CCUSD Facility Focus Group August 22, 2024

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Agenda

- I. Group Norms
- II. Purpose, Process, Outcomes
- III. Review/Questions from 1st Meeting
- IV. School Capacity & Longevity
- V. Group Work & Share Out



Purpose

Review district enrollment trends and other relevant data to make recommendations for efficient use of district buildings.

The group will meet with a district demographer, explore current enrollment and other data points, and meet with directors to understand how district decisions might impact specific schools and programs.



Process

- Meetings in May, August, September, October, November
- Recommendations to the Superintendent in Fall 2024
- Community input meetings and surveys in Fall/Winter
- Board vote on recommendations in Spring 2025
- Recommendations for school closures/repurposing as early as the 2025-2026 school year



Outcomes

- Provide input to Cabinet to repurpose schools, close schools, and/or redraw boundaries.
- While the group might recommend repurposing specific school sites, the new use of the site will be handled with another group.



Group Norms

- Respectful Communication
- Participate Fully
- Value Differences
- Evidence-Based Decision Making
- Supportive Environment
- Students at the Center
- Others?



North Star What is best for students What will result in future financial stability for CCUSD

Current and Projected Enrollment

ENROLLMENT BY SCHOOL

	Actuals *					Projected							
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Mark Rafferty-Capacity and Lifecycle Study

Questions? Additional information requests

Q: How much money is saved by closing a campus?

The district potentially saves money in the following areas:

- Instruction
- Students
- Instructional Support
- School Administration
- Operations and Maintenance of Plan



Potential Savings

School Administration:

- Principal
- Administrative Assistant
- Attendance Clerk

Instructional/Other Support

- Health Assistant
- Related Services
- Custodial



School Closure Savings

Instruction-Potential savings are dependent on each situation

School A 44 1st grade students = 2 teachers

School B 30 1st grade students = 2 teachers

Combined 74 1st grade students = **3 teachers**



Potential Savings



Superintendent Considerations

- Current enrollment
- Projected Enrollment
- Location (boundaries, proximity to other schools, proximity to district border)
- Speciality Programs
- Facility Needs/Maintenance
- Attendance Consolidation for Efficiency
- Free and Reduced Lunch Percentages
- Demographics
- Number of Bus Routes



Superintendent Considerations

- Consider keeping a neighborhood together
- Special Education programs
- Limit on resources; number of buses and drivers
- Distance from school
- Length of time a student is on a bus
- Safe routes to school- walking vs. busing vs. parent transportation
- Forward thinking to allow for future growth in an effort to minimize future changes to families



Superintendent Considerations

- Balance school enrollment
- Economically viable; fiscally responsible
- Potential cost-savings
- Potential revenue streams for repurposing



Additional Data

School	Capacity	80%	SY23/24	SY 24/25	SY24/25 Below 80% Capacity	SY 33/34 Projected Enrollment	SY 33/34 Projected Below 80% Capacity
BMES	952	762	497	488	274	394	368
DSA	980	784	246	195	589	374	410
DWES	924	740	399	344	396	279	461
HTES	1008	806	416	424	382	252	554
LMES	1036	829	429	377	452	266	563 -
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Additional Data

School	ESS Classrooms	Special Program	Special Program Enrollment	
BMES	4	Arts Integration	Schoolwide	
DSA	1	French Immersion	38	
DWES	2	Spanish Immersion	х	
HTES	2	Horsemanship	Schoolwide	
LMES	5	STEM	Schoolwide	



Group Work

- In groups, identify areas where there is an opportunity to close/repurpose a camus. Identify up to 2 opportunity.
- For each opportunity, explore all options Example
 - Close School A, send students to School B
 - Close School B, split students between School A & C
 - Close School C, send students to School A

What are the opportunities, concerns, considerations and questions that need to be explored for each option?



Group Work

- What are the opportunities, concerns, considerations and questions that need to be explored for each option?
- Share one of the options your group identified.



What additional data/information would be relevant for the group to review?

Questions/ Good of the Order





Small Group Discussion

- What stands out to you from the enrollment data and projections?
- Should any other factors be considered in making recommendations to close schools, repurpose schools and redraw boundaries?

