



# Norton City Schools

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Dear Norton Community,

The district was required by the state of Ohio to develop a plan that addresses our current financial situation while striving to maintain educational programming for Norton residents. We are committed to approaching this process with transparency, care, and a continued focus on the needs of our students and families.

The Norton City Schools Board of Education has engaged in thoughtful discussions regarding the financial future of our district. Our goal is to continue providing a high-quality education to all Norton students while responsibly managing the resources entrusted to us by our community.

As part of this process, the Board has explored several options. On December 15, 2025, the Board of Education approved a plan to eliminate Open Enrollment and to relocate students and staff from Norton Primary School beginning in the 2026-2027 school year. The move from Norton Primary School is a direct result of the projected decrease in enrollment following the elimination of Open Enrollment. We understand that these are sensitive and difficult decisions that impact students, families, and staff. These changes are not made lightly, but are necessary, given the district's future financial outlook.

We value our community greatly and will continue to provide updates as planning progresses regarding the elimination of Open Enrollment and the closure of Norton Primary School. We are developing a building consolidation plan to best serve our students and will share in the months ahead.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership with Norton City Schools.

Sincerely,

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