



Azusa Unified School District

Office of Communications & Community Relations

MEMORANDUM

To: AUSD Community
From: Office of Communications & Community Relations
Date: December 21, 2021
RE: School Reorganization Update

AUSD Community,

We are thankful to the School Reorganization Team and to those of you who have attended Board Meetings to express your opinions on the future of our District. Our goal during this process was to be collaborative, transparent, and open to feedback and suggestions and we are in deep appreciation for all of your voices. We value all of your contributions to creating an exciting future for our students.

On December 21, 2021, the Board of Education voted on a few items in relation to school reorganization. They are as follows:

We will have one high school, located on the Azusa High School campus.

- In 2022-2023 all incoming 9th graders will attend Azusa High School.
- Azusa High School will retain its name.
- The Board of Education has not yet voted on keeping or changing the school colors and/or the mascot.

We will have one middle school located on the Gladstone High School Campus.

- In 2022-2023 Gladstone will not have any incoming 9th graders.
- In 2022-2023 incoming 9th graders will attend Azusa High School.
- In 2023-2024 Gladstone High School will be closed and students will be welcomed to Azusa High School.
- In 2023-2024 Gladstone Middle School 6th-8th will open.
- The Board of Education has not yet voted on keeping or changing the school colors and/or the mascot.

Center Middle School, Foothill Middle School, and Slauson Middle School will remain open for the 2022-2023 school year.

- During the 2022-2023 school year, 6th graders will remain at the elementary level.
- Beginning the 2023-2024 school year, all 6th-8th grade students will attend Gladstone Middle School.

Ellington TK-8 School, Magnolia Elementary School, and Powell Elementary School will remain open for the 2022-2023 school year.

- In 2022-2023 Ellington TK-8 School, Magnolia Elementary School, and Powell Elementary School will not have incoming transitional kindergarten and kindergarten students.
- In 2022-2023 incoming transitional kindergartners and kindergartners will attend Dalton Elementary School, Hodge Elementary School, Lee Elementary School, Murray Elementary School, Paramount Elementary School, and Valleydale Elementary School.
- In 2023-2024 Ellington TK-8 School, Magnolia Elementary School, and Powell Elementary School will be closed and students will be welcomed to our other elementary school campuses.

These were difficult decisions to make. We do not take this responsibility lightly, and we will work toward continued transparency, consistent communication, and a smooth transition during this process. When we return from break, we will host a town hall meeting where we will discuss the implementation plan and answer any questions you may have. Thank you for your patience, understanding, and partnership throughout this process.