



TO: School Board Members

FROM: Peter Mau, Assistant Superintendent

DATE: October 6, 2025

SUBJECT: Resolution to close to open enrollment for grades 7-12 for the 2025-2026 school year

BACKGROUND

Two Rivers High School is currently approximately 25 students over projected enrollment in 9th and 10th grades.

We are fortunate to have experienced increasing enrollment in the last few years. The current 2025-2026 Two Rivers enrollment is 1,667. We are at or above projected enrollment at each grade level, except for 11th. Administration has already had to adjust lunch schedules to accommodate the number of students we have. While we could potentially accommodate some additional students this year, we have a large 8th-grade class coming in next year and anticipate Two Rivers enrollment to grow next year as a result and 7th grade is nearing class size max parameters.

Beyond the space issues at TRHS and overall enrollment growth, closing to open-enrollment once the school year has started helps administration at our secondary sites manage section sizes within the parameters set by the School Board. At this point space is very limited in many of our core, required classes across our secondary buildings.

Proposal

While we will continue to welcome resident students, to help manage enrollment, the administration recommends closing to open enrollment in grades 7-12. This is a regular practice among several Minnesota school districts permissible under Minnesota Statute 124D.03. A school district may close open enrollment at a grade level if the number of open enrollments at that grade level is more than 1% of the total enrollment.

Rationale

- This is a regular practice among several Minnesota school districts.
- It is permissible under Minnesota Statute 124D.03. A school district may close open enrollment at a grade level if the number of open enrollments at that grade level is more than 1% of the total enrollment.

- For each grade, we meet the criteria under MN Statute 124D.03.
 - Grade 7 - approximately 20% of the total enrollment is from open enrollment.
 - Grade 8 - approximately 20% of the total enrollment is from open enrollment.
 - Grade 9 - approximately 24% of the total enrollment is from open enrollment.
 - Grade 10 - approximately 24% of the total enrollment is from open enrollment.
 - Grade 11 - approximately 25% of the total enrollment is from open enrollment.
 - Grade 12 - approximately 28% of the total enrollment is from open enrollment.

Additional Information

- This proposal does not limit District 197 residents from enrolling in Grades 7-12.

RESOLUTION

Please see the attached resolution.