

## **Board of Education Refers Lum Elementary to District Advisory Committee**

AUSD's Board of Education voted last month to refer the Lum Elementary School campus to the District Advisory Committee (DAC). That committee, in turn, will decide whether the district still needs the property for student use or whether it should be considered "surplus property" that can be used for purposes other than education.

### **Lum Background**

The Board of Education voted in June 2017 to move students and staff off the campus due to the fact that the buildings' shallow foundations were not adequate for the liquefiable soils on the site.

In January, 2018, the district's master architect – Quattrocchi Kwok Architects (QKA) – gave a presentation on the costs of making the site safe. Repairing the buildings, QKA estimated, would cost about \$34.4 million. Building a new elementary school would cost between \$32.8 and \$47.4 million. At that same meeting, the Board asked staff to hold another community meeting to make sure that all questions and options had been addressed.

That meeting was held on May 31. Both the presentation given at that meeting and video of the meeting are available [here](#).

After receiving a staff presentation on both the costs of making the Lum campus safe and the final community meeting, the Board voted on June 12 to refer the fate of the campus to the District Advisory Committee.

### **The Role of the DAC**

School districts are mandated to convene DACs before the sale, lease, or long-term rental of any surplus District property. AUSD's current DAC, which is also analyzing Thompson Field and the lot adjacent to the Bachelor Officers' Quarters on the former Navy Base, was convened in January 2018.

Under state law, such committees must:

- Review projected school enrollment and other data to determine the amount of surplus space and real property currently existing in the district
- Establish a priority list of use of any properties deemed "surplus" that will be acceptable to the community
- Hold public meetings to get community input on acceptable uses of space and real property
- Determine "limits of tolerance of use of space and real property"
- Draft report to the Board of Education recommending uses of surplus space and real property.

Meetings for the District Advisory Committee began in January, 2018. The meetings are open to the public.

Background reports, press releases, and Board of Education presentations related to the seismic issues at Lum Elementary School are all available [here](#). Agendas, reports, and minutes of the DAC are available [here](#).

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