

Resolution
Board of Education Decision on Dennison and D'Evelyn 6th Grade

WHEREAS, in 2017, the Board approved the transition of sixth graders from neighborhood elementary schools to middle schools; and

WHEREAS, to align with this model, a task force of district, school and community leaders in support of the Dennison Elementary and D'Evelyn Jr./Sr. High School communities worked with their respective school governance structures and parent communities to consider different options regarding the placement of sixth graders in these communities; and

WHEREAS, a proposal to transition sixth graders from Dennison Elementary to D'Evelyn Jr./Sr. High School over a period of two years was presented to the Board of Education by the task force at the January 10, 2019 meeting and given public feedback the Board requested the task force re-engage with the school communities on the January proposal; and

WHEREAS, after additional community engagement, on April 4, 2019 a revised proposal was shared with the Board of Education which allowed 6th grade to continue indefinitely at Dennison Elementary and begin in the 2019/20 school year at D'Evelyn Jr./Sr. High School reserving enrollment for 7th grade Dennison enrollment going forward; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education directed further work be done to address issues of:


1. alignment of 6th grade at Dennison allowing for greater educational opportunities as offered across the district to 6th graders;
2. explanation of the integrated 6th grade educational experience at D'Evelyn Jr./Sr. High School;
3. equitable facility construction support for the 6th grade transition to D'Evelyn Jr./Sr. High School;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Jeffco Public Schools Board of Education approves no changes to sixth grade for the 2019/20 school year for the Dennison Elementary and D'Evelyn Jr./Sr. High School communities and sixth graders beginning at D'Evelyn Jr./Sr. High School in the 2020/21 school year with sixth graders grandfathered into Dennison Elementary for the following three years until the 2023/24 school year when Dennison becomes a K-5; and directs Superintendent Dr. Jason Glass to provide facilities construction equitable for D'Evelyn Jr./Sr. High School with other Jeffco middle schools impacted by 6th grade transitions.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 2nd day of May 2019.

Jeffco Public Schools

ATTEST:

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