



CONSOLIDATION UPDATE

OCTOBER 13, 2025



Consolidated Schools

- Grant to Thomas Jefferson
- Lincoln to G.D. Jones
- Hewitt-Texas to Riverview
- Hawthorn Hills to John Marshall & Franklin
- 4K Academies (except Riverview) to Lincoln, now 'Lincoln Early Learning Academy'

Other schools impacted by consolidation:

- Red Granite to Rib Mountain



Spring of 2025

- Welcomed families by hosting family events at new sites
- Welcomed staff by hosting staff events
- Welcomed students by hosting student events



Final Farewell Videos:

[Lincoln](#)

[Hewitt-
Texas](#)

[Grant](#)

[Hawthorn
Hills](#)



Summer 2025

- A huge 'thank you' to the moving company, Diversified, our custodial staff, teachers, Pupil Services, support staff, food service, librarians, principals, and everyone else that helped pack and move materials. They did so much work and we are so appreciative and grateful for all of their efforts.
- 4K Academy facility updates have been great for our youngest learners.



Fall 2025



- Celebrations:
 - Move was successful
 - Students coming together - taking on the new expectations
 - Friendships are forming outside of their groups from other schools
 - Staff are also forming new friendships and relationships
 - Staff collaboration as larger teams has been powerful
 - Encore teams are celebrating having time together in the full-time schools
 - Family Nights: very successful!
 - Great attendance!



Fall 2025

- Work in progress:
 - Space
 - Building new culture
 - Building new systems
 - Drop-off, breakfast, student movement, WCoS, etc.
 - Encore teams at Franklin and John Marshall are still shared and that creates some fragmentation



Principals' Shoutouts

"The consolidation of three separate 4K learning academies into Lincoln Early Learning Academy has been a truly remarkable undertaking, and we are thrilled with the progress we've made. Our staff is diligently continuing to settle into their new spaces, learning new routines, and providing outstanding support to our learners and their families. The energy and spirit in our new location are palpable.

We are especially grateful that our new structure allows us to collaborate regularly and share conversations centered on supporting our youngest learners. This focused environment is already enhancing our commitment to developmentally appropriate practices and fostering a joyful start to their educational journey. This seamless transition would not have been possible without the extraordinary efforts of our Buildings and Grounds Crew and our Head Custodian. Their tireless work and dedication to making the move to our new spaces seamless for all staff and students deserve immense gratitude and recognition. We are grateful to the board and community that dedicated space of Lincoln School was allocated for us to create a nurturing early learning community that is the foundation and starting point of learning in our district."

-Kara Rakowski, Lincoln Early Learning Academy



Principals' Shoutouts

“The G.D Jones students and staff are celebrating the relationships being developed and the routines that we have already established. Throughout these past couple of weeks, we have started whole school goal setting to continue to support the routines needed to have a successful learning environment. We also had a successful first family night in September with a scavenger hunt around the building to continue to familiarize families and students with the building, while tomorrow night we will host our October family night with an ice cream social and read along! We truly appreciate all of the teamwork that is happening to start our year off on a positive note.”

**-Jen Davidson & Phil Beck, G.D. Jones
Elementary**



Principals' Shoutouts

“Students have shown incredible adaptability and positivity—embracing new friendships, shared routines, and a strong sense of community. The consolidation has also created new learning opportunities, broader social connections, and a deeper sense of unity that supports their growth in every way.

In regards to the partnership between the principals, Our leadership styles complement each other—balancing structure with creativity—to make thoughtful, student-centered decisions and support staff through a shared vision.”

-Megan Koroch & Matt Schilling at Thomas Jefferson



Principals' Shoutouts

“The consolidation from Hewitt-Texas to Riverview has fostered a strong sense of unity and inclusion, with excitement evident throughout the school. Staff members are collaborating across grade levels and content areas, bringing fresh ideas and energy to their instruction. There’s a shared enthusiasm among both students and staff as they form new teams, traditions, and a stronger school community together. We are thankful for all that Hewitt-Texas meant to our families and community and will continue to grow into our new Riverview family!”

**-Sarah Budny & Katelyn Landerman, Riverview
Elementary**



Principals' Shoutouts

“Our combined staff appreciate having more colleagues to plan and work with, and we are enjoying watching many students make new friendships.”

-Krista Tretter, Franklin Elementary



Principals' Shoutouts

"At John Marshall, our students have come together to foster new friendships and have supported each other in creating a sense of belonging and purpose."

-Andy Reiche at John Marshall



Principals' Shoutouts

"I started the year with Rib and Red Granite staff around this quote *'We may take different paths, but we're headed toward the same destination... working together for the success of every student.'* I'm proud to share that this quote comes to life within the walls of our building. Both staff communities have collaborated in learning together through drills, sharing hallways with care, and building new connections. I personally even had the joy of joining Red Granite to sing to Rib Mountain one morning! It's been a wonderful start and I'm so proud of how well things have gone."

-Rachel Jean at Rib Mountain



Principals' Shoutouts

“I would describe the merger as a strong balance between support and independence. Rachel and I have maintained a positive and open line of communication, which has helped us prevent most issues and quickly and effectively address any concerns that do arise. School processes, staff collaboration, and student interactions have flowed relatively smoothly, and our Red Granite community is truly grateful for the resources and support we receive through this merger—including, but not limited to, shared pupil services, health aide support, and ongoing administrative collaboration.”

-Maud Mangin at Red Granite





THANK YOU!

