

Moorlands parents ask to be heard in school closure review

Concerned citizens seek local coverage as all three proposed scenarios include their children's school

KENMORE, Wash., October 25, 2026 - A group of concerned citizens whose children attend Moorlands Elementary is asking local news organizations to cover Northshore School District's proposed closure of the school. The parents say their voices are not being represented or heard, and they want the district to explain how their input can change the outcome.

All three closure scenarios in the district's published Enrollment Demographics Advisory Committee (EDAC) presentation include closing Moorlands and moving students to Arrowhead and Woodmoor. The School Board has not made a final closure decision. [1] [2]

For these families, the concern goes beyond a new school assignment. They fear losing daily connections with trusted teachers and staff, separating friendships and disrupting the school activities and family relationships built around Moorlands.

The group wants keeping Moorlands open to receive a fair, documented evaluation. It is asking for a comparison of feasible alternatives using the same educational requirements, clear costs and capacity assumptions, and specific plans for student services, safe travel and childcare. Parents also want substantive answers to community questions before a final decision.

The district says declining enrollment and uneven distribution of students are driving the review. EDAC's south-area rationale includes improving Arrowhead enrollment, using Woodmoor space and Arrowhead's potential for a larger future rebuild. The parents are asking reporters to examine the evidence behind that campus choice. [1] [2]

EDAC is scheduled to present its recommendations at the School Board's October 26 study session at 5 p.m. Pacific. The district says no decisions will be made at that session, anticipates a final decision in early March 2027 and says changes would take effect no earlier than fall 2028. [2] [3]

The group is seeking independent coverage of both the community impact and the district's explanation. Reporters should request the district's response directly from Northshore.

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Issued by concerned citizens whose children attend Moorlands Elementary. This statement expresses this group's views; it does not claim to speak for every family, school staff member or the PTA.

[Community information](#) | [EDAC presentation \[1\]](#) | [District notice \[2\]](#) | [Planning timeline \[3\]](#)

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What is proposed and what remains open

The closure scenarios are recommendations for review. A final Board decision remains ahead.

One campus choice appears in all three packages

EDAC scenario	Proposed school closures
1	Moorlands, Sunrise and Cottage Lake
2	Moorlands and Sunrise
3	Moorlands and Hollywood Hill

All three move Moorlands students to Arrowhead and Woodmoor. The presentation offers a site and future-rebuild rationale; reporters can ask for the supporting alternatives analysis. [1]

The parents' concern

The citizens behind this statement say their voices are not represented or heard. They want keeping Moorlands open to remain a meaningful option. This is their stated experience and request; this packet does not establish that the district has excluded all community input.

A capacity comparison worth explaining

Campus	Permanent instructional seats	Total instructional seats with portables	EDAC design capacity
Moorlands	510	694	765
Arrowhead	326	408	518
Woodmoor	816	816	833

Instructional counts are for 2025-26 in the 2026 Capital Facilities Plan, Table 4.2, PDF p.14. Design figures are from EDAC p.28. These definitions are different; the figures alone do not prove overcrowding or that an alternative is ready to operate. [1] [4]

Other reporting leads

EDAC projects 463 residents in the proposed Arrowhead basin and 686 in the Woodmoor basin for 2028. A community comparison asks what serving the same western basin at Moorlands would require. It is a hypothetical comparison, not an approved plan. [1]

County records document a \$1,025,000 gross purchase price for an adjoining parcel acquired by NSD in October 2025. Ask how recent acquisitions were included in the site analysis. Purchase price is not a measure of closure savings or proof of buildable area. [5]

Actual net closure savings and the relative cost of retaining Moorlands have not been established in the materials reviewed. The district should be asked for its current model.

Timing

October 26: study session, 5 p.m. Pacific. Expected final decision: early March 2027. Earliest implementation: fall 2028. Check the district calendar before coverage. [2] [3]

Questions for Northshore School District

Use the district's answers and records to test the proposal and the alternatives.

1. Family voice

What specific changes can still result from family feedback, including an option that keeps Moorlands open?

How will NSD publish and answer the concerns raised by affected families?

2. The common campus choice

Why does every published closure scenario include Moorlands? Which retain-Moorlands and no-permanent-closure alternatives were evaluated, and why were they rejected?

3. The complete site

Which dated site and condition studies support the preference for Arrowhead? Do they include all adjoining Moorlands parcels, including the October 2025 acquisition, and compare the same educational requirements?

4. Usable capacity

How do the Capital Facilities Plan instructional capacities reconcile with EDAC's design capacities? What room and program schedules show how each campus would actually serve students in 2028?

5. An equivalent alternative

Has NSD evaluated serving the same proposed 463-resident western basin at Moorlands while leaving Woodmoor's basin unchanged? What constraints and impacts would that alternative have for both communities?

6. The financial comparison

What costs would actually disappear, and what receiving-school, transportation, transition, capital and retained-building costs would remain or increase? What is the net result for each feasible campus option?

7. Daily life and student services

How would each option affect friendships and cohorts, special education and highly capable services, childcare, walking safety and travel times? What plans protect continuity for students and staff?

8. A decision people can examine

When will NSD publish the alternatives, assumptions and responses to documented corrections? Will families have time to review those materials before the final decision?

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Source guide for reporters

Numbers in the packet point to the sources below. Page references are PDF page numbers.

[1] EDAC presentation dated October 26 2026

PDF pp.23, 31 and 36: the three closure sets. Pages 27-28: Moorlands assignments, resident projections, design capacities and site rationale. Preserved official copy included.

[2] Superintendent notice posted October 22 2026

October 26 at 5 p.m.; no decision at that session; expected decision in early March 2027; implementation no earlier than fall 2028. Checked October 25.

[3] District planning timeline and feedback

Current process, feedback and meeting updates. The published calendar lists March 8, 2027 for a final vote; dates may change. Checked October 25.

[4] Northshore 2026 to 2032 Capital Facilities Plan

PDF p.13: capacity definitions; p.14, Table 4.2: 2025-26 instructional capacities; p.15, Table 4.3: six adjacent Moorlands parcels. Preserved official copy included; live PDF checked October 25.

[5] King County October 2025 acquisition records

Deed 20251024000256, pp.1-5; corresponding REET E3352795, p.1, records \$1,025,000 gross consideration and NSD as buyer. Preserved records reviewed; public links may require the county viewer. [Open REET E3352795](#)

[6] Northshore Communications and Engagement

Media Availability directs reporters to Carri Campbell, ccampbell3@nsd.org. The district lists 425-408-6000 as its main number. Checked in the live browser October 25.

[7] Board materials and attendance instructions

Use current agendas, recordings and attendance instructions for coverage. A study session should not be described as a promised public-comment opportunity.

[8] Save Moorlands community information

Independent advocacy context and links to district materials. This is a community source, separate from the district. Live page checked October 25.

How to read the packet

The parents' concerns are their stated perspective. The source documents establish proposal details and published figures. Questions and alternatives remain requests for investigation. Missing records in the reviewed material do not prove records do not exist. No misconduct, illegal closure, developer sale or quantified net savings is alleged.

The EDAC deck was preserved from the official source on October 24 ahead of its scheduled presentation. Its original hash matches the copy included here; it is not a meeting transcript. Current notice, timeline, CFP, campaign site and district media contact were checked October 25. Refresh time-sensitive statements after October 26.