



Reconfiguration Process

Hacienda La Puente Unified School District

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Community Input Meeting

August 23, 2023

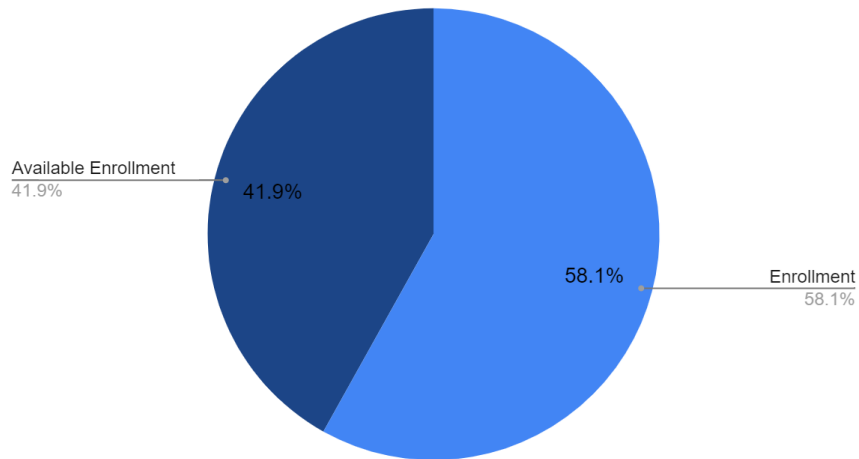


Administrator Input

TK-5	2-4 classes per grade (100 students per grade)	500-700 students
TK-8	2-4 classes per grade (TK-5, about 100 students per grade) & 150 students per grade 6-8	750-1,000 students
6-8	3-6 classes per grade (minimum of 150 students per grade)	500-800 students



HLPUSD - Enrollment Capacity



Enrollment Capacity # of schools that serve TK-8

0-25%	26-50%	51-75%	76-100%
1	8	10	7



Breakout Room Directions

Click to join the breakout room

HLPUSD staff will facilitate

Ensure all members of the room have a chance to talk

Come to consensus on top 3 points for each question

Decide who will share out to the whole group

30 minutes



Breakout Room Questions

1. What are your top priorities in selecting a school?
2. What educational programs are most important to your student's success?
3. What challenges do you feel future school reconfiguration or closure may affect your student?

GROUP 1



What are your top priorities in selecting a school for your child to attend?

TK-8; good teachers (reputation); good reviews about schools; small school; security; transition to middle school can be challenging; TK; TK-6 options; academic rigor; class size (25 max); combo classes; educational programs - dual immersion, STEAM; Blue Ribbon schools; experienced teachers (currently too many substitutes) especially with our neediest students; school nurses/health services

What educational programs are most important to your student's success?

Robotics; more athletics; programs that are consistent across our district with equal opportunities regardless of what side of the district you attend; STEAM; dual immersion; more VAPA (i.e., visual arts, arts, music) and sports; GATE and honors programs at elementary levels

What challenges do you feel future school reconfiguration or closure may affect your student?

It would be a life changing event for students and parents changing schools and teachers; concerns about class sizes growing and students having less attention from teachers;

GROUP 2



What are your top priorities in selecting a school for your child to attend?

- Educational quality, programs such as DI, Test Scores, Stability (not shifting around each year due to numbers)
- Diversity, especially at the elementary level, experiences with a diverse community
- Competent Teachers, caring and compassionate,
- Safety
- Distance from home /work
- Inclusion and integration for students in special education so that they are having the entire school experience
- Quality Facilities, clean grounds, no overcrowding

What educational programs are most important to your student's success?

- Co-teaching programs for Special Education
- STEM (STEAM) Programs, Robotics, Technology,
- ARTS ,VAPA, Music ,Theatre, choir, band programs
- Athletics
- CTE Pathways, 21st Century skills, life skills, transition programs, Adult school course access

What challenges do you feel future school reconfiguration or closure may affect your student?

- Concern over stability, moving from friends that they have known for years social emotional impact of leaving a community they have been a part of
- New leadership at a different site may not be as accommodating for Sped. students or different ideas on how they run their school
- Distance, possible transportation issues, would transportation be provided?
- Could this cause an over enrollment issue at some sites?
- How would reconfiguration impact Open Enrollment ?

GROUP 3



What are your top priorities in selecting a school for your child to attend?

- Safe place. Wonderful principal. School with diversity. Environment where children are happy and learning, and be their best selves.
- Dual Immersion program in Spanish. (both Los Altos ES) Nearby my home. After-school programs offered. Summer school at our home school. My children feel comfortable and it's familiar. Not have large class sizes.
- Enrichment activities are important, especially at MS level. Speech and Special Ed services provided. Transportation needed.

What educational programs are most important to your student's success?

- Speech and Special Education services
- Dual Immersion
- Enrichment activities, after-school programs, summer school
- Counseling services / Wellness Centers
- Robotics, C-STEM, Speech and Debate, Sports
- Gifted and Talented Education

What challenges do you feel future school reconfiguration or closure may affect your student?

- Transportation needs
- Don't want large class sizes
- Not going too far away from home school site
- Support children through the change - mental health support
- Will there be enough bathrooms if schools are combined? (TK now has Kindergarten bathrooms.) Build more? Eating areas? Rainy day schedules?

GROUP 4



What are your top priorities in selecting a school for your child to attend?

- 1) Test scores/awards
- 2) Activities and class choice
- 3) Classroom sizes (large classes = less attention)

What educational programs are most important to your student's success?

- 1) Dual Immersion programs
- 2) After School Programs (include tutoring)
- 3) Visual and Performing Arts (Music Programs -expand to all grades, Piano, Band, Dance, Art)

What challenges do you feel future school reconfiguration or closure may affect your student?

- 1) Class sizes
- 2) Resources (Aides)

GROUP 5



What are your top priorities in selecting a school for your child to attend?

- Type of academic programs offered (dual immersion & advanced/honors classes)
- Offer honors classes and educational pathways as well as community participation (allowing parents/community to work together with students). A lot of parent engagement opportunities. Inclusive practices, sense of community
- Ethnic diversity, dual immersion program, admin accessibility, communication, & friendliness (includes front office)
- For HS, looking at admin, culture, activities, extra-curricular, open door for students outside norm, student safety, class size
- For MS, presentation of home HS, students want to go to schools in Hacienda Heights and parents don't know why. Parent presentation to find out what schools offer.

What educational programs are most important to your student's success?

- AVID or a version of AVID, tutoring, extra educational support, grow social emotional learning, offer dual immersion in high school (history or core subject)
- Counselor dedicated to scholarships/grants, have each HS and 1 for all MS
- Elective courses (music, art) helps students succeed in academic classes
- Financial responsibility elective to help students learn to manage money

What challenges do you feel future school reconfiguration or closure may affect your student?

- Staffing, unqualified teachers for certain subjects, too many subjects being taught by teachers- depending on schools that are projected to close
- Hard for students that will be moved depending on distance of school, a lot of social emotional challenges/ stress
- Amount of notice- let parents know so they can talk to their child and prepare ahead of time
- Feel more genuine when we have a framework available, options shared
- Increase in class sizes, travel to go further distance- how far for students to walk

GROUP 6



What are your top priorities in selecting a school for your child to attend?

- **Number of students per classroom** (not too many)
- **High ratings with programs**
- **Highlighted school/district program information that is accessible** (After school programs; TK; have fairs to spotlight programs)

What educational programs are most important to your student's success?

- **C-STEM/STEM (Lego-themed) programs**
- **Dual Immersion programs at more schools; eventually, at all schools**
- **After school programs (i.e., Champions)**

What challenges do you feel future school reconfiguration or closure may affect your student?

- **Number of students per classroom** (even for upper grade classes - less than 30; Less than 20 in TK) - Protect class sizes
- **Combo classes**
- **Educational career/secondary school experiences**
- Loss of enrollment

Comment:

- Transparency regarding which schools may be affected

GROUP 8



What are your top priorities in selecting a school for your child to attend?

- I appreciate **Bilingual education classes** that are available to our students.
- Having **electives** is very important (for example my daughter likes digital engineering and Dance at Newton, MS).
- Something also important to me is how modern, updated, and clean the school is.
- My perspective is looking overall at the school having a positive school culture (**updated facilities are important, access and exposure to programs like music, technology and robotics is important,**)
- I also looked at the **reputation of the schools**, past test scores, and also teachers at different grade levels and how successful those teachers are with their student development.
- Also very important to consider is **the quality of the teacher** and the teacher methods in how they are educating our students. (**the test scores and the reviews of the school is important** (For example Los Molinos have excellent reviews and excellent scores which help us to decide on the school. Other schools in HLPUSD have lower test scores and lower parent reviews like on websites great schools for example scores schools and these are influential in helping parents pick a school. From a parent perspective these scores should be looked at in deciding which schools stay open and which schools close.

What educational programs are most important to your student's success?

- The environment of the school is also important to parents in terms of **how responsive the principal is** to parents.
- Another important consideration is **how active the PTA is in the school**
- **Having a technology program** is very important for our students. We want to have access to **early arts program like piano and choir**. These programs are very important for our students and greatly positively contribute to the overall experience for our students.
- **CSTEM (technolog, robotics,** is very important for our student experiences in our schools.

What challenges do you feel future school reconfiguration or closure may affect your student?

- **Transportation** is a challenge to think about how to get students to their potential new schools.
- We want to **minimize transitions for our students. changing environment isn't ideal.**
- We need to think about **the social emotional impact on students** who need to change schools and how we will build in support for the students who will need to go through these major changes.