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Statement to the Press

Our district is excited to announce a strategic realignment of our schools designed to better serve students and strengthen our community for years to come. By merging our two high schools, we will expand academic offerings, enhance extracurricular opportunities, and provide students with greater access to advanced coursework, career pathways, and support services. This transition allows us to combine resources, talent, and programs in a way that increases efficiency while elevating student achievement.

As part of this realignment, our 6th through 8th grade students will transition to the junior high campus, creating a more focused and developmentally appropriate learning environment that supports both academic growth and leadership development during these critical middle school years.

In addition, we are relocating one of our elementary schools into a stronger, more modern facility that will provide an improved learning environment for our scholars. This move ensures students have access to updated spaces that support safety, innovation, and academic excellence.

These decisions were made thoughtfully and with a focus on long-term sustainability, educational excellence, and opportunity for every child. This realignment directly aligns with our **District Vision: To graduate critical thinkers with the skills and knowledge to succeed in life**. We are confident these changes position our district for a stronger, unified future centered on student success.

Sincerely,

Will Russell