

**West Contra Costa Unified School District  
School Closure Committee  
Scenario I Evaluation Comments  
January 8 to January 20**

**Hercules Meeting – January 8, 2009**

**Explanations for Adding & Removing Schools to Scenario I & II**

- Since Coronado has a High API I would be concerned about closure unless the concept making it successful remains intact somewhere else.

• Schools that have really significant special education programs a bsolutely need to

be kept in totality.

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6-12 campuses such as Hercules Middle/High school. Take in consideration the

- Closing school, boarding them up & fencing the land, contribute to property value

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- Don't close high-performing schools & don't close Kennedy; violent issues involved w/ Richmond.
- Coronado should not feed into Nystrom. Nystrom should feed into Coronado.
- Collins is located down town, walking distance to the library & other study trips. There are children there 4<sup>th</sup> generation pinole.

Report for Castro which has been said for and the Board voted to accept will be

wasted. The federal government is ready to pay for “shovel ready” projects such as the Castro Site.

- Please continue to explore alternatives to closing schools.



- Valley View has large 13.5 acres yard [REDACTED] that can accommodate K-8
- Large tighter communities, newer facilities, central to areas.

**Other Comments on School Closures**

- I do not feel any schools really should be closed as all these areas should have neighborhood schools.

- How one can ask Washington D.C. for help, because if they can pay for war they can pay for help for the US kids education.
- I am intrigued with the idea of approaching Chevron for help for the schools. If the board is going to close schools, let them make the decision based on the best data they can find. It is extremely hard to make dispassionate recommendations while at the same time teaching at one of the potentially affected schools.  
I appreciate your attempt at an open process.

- It is apparent from this meet that the community needs much more information to

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To determine to close Kennedy, Bartolo has seismic issues Crespi is under

- Close Crespi.
- Better sinorgy.



- Don't combine gang territories!
- Leave Collins open.

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Move other programs – adult ed. or continuation studies to one of the nearby high schools.

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- Don't close Collins or Shannon. As Hercules is expected to grow those schools

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- Kindergarteners should not mix with 8<sup>th</sup> graders on the Crespi campus. Make Sheldon a K-8 to encourage the enrollment to go up! Make Portola a K-8 to

absorb Castro.

- Collins has too many good things happening there. Not only school, but in little leagues

- Got P.D.

What is the date around De Anza K-8

- Close De Anza – do not put the money into it.

• Culture of community and looking at administrative management positions

1. I have requested to spend sometime and money on resources middle school

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• Keep Collins OPEN for their Special Education facilities as well as their day care

– Miss Patty's. that is an excellent after school program.

• Don't close Pinole Valley High School. it has too much to offer to the

community.

- Do not close any schools. (Especially Pinole Valley High)

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- Listen to your communities. Really take into consideration what they have to say

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- I don't consider any K-8 schools. Culturally it is not wise to combine this wide age gap.
- Valley View has the space/capacity and community interest in creating a K-8 campus on Valley Views site.
- I think considering high performing elementary schools to increase to the K-8 instead of placing middle school students at at high school campus.
- Near to the community and very big.
- ~~While that since there is a high performing school, it will help boost student~~



- If schools are closed students need to be placed into their new schools considering their race, geographic background, academic performance, ethnicity, vicinity

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- Olinda is the best & high performance school in the district. Do not close it!
- Selling a big school (acre-width speaking) makes lot of \$ for district.

- None -- get us some money to keep this school open.
- No school closures.
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- Don't close any schools.
- There are no beneficiaries for these deaths!!!
- No! I don't want any schools to close.
- Go Eagles! Best scenario don't close any schools.
- Take Olinda and Valley View out -- make Crespi/De Anza 7-12

- No school closure.

- High performing schools attract students/ADA. low performing schools send

Crespi to K-8's at Murphy, Sheldon, Valley View or De Anza 7-12.

- Juan Crespi is a low performing school, low API and bad reputation.

- I don't know enough about others in Scenario 1 but these are the ones I'd

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- Close Crespi. Expand/refigure newly remodeled vet under utilized K-6.
- Highland school due to number of students without school at this time (over 600)
- No school close.
- Do not close schools.
- Crespi is horrible as a 7/8... no one will want to send his/her child, a young K or 1<sup>st</sup> grader to that campus.

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- Coronado: build our numbers. Don't move us.
- Close consolidate & other underenrolled schools.
- I don't believe in K-8 schools.
- They suck!
- Wilson: because the kids from Adams are not even older to be with a high school

there "kids" and for that they should be with Wilson.

~~Think ADU school are not an option for closure. I will remove my child from the~~



**Other Comments on School Closures**

I have been in this district since "1952". I sent all my children 4. grand children 4.

child is transferred to a lower scoring school, there will be no reason for us to stay.

- Crespi has been falling apart since I attended the campus, and the graffiti was also there at that time!
- Why would you close high performing schools. The bathroom at Crespi have been Nasty for 20 years.
- Sell Seaview and Alvarado.
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- School closure is not an option – there are creative & innovative ways I am sure

to avert the scenarios above. Business & commercial building one-time fees,  
federal grants (bail out money application?)

- Use economic criteria not politics.
- We are losing 7-12 gr. students, especially in the El Cerrito, Kensington area –  
make K-8 – narents want & maybe we could increase enrollment in secondary

grades.

- Castro absorbs Portola as K-8
- None of these – no K-8

- We do not want our schools closed.
- Ask for contributions from big corporations i.e. Chevron, SP Casino, Developers.  
Ask each parent for a donation \$75 or higher

made on the facility of additional fundraising outreach to corporations, businesses, and parents.

- Adversity has stimulated new ideas & generosities that make obsolete the county's demands of august. The world has changes & a better future is coming.
- No school closure.
- Do not close high performing schools.

- All schools are necessary.
- I do not accept any school closures.
- No schools should be closed.
- None of these possibilities because all we are going to do is divide the students and create more problems.

- More time is needed to come up with such a big decision.
- Close JFK.
- I really don't want to close down any schools.

- Portola, El Sobrante: under enrolled
- No closing to any to the WCCUSD schools.
- Not in favor until other last resort of alternatives.
- Keep all the schools open.

Yoon-Nahat Coronado Portola JFK

- Kennedy: too dangerous for students. Coronado: high API. Portola: seismic issues. Crespi: bad rep.
- No school closure.

#### Explanations on K-8

- No K-8

- No closure.
- Not Crespi.
- Any.

Other Comments on School Closures

- Sell land to open space, redevelop into. Use businesses to generate closure cost

same old Chevron – be creative banks = economics, bio rad = science, cardealers = autoshop, etc.

- Make maintaining quality education a priority. It is what keeps families & funding in WCCUSD. It may even offer better alternative & attract families from worse school districts like Oakland.
- Prefer to allow more time to collect funds from corporate/business to have no school closures

- Prefer to give more time to collect funds and have NO SCHOOL CLOSURES.

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**Options for Adding & Removing Schools to Scenario I & II**

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- Please figure out something else don't close Kennedy. Putting our high schoolers into another high school will create more gang problems. Thank you!
- Sell Seaview and Alvarado and lastly, Serra.

*Public Comments*

**Explanations for Adding & Removing Schools to Scenario I & II**

Agree with the committee. We should not close schools.

- Valley View has a large campus and could support many more portables. We

would welcome K-8 on our campus and keep the academic excellence. High API.

- Prefer no schools close – look at health benefits for huge savings!!

- Why give away \$1 million/yr of QEIA money when were already broke!!??  
Coronado has incredible support in their community & fantastic API scores.

Don't close them!

- Scenario I or II is not an option. Please look on another scenario. Why always

pick on little people? Why not not increasing taxes to rich people to balance the budget? What happen to the lottery money?

- Teachers are great, save the staff! They been working so hard to achieve their good grades, now they got it, do they deserve to be closed?
- Close Alvarado, Seaview, Vista Hills other sites that are no longer used as

enroll all kids on waiting list at Coronado.

- Hardships on families in the lower income communities will be greater than those

- Would save \$. Would encourage sense of community leading to JFK.
- None. Keep all open.
- Make Coronado K-6
- Unacceptable. Closing any high school should not be an option.
- Turn Coronado to K-6 to reach 450 enrollment. Sell Vista hills, Alvarado, &/or

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- Please consider the closure of schools there is no reason for us to be talking why our school needs to be close I rather be in a meeting from 6-9 how to leave more school open for our childrens.

- Please don't close Kennedy or the other school we don't got the right to close all schools. Lets keep Kennedy school opens and all the other schools.

money for transportation.

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*Appointed Members*

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- Given the criteria for K-8 given by the District, I do not believe that K-8 configuration meets the needs of the middle school students.

Coronado = 15.5, El Sobrante = 14.5, Kennedy = 11.8. Note: this scenario does not address the seismic issues at Portola or Adams.

- We cannot fully understand the situation without having information 1. On the operating expenses of each school? 2. The facility conditions of each school?

move that doesn't make much sense. I have concern re loss of programs & losing

EC support during the interim of having Portola rebuilt.

- WCCUSD should develop a school closure approach that impacts as few students

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- Castro: keep inclusionary program but move to Fairmont. Portola: save our

- High performance school should not be closed. Full inclusion.
- Not enough knowledge of these schools to comment.
- Geography – there should continue to be a middle school in the south section of the district.
- High performing schools should not close Portola should not be rebuilt – a build Adams.
- Mix a few
- High API. Parent participation. Inclusion – full – other schools do not have same program. Visit & see.
- Please consolidate some district functions with Kennedy & keep Kennedy open one high school.

- The school board should reconsider the bolder Parachute Program both previous

Ms. Phiffer.



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- K-8 deprives 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> graders of advanced opportunities.
- None.
- None. K-8 increases school segregation & inequality.



- None of the following
- Depends on size of school. Generally I'm opposed for developmental reasons

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school curriculum.

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- Make Coronado K-6!
- Coronado: would be favorable to that neighborhood.
- None, Music, art, sports, GATE Kids.

- Not enough information.
- None.
- K-8's could be option in communities where a middle school had to close.
- Middle schoolers need a middle school!! Extra programs & electives labs etc cannot exist at a K-e effectively.
- Make K-6, like Madera, etc. close Adams, slightly increase Portola @ Castro
- We don't have middle school in this area El Cerrito and Richmond Annex.
- None.
- I am not in favor of K-8
- None.

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does not exist anywhere else in the district. You are forcing parent to sue school district for NPS, which costs the district a lot of money.

- If you've already made up your mind, why go through this process?
  - I think this process is silly
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- This process was not well designed. It seem likely that one of the original scenarios will be adopted (or something similar). Parents will feel patronized & ignored. We need to harness this parent activism & translate it to positive action for the schools.
  - Castro full inclusion is a model school. It cannot be reconstituted elsewhere.
  - Please review past studies that identify alternatives that were developed in presence of the politicized closure process. Also, it is not true that the full

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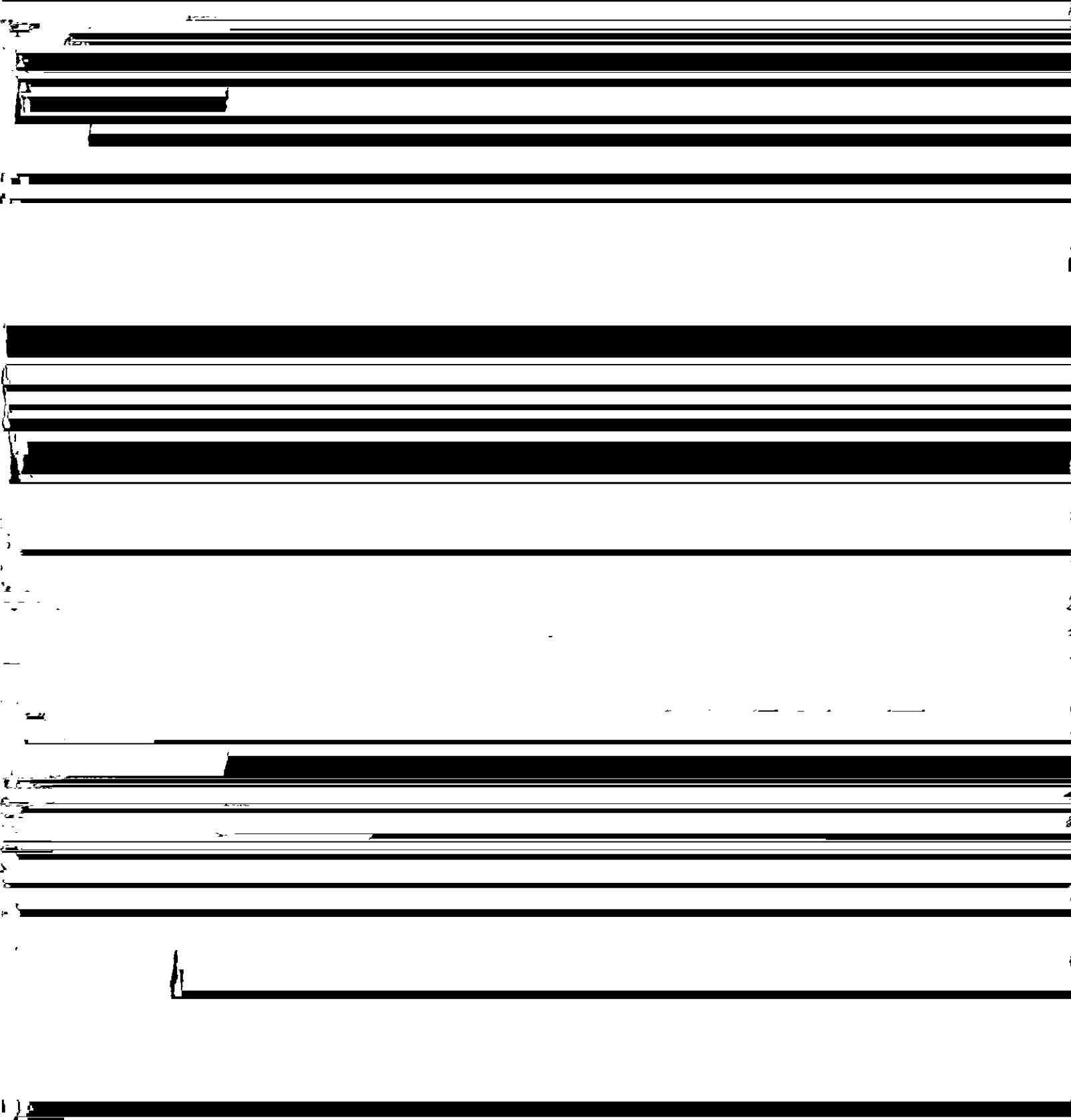
If we just do all we can to raise funds or get debt forgiven 17th

spending per pupil will never produce the results we want!

- I have come support Portola moving to Castro because if Portola didn't move it would be because it had to close. And Portola closing is unfair to El Cerrito. make the right decision. Keep Portola alive.
- Disregard Mark Woo's scenario. It will increase racial segregation and increase economic segregation. Also spending money to make Kensington K8 is making

give El Sobrante. New “middle school” at De Anza & parents will stay in the district for high school.

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they need to learn to go to general classrooms, juggle the demands of multiple teachers and learn to be safe in the much larger environment of high school.

- If Portola closes and the students are moved to Adams I will leave the district and I know many other parents who feel the same way. Adams is more seismically

unstable than Portola, so how can you even consider moving kids there? Portola already has portables on the lower level that can be used while Portola is being

Thanks for listening.

- Scenario 1 is less inequitable and will disrupt fewer schools & communities.

Castro site.

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- I would also like to know more about the alternative/continuation schools. They seem expensive, but if it is keeping kids in school and out of jail, they might be worth it.
- Portola should not be closed. We need a middle school in the Southern part of the district. If you close it & it will further reduce enrollment & income to the district & reduce property values which in turn will reduce taxes. Castro special ed program can be transferred to a different site allowing Portola to rebuild there. I also think that the disproportionate per student state contribution should be normalized throughout the state which would provide the district additional \$.

- Rebuild Portola at Castro site. Portola has excellent academic classes. We need to keep a middle school in El Cerrito to keep up our property value.



- Rebuild Portola ASAP!!
- Rebuild Portola.