

High School Facilities of the Future Community Meeting – January 29, 2015

Questions and Answers from the Discussion

1. Does the demographic study of spring 2014 account for dropout rates at high schools?

Yes. The [Demographic Study](#) presented to the Board of Education on April 8, 2014 addresses dropout rates and how they impact the AUSD's enrollment.

2. How accurately can the demographer project the growth with regards to Alameda Point developments?

The demographer included the planned developments on Alameda Point, as well as other developments in Alameda, in the [2014 Demographic Study](#).

3. Why do we need to consolidate?

There isn't a "need" to consolidate the schools. Community members asked for a conversation about possibly merging the two high schools during Board of Education discussions about the [Facilities Master Plan](#) last spring.

4. Where is there a parcel of land in Alameda (big enough for one big high school)?

The parcel would have to be identified. The only vacant parcels large enough for a 3200-student campus are on Alameda Point or, potentially, at Encinal High School.

5. Do we have the bonding capacity to build a new school?

At the time of issuance for Measure I Series A in May 2015, AUSD's bonding capacity (meaning the amount the district can borrow for its facilities) will be approximately \$203M. Measure I is for \$179.5M. That would leave the District eligible for \$24M more. We have forwarded the request to the District's bond financial advisor for the calculation.

6. Are there funds for renovation of AHS pool?

AHS pool renovations are not included in Measure I Implementation Plan B. EHS pool renovations are being funded from [an exchange of land and funds](#) that was agreed to by AUSD, the City of Alameda, and the Housing Authority in March, 2014.

7. How is the Board going to make the decision? Only 30-40 people from the community gave input tonight. (The decision) should reflect people's desires, not 7-8 person group's decision.

The Board will make a decision based on input received from the two community meetings, as well as the Board Study Session on February 17th and the Regular Board meeting on February 24th.

8. Are two high schools a real possibility given the costs?

In Implementation Plan B, the Board set aside \$90M for the capital improvements to the EHS and AHS campuses. Please see the [Board presentation](#) from June 24, 2014 for details. The \$90M will address a large portion of the needs on both campuses.

9. Are the projections for enrollment based on land available for future housing?

The question has been forwarded to the demographer for a response.

10. Do other sites' acreages include athletic fields?

Researching with other districts.

11. Where would the land come from?

There are parcels on Alameda Point that could potentially hold a large high school. Another possibility is to expand the facilities at Encinal High School.