



October 12, 2011

Dear Parent(s) of Eighth Graders,

The open enrollment period in the Boulder Valley School District is scheduled from November 28<sup>th</sup> to January 13<sup>th</sup>. Attached you will find a summary on high school information nights, shadowing and tour details along with links to the web pages of each high school. Review each school's website for more information on events offered during the open enrollment period. I will be visiting 8th grade classes the week of November 28<sup>th</sup> to provide similar information to students. On Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m., we will be hosting a "High School Dialogue Night," for Summit parents. During this program, Summit alumni and parents will participate in a panel discussion and I will present an overview on the transition to high school and selection process, course registration, and graduation requirements.

Families with 8<sup>th</sup> graders will need to determine whether their students will be attending their neighborhood high school, or whether they wish to open-enroll at a different high school. If you are unsure of your student's attendance area (neighborhood) high school, go to <http://bvsd.org/schoolfinder/Pages/default.aspx>. Students who wish to attend a school other than their neighborhood high school will need to follow the open enrollment procedure online (or obtain an application) at the BVSD website <http://bvsd.org/openenrollment/Pages/default.aspx>. The applications will be available on November 29<sup>th</sup>. Students who plan to attend their neighborhood schools will **not** need to submit an open enrollment application, and will simply register for their high school courses in February. Students who live in the Gunbarrel area will receive special instructions from the district for choosing between Boulder High and Fairview High School, and for the enrollment process.

We highly encourage families to attend the evening information nights to learn more about the high school programs that are available. Shadow days also provide an opportunity to learn more about academic and co-curricular programs from both staff and students. As a point of reference, we suggest that you attend the evening program offered by your neighborhood high school as well as programs at other schools in which your student is interested. If your student will attend a shadow day, please contact the Summit Office ahead of time ([summit.office@bvsd.org](mailto:summit.office@bvsd.org) or 720-561-3902) so that this can be noted in attendance. Shadow days do not count against your student's 10 days of excused absences for the year.

This is an exciting time (although not without "angst") for parents, as you contemplate this next "leap" for your child. Please feel free to call me if I can be of assistance to you during the high school enrollment process.

Sincerely,

Ms. Elizabeth Burrows, Counselor