

Dear Parents,

The Maricopa County Regional School District (MCRSD) experienced a significant loss in student enrollment this past month. This was a result due to the closures of several residential facilities in Maricopa County where MCRSD provided educational services. These facilities are owned and operated by Southwest Key and house undocumented, unaccompanied minors. The closures resulted in an estimated loss of 400 students to the district and a financial impact of an estimated 1.4 million dollars.

The loss in student enrollment impacts the entire district budget. To solve this fiscal crisis, MCRSD must lay-off a number of administrators, support staff and teachers. As always, our number one priority is the safety and success of your child. Every decision that is being made is to ensure your child has access to the highest quality education.

As this difficult process continues to unfold, I will keep you informed if and how staffing changes will occur at your school.

If you have any questions about how these decisions are being made, please feel free to contact your school principal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Watson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Steve Watson

Maricopa County School Superintendent