

**West Contra Costa Unified School District
School Closure Comments
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Public Comments

- Incorporate safety as a priority. Seismic unsafe buildings need to be included. This would include Portola from Scenario 2. Reduction in schools equal reduction in management (Management reduction needs to occur before any impact on children).

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Close Crespi (en 552/cap 1118) and redistrict approximately 2/3 of students to a mini-MS (7th and 8th grades only) at De Anza (en 952/cap 1833 - rebuilt) and the remaining 1/3 to newly created K-8 schools at Bayview (en 563/cap 649 - rebuilt) and Olinda (en 361/cap 422).

Kennedy (en 923/cap 1551) to remain open via additional students from Stege K-8 (formerly an El Cerrito HS feeder) as a feeder and limited redistricting with Richmond (en 1727/cap 1853). Kennedy should have a target enrollment of 1,200-1,300.

I had an idea about re-staffing the schools after closure decisions are made in such a

way that some programs can be preserved...like the full inclusion program at Castro.

As El Cerrito homeowners and parents of Madera Elementary School 3rd graders I

urge you to not close Portola Middle School. Keep the City of El Cerrito strong and
allow the El Cerrito public school system to thrive by relocating Portola Middle
School to the Castro Elementary School site!

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I am writing to you regarding the proposed closure of Portola

grown to love El Cerrito, and don't want to leave this community. But if there is no school in El Cerrito to go to when my 2 sons reach the age of middle school, we will be forced to move.

- I'm a small business owner that runs my company in this community, and I understand that sometimes you have to make tough financial decisions. I don't blame you for having to close schools. I know it's not popular, and you are forced to do so. I just really want you to know that there are major ramifications if you close Portola and do not decide to rebuild

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- I am in favor of closing Shannon and Coronado because they do not have MP rooms

such a good idea, the Shannon School community would not want that. Tara Hills is just a few blocks away and some could be sent to Collins.

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together to discuss, share and exchange not in separate groups where one group may
~~reside/ be excluded from vital information being shared at a table across the room~~



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- Closing Valley View is not the answer to the districts financial and fiscal short falls.

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- I am a student at Adams Middle School. I am mad that Adams is closing. I don't want to be a drop out.
- Save Olinda!
- Do Not Close Shannon.