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**Subject:** Weekly Update - Council Only  
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**Sent:** October 3, 2025 5:33 PM (UTC-04:00)  
**Attached:** 10-3 Council only.pdf

Good afternoon Mayor and Council,

Your weekly update is attached. Have a safe and happy weekend.

Thank you,  
Kim

*Kim Dobecka*

*Executive Assistant*

City Manager's Office, City of Grapevine



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MEMORANDUM

CITY OF GRAPEVINE, TEXAS

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
FROM: BRUNO RUMBELOW, CITY MANAGER *BR*  
DATE: OCTOBER 3, 2025  
SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATE

NEXT WEEK

|     |       |         |                                                              |
|-----|-------|---------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sat | Oct 4 | 7 pm    | Harvest Moon Supper – Nash Farm                              |
| Mon | Oct 6 | 6:15 pm | Board of Zoning Adjustment Meeting                           |
| Tue | Oct 7 | 1 pm    | Senior Citizens Advisory Board Meeting                       |
|     |       | 4:30 pm | Dinner                                                       |
|     |       | 5 pm    | City Council Meeting                                         |
|     |       |         | Depart for National Night Out<br>(Following Council Meeting) |

UPCOMING EVENTS

|           |             |            |                                                                     |
|-----------|-------------|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sat       | Oct 25      | All day    | DART Silver Line Grand Opening                                      |
|           |             | 4-8 pm     | Trunk or Treat – Mustang Panter Stadium                             |
| Wed – Fri | Oct 29 – 31 |            | TML in Fort Worth<br>RSVP to Michelle or Kim to attend              |
| Fri       | Nov 7       | 10 - 12 pm | 2025 GCISD Walk of Honor Induction<br>Ceremony – Colleyville Center |
| Sat       | Nov 15      | 5:30 pm    | GRACE Gala                                                          |

COUNCIL ONLY

Attached is a letter that the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem intend to send to Shannon Braun and the rest of the Trustees on Monday. If you would like to add your signature to the letter, please let us know by Monday morning. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Mayor over the weekend.

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT LOGISTICS

The Police Department has secured a 23-passenger van to transport Council to the National Night Out events. The van will not have a table, therefore, box lunches will be available for you prior to the meeting starting at 4:30 pm or to take with you after the meeting. Water and sodas will be available in the van.

## CITIZEN FEEDBACK REGARDING GCISD

Letters from four residents regarding GCISD are attached.

## ANIMAL SERVICES

On Saturday, September 27, a low-cost animal vaccine clinic served 83 pets for various services and 69 rabies vaccines. Rabies vaccines were free for residents of Grapevine.

In September, 15 dogs, 52 cats, and two rabbits were adopted.

Our Pawsitive Impact Volunteer and Foster Programs hit their one-year anniversary with a celebration on Saturday, September 27. Volunteers were treated to breakfast, gratitude, and comradery at Bessie Mitchell.

Over the last year, 33 foster care homes cared for 285 animals for more than 7,500 hours. Forty volunteers contributed 3,400 hours to support more than 30 outreach events. Four Volunteer Interns helped care for animals, fostering hands on experience and supporting the growth of students into future animal welfare roles

## PLANNING SERVICES

The following cases will be considered at the Board of Zoning Adjustment meeting on October 6, 2025:

1. BZA25-08; 304 North Dove Road: Variances and special exceptions to the Grapevine Zoning Ordinance 82-73: (BZA25-08A) Allow an existing lot with a minimum area of 7,498 sq ft, minimum width of 80 ft, and minimum depth of 95 ft (north) and 80 ft (south). (BZA25-08B) Allow an existing residential structure of 886 sq ft with an 8-foot encroachment into the front yard, a 9-foot encroachment into the side yard, a 3-foot separation between the structure and carport, and off-street parking in the side yard setback.

2. BZA25-09; 3451 Red Bird Lane: Variances and special exceptions to the Grapevine Zoning Ordinance 82-73: (BZA25-09A) Allow an existing lot with a minimum depth of 79 ft (west) and 85 ft (east). (BZA25-09B) Allow a 5-foot encroachment into the front yard and a 23-foot encroachment into the rear yard.

## CODE ENFORCEMENT

| September 26 – October 2, 2025, Violations Quick Glance |     |         |        |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-----|---------|--------|
| Violation                                               | New | Pending | Closed |
| High Grass and Weeds                                    | 0   | 12      | 3      |
| Fence Repair                                            | 0   | 4       | 1      |
| Rubble, Rubbish, Debris                                 | 0   | 1       | 0      |

## BUILDING SERVICES

1200 Minters Chapel Road #200 – “Nazdar Company” – A building permit was issued on September 24 to install new pallet racking, with a construction value of \$50,308.

2651 William D Tate Avenue – “5-Star Subaru” – A building permit was issued on September 24 to install new electric car charging stations and bollards, with a construction value of \$27,285.

406 S Main Street – “Tincup Properties, LLC” – A building permit was issued on September 25 for interior renovations of the shell building, with a construction value of \$45,000.

1450 Huges Road #215 – “Procedeo Group, LLC” – A building permit was issued on September 25 for installation of an access control device, with a construction value of \$4,371.

1419 W State 114 Hwy – “DNAT Solutions, LLC dba Cabinet IQ of Grapevine” – A building permit was issued on September 26 for an interior alteration for a new tenant, with a construction value of \$65,000.

1501 Gaylord Trail – “T-Mobile” – A building permit was issued on September 29 for installation of fiber conduit, with a construction value of \$5,000.

1501 Gaylord Trail – “T-Mobile” – A building permit was issued on September 29 for installation of fiber conduit, as it pertains to a different building located at the same address, with a construction value of \$5,000.

## Certificates of Occupancy

|           |                                       |                                              |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| 9/25/2025 | 2321 Mustang Drive                    | Jupiter Grapevine, LLC (Shell Building)      |
| 9/25/2025 | 3000 Grapevine Mills Parkway<br># 432 | Toys R Us (Retail Toys)                      |
| 9/25/2025 | 2321 Mustang Drive #300               | MEC General Contractors (Contractors Office) |
| 9/25/2025 | 3000 Grapevine Mills Parkway,<br>C3   | Cute as a Bug (Retail Accessories)           |
| 9/25/2025 | 897 W Northwest Highway               | Caribou Coffee (Restaurant/Coffee Shop)      |

## PARKS AND RECREATION

### Announcements:

- Kristen Steinborn was promoted from part-time RCA II to full-time Hospitality Coordinator on Monday, September 29.

### Active Adults:

- November registration for Grapevine residents began on Wednesday, October 1.
- Active Adults went to the Empowering Seniors Expo in Fort Worth on Thursday, October 2. Empowering Seniors is a Health and Wellness Expo for Seniors and Caregivers.

### Aquatics:

- All spraygrounds, including Bark Park, closed for the season on Tuesday, September 30. The Aquatics team will begin the winterization process.

### Athletics & Hospitality:

- Travel Sports will host the “DM’s Men Wear Pink” tournament this weekend. They will be utilizing all of Oak Grove Baseball Complex and some fields at Oak Grove Softball complex. There are currently 143 games scheduled.
- GBS has 19 games scheduled this weekend at Bear Creek Baseball and Oak Grove Softball fields on Saturday, October 4.
- GBS Santa Cops tournament registration opened on Wednesday, October 1.
- The GBS Rec Baseball tournament is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, November 1 – 2.
- The GBS Rec Softball tournament is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, November 8 – 9.

### Events:

- Sunset Live! will take place Friday, October 3 & Saturday, October 4 at the Botanical Gardens at 6:30 pm.

### Lake Parks:

- Grapevine Lake Elevation is currently at 534.25 feet, which is .75 feet below the conservation pool. All boat ramps and lake parks are operating normally.

- The Parks and Recreation Department, in partnership with the Grapevine Garden Club, hosted an interpretative sign dedication on Wednesday, October 1, in honor of Ray Chancellor, a local avid birder.
- PumpkinFest, at Meadowmere Park, begins Friday, October 3, and runs weekends through October 19.
- Take A Kid Mountain Biking Day is on Saturday, October 4, 9 – 11 am at McPherson Slough Park. This event will focus on mountain biking, trail etiquette, education, and bike safety with partnerships from DORBA, Grapevine PD, and REI.

#### Park Maintenance:

- The Parks Maintenance team began construction on Banyan Park on Monday, September 29.
- The stairs on the playground at Pecan Park were replaced this week.
- Demolition began this week at Pickering Park.

#### Therapeutic Recreation:

- On Sunday, September 28, The REC and the Aquatics team hosted a special needs swim event in partnership with “SuperMomInfinity” and “Finding Yall”. The event was sold out with 80 participants.
- On Monday, September 29, North Texas Poison Center spoke about safety to our Club All-Access participants.
- Club All-Access took a field trip to the Dallas Farmers Market and Petting Zoo on Friday, October 3.

#### The REC:

- The REC kicked off Breast Cancer Awareness Month on Wednesday, October 1. All employees are encouraged to wear pink on Fridays.

#### Volunteers:

- On Saturday, September 27, 153 volunteers participated in Fall Sweep, with over 3000 pounds of trash collected in 18 different parks and green spaces.
- 50 participated in an ECO Talk at The Vine on Wednesday, October 1. Michael Smith, Arborist from Bartlett Tree Experts, presented “Roots & Remedies: Nurturing our Local Trees”.
- There are 100 volunteers scheduled to assist Sunset Live! on Saturday, October 4.

#### PUBLIC WORKS

Fairway Drive –The Marina and Cowboy's golf course have access from SH 26. The road along the dam is closed from the Grapevine golf course to the south side of the dam so that the contractor may complete paving and tie-in from the new traffic circle to the dam road.

Floor and Decor (3200 Grapevine Mills Parkway) - Contractor working on storm drain and water relocation for building expansion. The water main tie in is scheduled for Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup>.

### Drainage Division

Drainage crews are investigating underground pipe on Minters Chapel to determine damage causing ground failures near the Sewell Dealership. Making repairs on Creek 17 where there was a failure to a large section of gabion basket wall. Surveying issues on Hughes and developing a plan to repair area in next few weeks.

### Streets Division

Street Department is finishing the paving of all roads in the Redbud Area. Vegetation removal and grade work is beginning on the new parking lot extension at Grapevine Golf Course this week. Patching on Ira E. Woods near Pool Road intersection is also being done this week.

### Facilities Division

Performing preventive and corrective maintenance throughout city facilities. Completed 92 preventive maintenance work orders and 73 corrective work orders.

### Fleet

Fleet completed 13 vehicle repairs, performed preventive maintenance on 20 vehicles, and had one road call.

### CVB

#### Convention Sales

Convention Sales Team generated 55 leads with 80,831 requested rooms and converted 12 definite bookings for a total of 11,913 contracted room nights.

The Convention Sales Team conducted two site inspections last week, AMC Theaters and Federation of State Medical Boards totaling 4,599 requested room nights.

Staff attended the Cowboys FAM on Sunday, September 28, at Gaylord Texan where they hosted seven clients and their guests for a Green Bay vs Cowboys watch party and networking event.

#### Leisure & International Sales

The Leisure/International Sales Team generated one lead with 35 attendees and converted a group tour booking totaling 35 attendees.

Staff hosted Travel Oklahoma International Rep Firms from Germany, UK/Ireland, and Australia during their Grapevine/Oklahoma study tour.

Staff conducted a sales appointment with Mark Powell from Let's Go Golf Tours. They are interested in bringing more golf groups to Grapevine.

Staff hosted the Mlada' muzika Sardice, a brass band from the Kyjov region of Czechia. They spent Wednesday, September 24, in Grapevine touring Nash Farm and Historic Main Street, singing in three winery locations.

Staff hosted an American Airlines "Sell Your Way" Travel Agent FAM to celebrate the top three Australian travel agents for selling the Aus – DFW route on both American Airlines and Qantas.

Staff welcomed Sue Arko, MARS Travel (Mid-Atlantic Receptive Tours) to Grapevine on Friday, September 26.

Staff hosted David Cooper, Trendsetter Travel Golf Tours, from Sydney, Australia, September 27 – 28.

#### Grapevine Vintage Railroad

Staff operated one Bear Creek Excursion. Cotton Belt and Trinity River Excursions did not run Saturday and Sunday.

#### Festivals & Events

Festivals staff facilitated a planning meeting for the Grapevine Homecoming Parade to review operational details on Monday, September 22.

Staff met with the Grapevine Garden Club to review and discuss all aspects of the upcoming Butterfly Flutterby event.

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner was organized and facilitated by staff at the Grapevine Convention Center on Thursday, September 25.

Staff attended the Parade of Lights planning meeting on Friday, September 26.

Staff oversaw the Grapevine Main Live event featuring the Garth Brooks Tribute Band on Friday, September 26.

#### Destination Services

Staff supported nine groups that brought in 2,263 attendees to Grapevine area hotels.

Staff attended the Texas Nurses Association planning meeting on Tuesday, September 23, at Gaylord Texan. Group will bring 450 attendees to Grapevine in June 2026.

Staff attended the Vogt RV Rally planning meeting on Wednesday September 24, at Gaylord Texan. Group will bring 500 attendees to Grapevine in November 2025.

Staff attended the pre-conference welcome meeting for Kubota at Gaylord Texan on Thursday, September 25. Group welcomed 1,400 attendees to Grapevine.

Staff conducted training sessions for Phone Bank staff to work Santa's North Pole Express ticket sales.

Visitor Services staff attended the University of North Texas Career fair to recruit CVB Interns, Volunteers and Festival & Event Workers on Wednesday, September 24.

Staff assisted with the Czech Student Tour on Wednesday, September 24 to showcase Main Street, Nash Farm, and Grapevine Main.

Staff assisted 1,204 visitors September 22 – 28 at Grapevine Main Visitor Information Center and CVB Lobby.

Communications

Staff hosted travel writer, podcaster, and syndicated show host, The Traveling Cheesehead, Dannelle Gay and her photographer/husband, Andy Gay, September 22 – 24 for a Fam Tour.

BR/kjd

September 29, 2025

Grapevine-Colleyville ISD  
3051 Ira E. Woods Avenue  
Grapevine, TX 76051

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Dear President Braun:

Over the last few weeks, I have become aware of some disturbing budget reduction options (including closing District neighborhood elementary schools) that were presented to the Education Master Planning Committee. As I understand that, at the same time the District grappled with budget concerns, the District paid off unused bonds, some of which perhaps could have been used for expenses like repairs, equipment, safety, and technology to relieve those expenses in the general fund.

The reduction of the tax rate apparently cost the District significant dollars, while at the same time, the Board in November 2024 asked the voters to approve the VATRE to deal with the District's financial shortfall which passed in our District; now we are still faced with budget problems in GCISD. It doesn't make a lot of sense to already be in this position. We have tried to determine how much of the bond money could have been used and how much the total loss in ad valorem taxes cost the District over the last four years before the VATRE's passage. However, that information is not easily attainable. This adds to the suspicion that this is information you don't want the public to know, or that you have not already evaluated all the financial options.

### **Concerns with Committee Composition**

The stated task of this Committee is to review the current fiscal condition of the District, along with campus facilities, programs and the utilization of each building, and subsequently make recommendations to the Board of Trustees to address the budget shortfall. Taken at face value, this seems to be a reasonable approach, however, I take issue with the composition of the Committee. You appointed a committee that is comprised of 18 individuals, only two of which represent non-GCISD employees or Trustees that reside in Grapevine.

Grapevine has a population of approximately 52,000 and Colleyville 27,000. One might assume that the student and revenue generation split would be similar to the population of 2 to 1 or even more. One might expect that there would be a citizen representative from each school attendance zone. Despite this, Grapevine residents that are not District

employees represent only around 10% of the Committee membership. Consequently, there is no representation of any Dove or Silverlake constituents. While I would hope that the Committee members could look at the issues without bias, the optics should support that as well. I have heard two Board members say the Committee was selected based on their talent and not their location. This is a slap in the face to every citizen and every voter in Grapevine.

Second, the Committee is looking at closing campuses and reallocating students with their only focus being on classroom space available. There are many other issues to consider when looking at closing campuses and relocating students to other campuses. You must consider the street and utility infrastructure as well. It seems difficult to make a reasonable recommendation without knowing if it is feasible from a practical standpoint.

I am concerned whether Silverlake and Cannon can manage another two hundred students and the challenge that the parents will face in the delivery and pickup of students. We will not allow this increased capacity to destroy the peace and enjoyment of the surrounding neighborhoods. Furthermore, the sidewalks will be in the wrong place for many of the students and the crossing guard locations will have to be studied and reallocated as necessary. You cannot solve your problem and create a new problem for the City. These issues have to be worked out with the City before any decision can be made on school closures.

Other districts like Coppell have similar budget shortfalls and are only talking about closing one school. The closing of a school I understand only saves \$1.2 million per year and yet you have a \$10 million shortfall coming at the end of this school year. I understand that additional schools may have to be closed in the next year or two. Liquidation of this much of the District is unconscionable and begs the question of how will the rest of the gap be closed and what measures can be taken to ensure sustainability going forward?

### **Statewide Funding Challenges**

I understand that state funding for schools has changed over the last few years. The Legislature has limited school districts in Texas and taken a lot of the local authority away. Even though our District received about \$14 million more this year than last year from the State, we still have more than \$30 million going back to the State because of Robin Hood. I urge the District to review the possibility of joining with other similarly situated districts to challenge Robin Hood in court again. I can't imagine the Supreme Court of the United States saying that it is constitutional for a District like GCISD to have to send more than \$30 million of its revenue to other districts and at the same time need \$10 million to balance their own budget or have to liquidate their school assets to balance the budget. Finally, we are being told that there have not been recommendations made and that the committee is still doing analysis, yet I was also told that the teachers at Dove Elementary

were told that their campus will likely be closing at the end of the year and they need to think about where they want to go or if they want to retire or leave the District entirely. Is the Committee really making recommendations, or is the Board just looking for Committee cover after the fact?

### **Exhaust all Other Options**

Taking all of this into consideration, I would urge you to start from scratch. Appoint a balanced committee that includes proportional representation of Grapevine residents and includes someone that has some experience with each school in the District. Or better yet, in the alternative, thank the committee for their service and in their place, hire the best school financial consultant in the State to review the financial condition of the District and write a report that is transparent and understandable by the average citizen. You should carefully evaluate each option, working with the appropriate experts to determine feasibility. The report should analyze every possible alternative to school closing and prove that the closing of schools is the only viable alternative.

Finally, before you make any drastic moves, be sure that you have turned over every stone for revenue-thinking outside of the box with the creativity that GCISD is known to embody. Closing neighborhood schools disrupts neighborhoods and neighbors who rely upon those schools. It is impactful to property values and yet you continue to cut the tax rate. While I understand the difference between the interest and sinking rate and the maintenance and operations rate, is there a way, with voter approval to use the I&S rate to supplant expenditures that would normally come from the M&O rate? If that was an opportunity, I would urge you to see what the voters have to say. Would the voters support an implementation of copper pennies? It's not an ideal situation, but you don't know until you ask. There is a point of diminishing returns where lower property values caused by draconian reductions could result in less overall revenue to the District. I would expect that the citizens would rather raise taxes than close schools.

Once you have created a transparent, fair and balanced committee or sought the assistance of outside financial advisors and have exhausted all other means, the taxpayers will likely be more accepting of the results. Once again, I urge you to reset and start over.

Sincerely,

William D. Tate

Mayor

DRAFT

CC: Dr. Brad Schnautz  
Shannon Braun  
Dalia Begin  
Matt Foust  
Kathy Florence Spradley  
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Diana Sager  
Mary Humphrey

## Michelle Gambaro

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**From:** Renee Hart <remoore15@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 20, 2025 10:33 AM  
**To:** William D. Tate  
**Cc:** Leon Leal  
**Subject:** Clarification Request

\*\*\* EXTERNAL EMAIL COMMUNICATION - PLEASE USE CAUTION BEFORE CLICKING LINKS AND/OR OPENING ATTACHMENTS \*\*\*

Honorable Mayor Tate,

I am reaching out to you directly to seek clarification about information shared by Shannon Braun at our Dove Parents Q&A yesterday. As you know, we are doing everything we can to save our school. Unfortunately, Shannon's remarks left many of us disheartened and confused, and I want to ensure we have accurate information.

I've copied Leon, as he has also spoken with families since the meeting about these conflicting statements. During the Q&A, Shannon was asked whether she had spoken with City Council or the Mayor of Grapevine. She replied, "Yes, and just so you know, we invited them to be on the committee and they declined."

This directly conflicts with what you told us just three nights earlier—that "the city is not going to have any say; we were not appointed to be on the committee."

In addition, Shannon repeatedly characterized our efforts as "emotional" and spoke to us in a way that felt dismissive. What she calls emotion, we call passion—a deep commitment to being included in decisions that profoundly affect our school.

We love the staff, teachers, and children who fill that so-called "rundown" building. We aren't fighting for the building itself, but for the people and the community it represents. We will continue to explore every possible path to protect and preserve it.

Thank you for all you have done for our city and for your personal connection to Dove. We value your leadership and your willingness to keep us informed as we navigate this challenging time.

With appreciation,

**Renee Hart**

214-728-7992

## Michelle Gambaro

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**From:** Tara Brooks  
**Sent:** Monday, September 29, 2025 9:02 AM  
**To:** Bruno Rumbelow; Jennifer Hibbs  
**Cc:** Kim Dobecka; Michelle Gambaro  
**Subject:** FW: Urgent Request to Pause School Closure Process

I received this email as a cc to the Council Group.

How would you like to me handle these emails going forward? Do you want me to forward them all to you, do you want me to keep them, set up a central repository to collect all that are received by anyone in the City?



Tara Brooks, TRMC  
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**From:** Brant Webb <bmw0016@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 28, 2025 3:05 PM  
**To:** wtate@grapevinetx.gov; pslechta@grapevinetx.gov; sharronr@grapevinetx.gov; lleal@grapevinetx.gov; sshope@grapevinetx.gov; ccoy@grapevinetx.gov; dodell@grapevinetx.gov; Tara Brooks <tbrooks@grapevinetexas.gov>  
**Subject:** Urgent Request to Pause School Closure Process

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To: [wtate@grapevinetx.gov](mailto:wtate@grapevinetx.gov), Cc: [pslechta@grapevinetx.gov](mailto:pslechta@grapevinetx.gov), and 5 others · Tue, Sep 23 at 12:35 PM

## Message Body

Dear Honorable Mayor Tate,

I am writing as a deeply concerned resident and parent to share my strong opposition to the proposed school closures and to ask for your leadership in advocating for a pause in this process.

Our schools and neighborhoods are simply not equipped to absorb an additional 200+ students per school. This would mean adding costly portables, reorganizing bus routes, and hiring additional bus drivers—while also straining already crowded lunchrooms and common spaces. The district has projected savings of around \$1 million to \$1.2 million per school per year, but it is unclear whether these numbers account for the inevitable additional costs of overcrowding and transportation changes.

Many parents warned the board years ago that lowering taxes while simultaneously raising teacher salaries could lead to a budget crisis. Unfortunately, that is exactly where we now find ourselves. Just four years later, we are faced with the closure of at least three campuses—and trustees have already signaled that more closures may follow.

I want to be clear that I, along with many neighbors, am willing to support another VATRE to preserve our schools. Grapevine has long been an attractive community for families, and keeping these schools open is essential to maintaining that appeal. If we lose the land these schools occupy, it will be gone forever—a permanent and irretrievable loss for our neighborhoods.

We also worry that Grapevine's unique, family-friendly character will erode if we allow our classrooms to become overcrowded and force children into long bus rides just to get to school. This is not the Grapevine we want for future generations.

I respectfully ask that you use your influence to advocate for at least a one-year pause in this process. We need time to develop better solutions that will protect our district, safeguard our neighborhoods, and continue to attract families to our community.

Thank you for your time, your service to our city, and your willingness to listen to the concerns of families like mine.

For what it's worth, I originally sent this email on Tuesday 9/23 but it bounced back and apparently was not delivered. It is my understanding that the cause was an internet disruption.

Very truly yours,

Brant Webb

## Kim Dobecka

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**From:** Katherine Redwine <katherine@txmakeupartist.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 1, 2025 2:43 PM  
**To:** Kim Dobecka  
**Subject:** Dove Elementary School closing

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Hi Kim,

I am a 23 year resident and live a few houses from Dove Elementary.  
I have been hearing and reading in the NEIGHBORHOOD News-lines that we have been outzoned to Carroll school district. How can that be? Is this the reason I have been hearing of that school closing and bussing the local kids to Carroll schools?

This is disturbing for me and many people who depend on that school locally.

If you do not have any info would you be so kind as to either forward this to the person who could best answer this with me copied, or send me the name and email for that path.

Thank you Kim. I know you work hard to make our city the wonderful place it is to live in.

Sincerely,  
Katherine

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## Michelle Gambaro

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**From:** Kristin Peters <kristinspeters@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 1, 2025 5:07 PM  
**To:** William D. Tate  
**Subject:** Re: Campus Closures and the Parade of Lights

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I accidentally sent it as a draft, so I need to at least properly add my signature -

Thank you for reading, I am not asking for anything in particular. I only want to express my love for our city and air my frustrations.

Thank you  
Kristin Peters

On Wed, Oct 1, 2025 at 4:12 PM Kristin Peters <[kristinspeters@gmail.com](mailto:kristinspeters@gmail.com)> wrote:  
Hello Mayor Tate

My husband and I are Dove parents who believe strongly in investing our time and resources into our community, whether it be the school through g being a Dove Dad or our neighborhood through organizing events looks National Night Out.

As the Christmas events kick-off today, the hypocrisy and conflict with the Parade of Lights is hitting me. And please note, I am there in the front row every year and sometimes even want to cry with the overwhelming love and happiness the parade brings me for our students, teachers, and city. For Grapevine locals, it is a celebration of our pride in our schools all of DFW to see.

And so It occurred to me today that the Parade of Lights is a perfect illustration of the betrayal we feel by the GCISD consolidation proposals. The parade is in-part funded, created, and supported by volunteers from the district schools, yet is attended by many, including visitors to our city. The elementary floats stand out with their grandness of scale and attention to detail, and it is love for the school and the children that makes this happen. I cannot square our school's contribution to this event with the event's economic activity generation with then the deficit of the school district and a need to close the very schools who bring the Christmas magic to this event.

In other words, I cannot square how Grapevine can pride itself on being a destination for Santa-aged children, on the efforts of our community make float-loads of money, and then cut from our own community's Santa-aged children by closing their schools. How can we so clearly present one way, and act another? And with all this discussion of how our district cannot attract families to live here: Without a district full of eager parents and children, what happens to the Parade of Lights?