



Save Morongo Basin Schools!

Public call for transparency before school closures

Morongo Basin families depend on strong, accessible public schools. MUSD is discussing possible closure and consolidation of up to four elementary schools as early as Fall 2027.

Before any closure moves forward, families deserve the full picture: real site-by-site savings, transition costs, receiving-schools impacts, staffing and program changes, alternatives to closure, administrative reduction options, and a clear fiscal stabilization plan.

WHY THIS MATTERS

MUSD has been reviewing a large budget deficit and declining enrollment. The Enrollment Committee is expected to recommend which campuses may be consolidated and which surplus property or parcels may be sold or leased.

This affects the whole district: closing schools, receiving schools, staff, families, neighborhoods, local businesses, and property values.

- **Morongo Valley, Landers, Friendly Hills, and Palm Vista** have been discussed.
- Receiving schools may face larger classes, boundary changes, staffing shifts, and program changes.
- School closures can reshape communities for decades.

PUBLIC COMMENT FOCUS

Ask the district not to advance any closure decision until the public receives:

- Actual projected savings and transition costs
- Transportation and receiving-school impacts
- Student transition and school-climate plans
- Enrollment assumptions and facility data
- Alternatives to closure / administrative reductions
- A transparent timeline before any final vote

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- **Share this information.** Many people still do not know this process is underway.
- **Sign the petition** to Save Morongo Basin Schools.
- **Attend meetings and submit public comment** asking for transparency, alternatives, and full community impact review.
- **Contact the School Board and District Office.** Ask that school decisions prioritize long-term community impact, not only short-term budget solutions.
- **Volunteer.** Help to track the legal process, documents, meetings, outreach, and public records.

KEY DATES

Wed., May 13 - 6:00 PM

Enrollment Committee Meeting

Joshua Tree Professional Development Center,
6061 Sunburst Ave., Joshua Tree

Tue., June 9 - 6:00 PM

School Board Meeting / expected recommendation from Enrollment Committee

Joshua Tree Elementary School,
4950 Sunburst Ave., Joshua Tree

Tue., June 16 - 6:00 PM

School Board Meeting / Budget 2026-2027

Joshua Tree Elementary School,
4950 Sunburst Ave., Joshua Tree

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