

School Closure Transition Timeline

Mt. Vernon-Ruth Elementary School & Rutherford Opportunity Center

Last Updated: Tuesday, July 1, 2025 (6:00 AM)

Target Dates	Major Transition Activities	Key Communications
June 23, 2025 – June 27, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Following a series of specially-called meetings and public hearings, the Rutherford County Board of Education acted during a specially-called meeting on Thursday, June 26, 2025, to close Mt. Vernon-Ruth Elementary School and Rutherford Opportunity Center, effective at 11:59 PM on Thursday, July 31, 2025.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Thursday, June 26, 2025: The Superintendent will share a school closing message with all Rutherford County Schools employees, respond to all media inquiries, and assist district and school leaders with other time-sensitive communications to internal and external stakeholders.
June 30, 2025 – July 4, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Superintendent and senior staff members will develop and publish a complete transition timeline so that parents, students, and employees affected by both school closures will know what to expect, when to expect it, and from whom to expect it.District leaders will provide an informational update regarding school boundary adjustments to members of the Rutherford County Board of Education during a specially-called meeting on Monday, June 30, 2025.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Tuesday, July 1, 2025: The Superintendent will publish a complete transition timeline for parents, students, and employees. The transition timeline will be published on the school system's website and social media platforms, published on the websites and social media platforms of Mt. Vernon-Ruth Elementary School and Rutherford Opportunity Center, and otherwise made available in printed form at the school system's Cool Springs Administrative Offices and in the main offices of Mt. Vernon-Ruth Elementary School and Rutherford Opportunity Center.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operations and transportation department leaders will finalize school assignment boundary adjustments necessary to facilitate the reassignment of Mt. Vernon-Ruth Elementary School students to Pinnacle Elementary School, Spindale Elementary School, and Sunshine Elementary School. • Operations, transportation, and information technology leaders will apply finalized school boundary adjustments in order to determine the individual reassignments of Mt. Vernon-Ruth Elementary School students to Pinnacle Elementary School, Spindale Elementary School, and Sunshine Elementary School. • Information technology leaders will transition electronic student records for rising first- through fifth-grade students from Mt. Vernon-Ruth Elementary School to Pinnacle Elementary School, Spindale Elementary School, and Sunshine Elementary School based on their respective individual reassignments. • The Superintendent and chief academic officer will finalize the development of alternative learning program plans for middle and high school students. • The Superintendent and/or executive director of human resources will hold individual meetings and discussions regarding available reassignment opportunities with all employees directly affected by the closure of Mt. Vernon-Ruth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday, July 2, 2025: The Superintendent will mail letters to the parents and guardians of students enrolled at Mt. Vernon-Ruth Elementary School to share specific details about their children's individual school reassignments.
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	Elementary School and Rutherford Opportunity Center (week 1 of 2).	
July 7, 2025 – July 11, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Superintendent and/or executive director of human resources will finalize individual reassignments of employees directly affected by the closure of Mt. Vernon-Ruth Elementary School and Rutherford Opportunity Center (week 2 of 2). • District leaders will finalize the reassignment of students enrolled at Rutherford Opportunity Center according to the school system's new alternative learning program plans for middle schools and high schools. • District leaders will inventory instructional materials, student resources, and other educational assets and disseminate those materials to the appropriate locations. • District leaders will secure and relocate physical records to the appropriate locations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday, July 7, 2025: Principals at Pinnacle Elementary School, Spindale Elementary School, and Sunshine Elementary School will contact the parents and guardians of students reassigned from Mt. Vernon-Ruth Elementary School by telephone to answer questions regarding their reassignment and offer opportunities for them to visit their schools. • Wednesday, July 9, 2025: The Superintendent will mail letters to the parents and guardians of students enrolled at Rutherford Opportunity Center to share specific details about their children's individual school reassignments.
July 14, 2025 – July 18, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Superintendent and/or executive director of human resources will make additional arrangements, as needed, to address any unresolved staffing issues following individual reassignments of employees directly affected by the closure of Mt. Vernon-Ruth Elementary School and Rutherford Opportunity Center. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday, July 14, 2025: Principals at Chase High School, Chase Middle School, East Rutherford High School, East Rutherford Middle School, R-S Central High School, and R-S Middle School will contact the parents and guardians of students reassigned from Rutherford Opportunity Center by telephone to answer questions regarding their reassignment and offer

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employees reassigned from Mt. Vernon-Ruth Elementary School and Rutherford Opportunity Center are invited to begin transitioning personal materials from their previous to their new worksites. • Operations and transportation department leaders will apply finalized school boundary adjustments in order to develop new and/or adjusted bus routes for the 2025-2026 school year (week 1 of 2). 	opportunities for them to visit their schools.
July 21, 2025 – July 25, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operations and transportation department leaders will apply finalized school boundary adjustments in order to develop new and/or adjusted bus routes for the 2025-2026 school year (week 2 of 2). • Maintenance department personnel will relocate necessary school furniture, equipment, and supplies from Mt. Vernon-Ruth Elementary School and Rutherford Opportunity Center to other school sites. (Note: All non-emergency work orders will be suspended throughout the week.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday, July 24, 2025: The transportation director will provide finalized school bus routing details and related school transportation information to designated school bus supervisors at each affected school site.
July 28, 2025 – August 1, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The chief financial officer will finalize the disposition of financial accounts held or administered by Mt. Vernon-Ruth Elementary School and Rutherford Opportunity Center. 	
August 4, 2025 – August 8, 2025		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBD: During open house and other events to be held on dates and at times

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teachers and other ten-month employees will complete a series of required workdays to begin the 2025-2026 school year. 	determined by individual schools, school personnel will provide school bus assignments and other helpful transition information to parents and legal guardians.
August 11, 2025 – August 15, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students enrolled at schools observing the traditional school calendar will begin the 2025-2026 school year on Monday, August 11, 2025. 	