Hello, this is Dayton Public School District Acting Superintendent, Elizabeth Lolli.

For the past three months, the district has been working on a facilities/property rightsizing project. Information used to determine a course of action included enrollment numbers, costs of properties and facilities maintenance and repair, staffing needs, accessibility to schools and community impact.

To gather additional information, 9 parent meetings, 2 community meetings and 3 business task force meetings were held.

At Tuesday night’s board of education meeting, I recommended a 3 year timeline to achieve the rightsizing goals. This timeline can be found on the Dayton Public Schools website.

The Dayton Board of Education will be voting on this recommendation at a meeting later this month. However, I want you to be aware of the changes scheduled for the August of 2018 school year:

1. Valerie Elementary will move into the Meadowdale Elementary building. The staff at Valerie along with students at Valerie will be blended with the staff and students at Meadowdale.
2. All 7th and 8th grade students (except those at Stivers) will be moved to Wogaman, Edwin Joel Brown or Wright Brothers Middle Schools.
3. A focused, supported middle school curriculum will be used to support 7th and 8th grade needs. An additional assistant principal will be placed in each middle school building as well as counselors. New course offerings in Algebra, foreign languages, STEM and music will be presented.
4. Jackson Center/Innovative Learning Center (ILC) will be closed. That building will be re-purposed.
5. Ludlow Central Office will move to the Ludlow building across the street. Ludlow 1 will be closed.
6. Additional information about curricular and recruiting changes can be found on the Dayton Public Schools website.

These are the main changes for Fall, 2018. No other buildings are being merged or closed.

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