

# MAMMOTH-SAN MANUEL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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On behalf of the Mammoth-San Manuel Unified School District Governing Board, I am providing notice of a public hearing pursuant to A.R.S. 15-341(A) regarding the possible closure of both First Avenue Elementary School and Mammoth Elementary STEM School due to the continued decline in enrollment and considerable cuts to our budget and federal funding.

Since the closing of the mine in 1999, we have continued to lose children in our district. Currently we have three buildings open to educate students, yet the current enrollment is suited to fit in one of our buildings. The Mammoth-San Manuel Governing Board and Administration are exploring the possibility of how moving to a one school format, housing Preschool through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, would not only help our budget, but help us utilize our staff better.

Any change tends to make people apprehensive, but we can, as a community, focus on what this can do for our kids. With these changes, we will be able to offer our students a better education through more effective utilization of our staff and increased funds for students, not buildings.

The State School Facility Board has documented that our current buildings hold the following capacity: First Avenue- 438, Mammoth Elementary- 642, and the Jr. Sr. High- 1015. Our current enrollment is at 710 students; down 415 students from 2009 and down 746 from 2002.

Every decision we make as a unified education district must be with the students it serves in mind. Tuesday, February 13, 2018 we will hold our regularly scheduled Board Meeting to vote on holding a public Governing Board Meeting for public input. We then hope to hear your valuable input concerning this proposal at a public Governing Board Meeting to be held at 6 P.M. on Saturday, March 3, 2018 in the District Auditorium, located at 711 McNab Parkway, San Manuel, Arizona.

If you are unable to make the public Governing Board Meeting, but would still like to give your input to the Governing Board, please see our website ([www.msmsud.org](http://www.msmsud.org)) for an open comment survey. This survey will close on March 7, 2018.

Sincerely,



Julie Dale-Scott