boundary that runs between 33rd south and the freeway, the old Milcreek elementary boundary, could be rerouted to Rosecrest to strengthen that border school. Rehome the French specialty program to Cottonwood Elementary to strengthen their enrollment numbers. I understand this may frustrate some of the parents that have their children enrolled in the French program but they still have the choice to switch to their neighborhood school or continue on the French path. Option 2: Close Eastwood, Morningside and Cottonwood Elementary If the committee feels the need to close 3 schools the third should be Cottonwood Elementary. Cottonwood has a projected student enrollment of 315 for the fall of 2025 (per the PAC study documentation from the March 19 and 26 meetings). If you were to send around 160 kids from Cottonwood to Oakwood who has a projected 521 students for the fall of 2025, but has the capacity to hold 700-750 students, and around 160 kids from Cottonwood to Driggs who has a projected 422 kids for the fall of 2025, but has the capacity to hold 650-700 students, this seems like a simple solution. Even with these new student additions both Driggs and Oakwood wouldn't be at full capacity. The only problem I heard with going this route is that Cottonwood has 30-50 kids from out of the boundary who specifically should be attending the canyons district. There is a fear we may lose this enrollment, which is a valid concern. But let me bring up the point that this study is to better the kids of the granite school district! Would you really make the 422 kids at Driggs change up their whole life to cater to the out of boundary canyon kids? If you compare Driggs vs. Cottonwood it's a no brainer that Driggs in stronger in all areas. I understand this is a huge decision to make, and that everyone has reasons why they love their own Elementary schools. This is why I've tried to take emotion out of the equation and specifically focus on numbers and statistics. It doesn't make sense to close Howard R. Driggs and it would send a really strong message to the community that school strength, projected enrollment and community involvement really don't matter in this study. So what does? Thank you for your time, I'm sure this hasn't been easy. "	

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8/21/2025 15:04:10	-	-	-	This email was sent to the boundaries email 8/15/25 "To whom it concerns As I have been thinking about the boundary study and my particular neighborhood being rezoned I had a couple thoughts to share. I live in the neighborhood directly below Olympus Jr High, between 4500 South and Murray Holladay Blvd. I know that our neighborhood could easily be rezoned for Crestview or Cottonwood Elementary. Coming from a community member with kids in the junior high and elementary school level I believe that Crestview or Driggs is the best fit for our neighborhood. I've been asked to share other suggestions to help fill Cottonwood Elementary. If Morningside Elementary were to close the French program and ELP could move to Cottonwood. Those families are already committed to driving outside of their neighborhood community schools for the education that they have chosen for their kids. Both of these programs are already segregating which would destroy a community. The French students could have homeroom half the day with the kids already attending cottonwood. The neighborhood kids who attend Morningside that are going to feed into Churchill could go to Upland terrace or Oakridge/Eastwood. That would allow them to be going to school with kids that they will cross paths with again. This would allow for Driggs to stay operating very similarly to how it currently is. You could also pull the kids south from Murray Holladay BLVD and east of Holladay BLVD. And rezone them for Cottonwood. This is actually a boundary already for the Church of Jesus Christ stake boundary. There is some curving thru certain streets but many of those families already have that divide and it could mimic the divide already in place. Our neighborhood isn't a good candidate for Cottonwood because if you actually drive the course to Cottonwood, Crestview and Driggs you'll see how congested the drive is to Cottonwood. Making it a very hard place for a bus or parents to get to in a timely fashion. Our kids would have to spend more time on the bus stuck in traffic and potentially being late. Getting to Crestview which is almost entirely a walkable school would result in less traffic and congestion making it much easier to get to. It also has many more options for drop off points around their campus. The bus ride would be shorter than it currently is to Driggs because it's mostly neighborhood streets and you would not run into the same traffic spots that are already such a problem in Holladay. Especially lights with long lines and long stretches of school zones. Thanks for taking the time to read my thoughts and solutions."	
8/23/2025 17:52:29	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	3. Driggs EI	Skyline	We love Driggs and are happy with how well our students have tested the past and how great the teachers and student body are as a community	
8/26/2025 12:08:44	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	4. Eastwood EI	Skyline	I would like to know why you would renovate the front office of Eastwood only to close the school a few years later. What a waste of money. It was published that you were planning to renovate Eastwood this year. We finally have a good principal that's actually making very positive changes in our school and community only to close this next year. This is disruptive to these children and their families. These friendships they've formed will be broken due to school closure and new boundaries. Why would you close one of the top rated schools in the district?	
8/26/2025 12:11:41	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	4. Eastwood EI	Skyline	Why would you take one of the top elementary schools in the district and close it? Why would you spend the money to renovate the front offices and entrance just to close it?	
8/26/2025 12:41:09	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	4. Eastwood EI	Other	I absolutely love Eastwood. It holds a special place in my heart. Not only was it the school I attended, but my parents, siblings, aunts, uncles and even some cousins all attended. Now, with my own children, I have made the decision to bring them to Eastwood, even though we don't even live in Granite School District boundary. My daughter has built such strong friendships and relationships with teachers, and we have loved this community. I have also been so impressed with the level of education she has received. If Eastwood were to close, I fear that we would have to attend a school in a different district. We like Granite School District, but we love Eastwood because of its familial ties, convenient location, wonderful teachers and staff. It is irreplaceable to our family.	
8/26/2025 13:32:09	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	4. Eastwood EI	Olympus	Please keep Eastwood open! Eastwood is convenient for working parents being located so close to the freeway. In addition it is the only STEM Elementary school in the area. We love our Eastwood teachers and community. If Eastwood closes, we will likely join a charter or private school in the area rather than going to a Granite school that is out of the way. Thank you.	
8/26/2025 13:42:19	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	4. Eastwood EI	Skyline	I commute to Eastwood because of its high performance and easy accessibility to family's outside of the neighborhood. In the event that Eastwood closes, I have decided I will move my children into the Salt Lake School District, and they will enroll at Highland Park Elementary, and feed into Highland instead of Skyline. It's simply too inconvenient and cumbersome to maintain travel to any other options in the area.	
8/26/2025 14:07:20	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	4. Eastwood EI	Olympus	My kids go to Eastwood elementary, our home school would be William Penn. We want to be at Wasatch then Skyline. Okay if eastwood closes but want to have the solution be able to provide stronger child support for each kid. Better teacher ratios, more special teachers (STEM, Art, coding, music, etc). We don't have a community network from Eastwood as its not our home school, so really I just hope we can see an improved student outcome based on resources.	

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8/26/2025 14:57:42	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	4. Eastwood EI	Skyline	As a parent of a child going to Eastwood, and a resident of Emigration Canyon, my child already has a long commute on the bus, closing Eastwood would increase her commute to another school on the bus, which decreases her time with family at home. Eastwood's scholastic scores are higher than others, which I love, and the smaller school/classes are ideal for my neurodivergent child. The ease of access to Eastwood being right on/off the freeway entrance/exit is so ideal. Please take my concerns into account.	
8/26/2025 15:41:59	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	4. Eastwood EI	Skyline	Hi, We are a young family, with two working parents. It was important for us, when looking for a home, that we chose a home with a neighborhood school. We need a school close to us that our children can walk to and from it safely by themselves. The district has mentioned that young families are not living to this area because it's not affordable. If you take away the small neighborhood elementary schools, you take away a HUGE reason/benefit for families like mine TO move here. We chose this neighborhood BECAUSE of its proximity to Eastwood. Also- if Eastwood is closed, it will largely affect the social aspect of our community. Every single day of the year, the grounds of Eastwood are used by all of us in the community. We have gotten close as a small community- and if not for that space, to be able to meet each other, we would not have these relationships and a growing/supportive community. There will be no green space for our children to safely walk to and a place for them to play. If Eastwood closes, decades of tradition will be lost. Traditions like Art Night and Dance Fest. I have neighbors that them, and their children have all gone to Eastwood and participated in these traditions.	
8/26/2025 15:56:17	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	4. Eastwood EI	Skyline	Neighborhood schools make a community! Please keep them open	
8/26/2025 16:06:34	B) I live within the boundaries of one of the affected schools, but do not have children attending at this time.	4. Eastwood EI	Skyline	My husband and I moved to the Olympus Cove North neighborhood within the last couple of years. One of the largest draws to this area is the safely walkable elementary school, Eastwood. Over the last couple of years, it seems like our neighborhood is seeing signs of turnover and is drawing in new families. I believe closing Eastside would be a huge loss for the neighborhood and community, and that it would be a regrettable decision within just a couple of years. This space is also something that can be enjoyed by everyone and draws really great community as is. There are so few places in our neighborhood that are safely walkable, and with the decision to put up a Porsch dealership rather than housing/parks/local shops, I would really like to maintain the walkable piece that we still have. Thank you.	
8/27/2025 11:50:39	A) I am a parent / patron with students attending one of the schools in the boundary study.	4. Eastwood EI	Skyline	Closing our nearby school would take away valuable opportunities for students to thrive in smaller classrooms. Small class sizes allow teachers to give more individualized attention, address different learning styles, and build stronger relationships with students, which improves both academic success and confidence. A neighborhood school also strengthens the community by keeping families connected, reducing travel time for children, and providing a safe and familiar environment. Keeping this school open ensures students continue receiving the personalized education and community support they need to succeed. If it closes we will be moving to a charter school.	

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