



San Diego Unified
SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Realignment/Closure Committee Update

**San Diego Unified Board of Trustees
October 25, 2011**

School Realignment/Closure Committee



Introduction

The School Realignment/Closure Committee was formed to provide recommendations to the board related to the 2012-13 budget deficit.

The Committee was tasked to provide recommendations for the closure of approximately 10 schools for a \$5 million savings.

The Committee also determined that closing of schools should not be based on enrollment alone, nor in the absence of other factors, such as the board priority to have a quality school in every neighborhood.

The Committee has been meeting steadily since January 2011. It is composed of 22 members representing the entire district, schools, and programs.

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The Draft School Recommendation List as of October 25, 2011

Closures:

Cubberley

Cadman

Marvin

Franklin

Cabrillo

Paradise Hills

Vista Grande

Barnard Campus – Move program to Dana and form Pacific Rim Academy

Pacific Beach Middle Campus – Move program to Mission Bay High School

Crown Point Campus – Move program to Bayview Terrace

Additional Facilities:

A high school in the southwest part of the district, pending approval of a new bond

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The Draft School Recommendation List as of October 25, 2011 – continued

Consolidations:

Crawford (4 schools to 1 comprehensive high school)

Emerson – Bandini – Consolidate into one K-5 school at Emerson

Consolidate San Diego High Communication with San Diego High Science and Technology

Grade Level Changes:

Lincoln Cluster K-6 schools to K-5 schools

Mission Bay Cluster –Mission Bay High School 9-12 to 6-12 school

Point Loma Cluster K-4 schools to K-5 schools; Correia 7-8 to 6-8 in 2013-14 by moving 6th graders from Dana

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The School Realignment/Closure Committee looked at, but for various reasons decided not to close or consolidate the following schools:

Adams	Alcott	Carver	Clay
Curie	De Portola	Farb	Field
Foster	Gage	iHigh (move)	Montgomery
Rolando Park	Rowan	Sequoia	Spreckels
Taft	Toler	Webster	Wegeforth
Whitman			

If needed, these 21 schools could form the basis for a second round of closings or consolidations.

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Factors influencing school closure decisions:

1. End of Class Size Reduction – Increases capacity
2. Transportation – both parent and district driven
3. Real estate decisions
4. Capacity at neighborhood schools
5. Title I School Threshold changes
6. Individual school idiosyncrasies/uniqueness's

This process is neither an art nor a science; it is both.

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- In its deliberations and methodology, the Committee has correlated the following, taken from district Administrative Procedure 3113:
 - Grade configuration
 - Enrollment over ten years
 - Facility capacity correlated to that of neighbor schools
 - Capacity vs. enrollment (percentage of utilization)
 - Residents in boundary
 - Resident enrollment and market share
 - Non-residents from within and outside of cluster
 - 2010 API and 2006-10 API growth (improvement over time)
 - Total unrestricted funds per pupil over several years
 - Idiosyncrasies of individual campuses and common sense weigh heavily in the recommendations

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Based on its research and analysis, the Committee believes there was opportunity for discussions related to school closures in the following clusters:

Mission Bay

Crawford

Hoover

Madison

Serra

Atypical Schools

Clairemont

Henry

Kearny

Morse

Point Loma

All sixteen initial cluster meetings have been conducted. The committee has begun the process of the second round of meetings. Cluster meetings have been very well attended, with significant input from the community.

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Timeline for Action:

- **September to mid-November** – Cluster input
- **October 25** – Board update
- **November 29** – First reading of recommendations
- **December 6** – Board Workshop (Tentative)
- **December 13** – Second reading of recommendations and board approval
- **January to August** – Site and district preparations for closure, movement, and change

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Conclusion:

The Committee has and will continue to share data and seek input from a spectrum of cluster and community stakeholders.

All recommendations to date are in the public domain. Full disclosure has been made of all.

Recommendations have included program modification and relocation, closures, grade level changes, and new programs/schools (as funds are available).

The Committee acknowledges that change is a challenging concept. It has done all within its scope to provide well-reasoned, balanced, and equitable recommendations based on common sense.

For realignment closure information and updates, please link to www.sandi.net/realignment.