

Dear Chatfield Community,

We wanted to share some information with you about a process that may have an impact on your child’s school. Over the next two years, the district is faced with having to make significant budget reductions - \$35-\$40 million. As a way to reduce costs, the district convened a Facilities Usage Committee to look at ways to use buildings more efficiently. That 30-member committee is made up of community and district volunteers who have met since March 2009. They have studied hundreds of documents, received initial input from both staff and community members and have prepared a list of options. In drafting the options, the committee considered capacity of schools, choice enrollment, condition of buildings, enrollment trends, operating costs and academics.

There are currently 45 different options; some are mutually exclusive and not all could be implemented. For every million dollars reduced, up to 20 teaching jobs could be saved. Here are the proposed options for the Chatfield area.

Options	Rationale
Move all ES 6th grade in the articulation area to Deer Creek and Falcon Bluffs. Move Stony Creek Preschool and Coronado Preschool to Mortensen. Demolish temps.	Eliminate 17 temps in the artic area.
OR	
Revise boundaries for Shaffer and Mortensen to balance enrollment. Demolish temps at Shaffer.	Eliminate 6 temps.
Restrict Falcon Bluffs future open enrollment. Move Coronado 6th grade to Falcon Bluffs MS. Move Coronado GT program to an under enrolled Columbine area ES. Demolish temps at Coronado.	Eliminate 4 temps.
Move Ute Meadow 6th grade to Deer Creek MS Demolish temps at Ute Meadows.	Eliminate 3 temps.
Move Stony Creek, Bradford Intermediate 6th grades to Deer Creek MS. Move Stony Creek Preschool program to Bradford Primary. Reconfigure the Bradford schools to PK-2 and 3-5. Demolish temps at Stony Creek.	Eliminate 14 temps.
OR	

Move Stony Creek Preschool to other Columbine area under-enrolled ES. Restrict future open enrollments at Stony Creek. Demolish temps over time.	Eliminate temps.
OR	
Move Stony Creek 6th grade to Deer Creek MS. Restrict future open enrollment at Stony Creek. Demolish temps over time.	Eliminate temps.
OR	
Move Coronado Preschool to Mortensen Demolish temps.	Eliminate 2 temps.
Move Ken Caryl MS 7-8 and GT program to Deer Creek MS . Close and sell Ken Caryl MS site.	Maximize use of permanent square footage.
Revise northern boundary of Stony Creek ES to Colorow ES Move Stony Creek Preschool to either Colorow or Mortensen ES. Restrict future open enrollments at Stony Creek as needed Demolish temps over time.	Eliminate 14 temps over time.
Move Colorow matriculation to Deer Creek MS instead of Summit Ridge (shifts 100 students from Summit Ridge to Deer Creek), with return to Dakota Ridge for high school.	Maximize use of permanent square footage.
Consolidate the Stony Creek and Mt. Carbon Language & Literacy Centers to Mt. Carbon Demolish temps.	Eliminate 2 temps.

A complete list of options is available on the district's Web site at: www.jeffcopublicschools.org

No final decisions have been made yet. You have a chance to have your voice heard in a number of ways:

- Community forums: come 30 minutes early to sign up to speak
- E-mail: facilities@jeffco.k12.co.us
- Letters: addressed to Jeffco Public Schools, Communications Services, 1829 Denver West Drive, Golden, CO 80401
- Phone calls: 303-982-6837
- Web site feedback: www.jeffcopublicschools.org

Please do not contact the members of the Facilities Usage Committee – all comments submitted will be passed along to the entire committee. The district is encouraging community members to only attend one forum because of the large turnout expected. Every form of communication will hold equal weight with the committee. Speakers at the forum should present well-thought out

comments and will be given 2 ½ minutes. Large groups of people with similar messages should consider selecting a spokesperson and will have up to nine minutes to speak.

Community forums:

Wednesday	Nov. 11	6:00-7:30 p.m.	Alameda High School
Saturday	Nov. 14	9:00-10:30 a.m.	Manning School
Monday	Nov. 16	6:00-7:30 p.m.	Summit Ridge Middle School
Wednesday	Nov. 18	6:00-7:30 p.m.	Pomona High School

After the forums, the committee will consider input from the community and will prepare a final list of recommended options to the Jefferson County Board of Education. The Board will be making final decisions in January 2010 with implementation of the changes at the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year.

Remember, no decisions have been made. The district is still in the process of collecting information and community feedback.

Sincerely,

The Chatfield Area Principals