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Dear Faculty and Staff:

We continue to make progress with our K-8 realignment project. In June 2024, the EPSD Board of Directors approved a contract with Breslin Architects. The Breslin team previously partnered with the district during the 2023 feasibility study, which led to the proposed options presented in the EPSD Facilities Plan. Breslin's understanding of our district infrastructure needs and educational goals make them an ideal partner as we redesign, redefine and reimagine our school district. Their involvement will be integral in translating our vision into functional, inspiring learning environments.

The work of our district's Realignment Steering Committee and its subcommittees has continued into this school year. Since September, our committees have been focused on identifying the physical space needed to align with the programmatic plans for the future 5–6 and 7–8 buildings. This year, we have also expanded our realignment conversations to include the community. In October, we welcomed approximately 110 community members to our first realignment community focus groups meetings. Our community focus groups will meet throughout this process.

At the October 28th School Board meeting, Steve Behrens, Principal of Breslin Architects, presented an update detailing the timeline of the K-8 realignment projects. Following the completion of the educational specifications for both buildings this month, the project will transition to the schematic design phase from November 2024 through April 2025. Design development and construction phases will lead us to the anticipated opening of the 5-6 and 7-8 buildings in August 2028. Input and recommendations from our subcommittees and community groups will continue to be incorporated into all aspects of this planning work.

Through the collaborative subcommittee work, community focus group input, and Breslin's architectural expertise, we are excited to create learning spaces that align with our district's priorities and vision and support equity for all students. We look forward to thoughtfully reimagining our K-8 programming and keeping our community updated on this important work. [Click here to view the October 28, 2024 School Board K-8 Realignment Presentation](#). For more information regarding our K-8 Realignment work, [please visit our Facilities Plan website](#).

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools

