

School Closure Rankings and Group Rationales

Committee deliberations on August 20 and September 17 2026

Purpose. This report organizes the committee results by school site and adds the reasons reported by each small group. August 20 included two distinct ranking rounds. On September 17, the committee began a preliminary school-by-school review in which “On” meant the school would remain under consideration and “Off” meant it would be removed from consideration. The committee did not complete the elementary-school list or adopt a final ranking or recommendation on September 17.

Reading the September reasons. The September summary identifies each group’s position but records many reasons collectively by school or paired schools.

Results at a Glance

School site	August Round 1	August Round 2	September 17
ATLAS K-8	Diamonds #2; Spades #3	Diamonds #2; Spades #3	H Off C Off D Off S On
Citrus Glen	No ranking	No ranking	Not on working list
Elmhurst	Spades #5	Clubs #3	H On C Undecided D Off S Off
E.P. Foster	No ranking	Removed after Round 1	H On C On D Off S Undecided
Juanamaria	Diamonds #4	Diamonds #3	H On C Undecided D On S Off
Junipero Serra	Clubs #3; Spades #7	Clubs #2	Not reached
Lemon Grove K-8	Spades #6	Removed after Round 1	Not reached
Lincoln	Hearts #2; Spades #1	Hearts #2; Spades #1	Not reached
Loma Vista	No ranking	Removed after Round 1	Not reached
Montalvo	No ranking	Removed after Round 1	Not reached
Mound	Hearts #1; Spades #4	Hearts #1; Spades #4	Not reached
Pierpont	Spades #2	Spades #2	Not reached
Poinsettia	Hearts #3; Diamonds #5	Hearts #3; Diamonds #4	Not reached
Portola	No ranking	No ranking; removed after Round 2	Returned to working list; Not reached
Sheridan Way	Clubs #1; Diamonds #1	Clubs #1; Diamonds #1	H Off C Off D Undecided S Undecided
Sunset K-8	No ranking	Removed after Round 1	Off
Will Rogers	Hearts #4; Clubs #2; Diamonds #3	Not ranked	Not reached

School by School Detail

ATLAS K-8

August 20 group rankings and reasons

Group	Round 1	Round 1 reason	Round 2	Round 2 reason
Diamonds	#2	Proximity to nearby schools with sufficient capacity to absorb students, considered with the criteria reviewed during the prior six meetings.	#2	Proximity, available capacity at other schools, enrollment, and previously reviewed criteria.
Spades	#3	Approximately 50 percent utilization, low enrollment, and limited projected enrollment growth.	#3	The group continued to identify ATLAS based on the Round 1 considerations.

September 17 preliminary group positions and reasons

Group	Position	Reason recorded
Hearts	Off	Removal reasons discussed included the K-8 configuration, recent investments, science labs and restrooms, the Environmental Innovation Center, geographic access, and equity concerns for the Saticoy community.
Clubs	Off	Same removal considerations discussed collectively by the groups.
Diamonds	Off	Same removal considerations discussed collectively by the groups.
Spades	On	Nearby schools with capacity, projected savings, and transfer data.

Citrus Glen

August 20. No group ranked this school in the applicable round.

Committee status. It did not appear on a Round 2 group list and was removed from further consideration following Round 2.

September 17. This school was not on the working list considered during the school-by-school review.

Elmhurst

August 20 group rankings and reasons

Group	Round 1	Round 1 reason	Round 2	Round 2 reason
Spades	#5	Limited ability to attract new students and the availability of other schools nearby.	-	Not selected by Spades in Round 2.
Clubs	-	Not selected by Clubs in Round 1.	#3	Operating cost, consolidation opportunities, and the potential alignment of programs.

September 17 preliminary group positions and reasons

Group	Position	Reason recorded
Hearts	On	Available capacity, comparatively low transfers, prior rankings, and potential cost savings.
Clubs	Undecided	Traffic and transportation effects remained unresolved.
Diamonds	Off	Its neighborhood role, specialized extensive-support-needs program, inclusive playground, facility improvements, and possible enrollment growth.
Spades	Off	Same removal considerations discussed collectively by the groups.

E.P. Foster

August 20. No group ranked this school in the applicable round.

Committee status. It did not appear on a Round 1 group list and was removed after Round 1. It returned to the working list on September 17.

September 17 preliminary group positions and reasons

Group	Position	Reason recorded
Hearts	On	The paired discussion considered two-way immersion, program consolidation or relocation, historic-building costs, facility condition, safety and traffic, equity, staffing-driven operating costs, and estimated savings.
Clubs	On	The group position also favored removing Sheridan Way; the reasons were recorded as part of the combined westside discussion.
Diamonds	Off	The group was undecided on Sheridan Way. The report records the reasons collectively for the paired discussion rather than assigning each factor to this group.
Spades	Undecided	No consensus was reached. The report records the reasons collectively for the paired discussion.

Juanamaria

August 20 group rankings and reasons

Group	Round 1	Round 1 reason	Round 2	Round 2 reason
Diamonds	#4	Proximity to nearby schools with sufficient capacity to absorb students, considered with the criteria reviewed during the prior six meetings.	#3	Proximity, available capacity at other schools, enrollment, and previously reviewed criteria.

September 17 preliminary group positions and reasons

Group	Position	Reason recorded
Hearts	On	Low enrollment, high per-student operating cost, low transfer rates, and proximity to Citrus Glen.
Clubs	Undecided	Some members wanted Juanamaria evaluated with neighboring campuses rather than in isolation.
Diamonds	On	Same continued-consideration reasons discussed collectively by the groups.
Spades	Off	Its ability to receive students, a comparatively safe traffic setting, recent solar and air-conditioning improvements, and concern about closing multiple nearby east-end schools.

Junipero Serra

August 20 group rankings and reasons

Group	Round 1	Round 1 reason	Round 2	Round 2 reason
Clubs	#3	Operating cost, opportunities to consolidate school communities, and the potential to combine programs, including two-way immersion.	#2	Operating cost, consolidation opportunities, and the potential alignment of programs.
Spades	#7	Close proximity to Citrus Glen, which is a newer campus.	-	Not selected by Spades in Round 2.

September 17. The committee did not reach this school before adjournment, so no preliminary group positions or reasons were recorded.

Lemon Grove K-8

August 20 group rankings and reasons

Group	Round 1	Round 1 reason	Round 2	Round 2 reason
Spades	#6	Low projected enrollment.	-	Not selected in Round 2; removed from further consideration following Round 1.

Committee status. It appeared only on the Spades Round 1 list and was removed from further consideration following Round 1. It returned to the working list on September 17 but was not reached.

September 17. The committee did not reach this school before adjournment, so no preliminary group positions or reasons were recorded.

Lincoln

August 20 group rankings and reasons

Group	Round 1	Round 1 reason	Round 2	Round 2 reason
Hearts	#2	Small size, low enrollment, and the ability of nearby schools to absorb students.	#2	The same considerations identified in Round 1.
Spades	#1	Low enrollment, limited capacity for future enrollment growth, and nearby school options.	#1	The group continued to identify Lincoln based on the Round 1 considerations.

September 17. The committee did not reach this school before adjournment, so no preliminary group positions or reasons were recorded.

Loma Vista

August 20. No group ranked this school in the applicable round.

Committee status. It did not appear on any Round 1 group list and was removed from further consideration following Round 1.

September 17. This school was not on the working list considered during the school-by-school review.

Montalvo

August 20. No group ranked this school in the applicable round.

Committee status. It did not appear on any Round 1 group list and was removed from further consideration following Round 1.

September 17. This school was not on the working list considered during the school-by-school review.

Mound

August 20 group rankings and reasons

Group	Round 1	Round 1 reason	Round 2	Round 2 reason
Hearts	#1	Non-boundary status, reliance on parent transportation, significant traffic, and proximity to other schools.	#1	Closing Mound was viewed as creating less burden; the group otherwise relied on the Round 1 considerations.

Group	Round 1	Round 1 reason	Round 2	Round 2 reason
Spades	#4	A non-boundary school that enrolls students who might otherwise attend their neighborhood schools.	#4	Returning students to neighborhood schools and the potential effect on school test scores.

September 17. The committee did not reach this school before adjournment, so no preliminary group positions or reasons were recorded.

Pierpont

August 20 group rankings and reasons

Group	Round 1	Round 1 reason	Round 2	Round 2 reason
Spades	#2	Not viewed as a traditional neighborhood school; small enrollment; and no projected influx of new families with school-age children.	#2	The group continued to identify Pierpont based on the Round 1 considerations.

September 17. The committee did not reach this school before adjournment, so no preliminary group positions or reasons were recorded.

Poinsettia

August 20 group rankings and reasons

Group	Round 1	Round 1 reason	Round 2	Round 2 reason
Hearts	#3	Parent transportation patterns, high operating cost per student, and traffic conditions on Victoria Avenue.	#3	The same transportation, operating-cost, and traffic considerations identified in Round 1.
Diamonds	#5	Proximity to nearby schools with sufficient capacity to absorb students, considered with the criteria reviewed during the prior six meetings.	#4	Proximity, available capacity at other schools, enrollment, and previously reviewed criteria.

September 17. The committee did not reach this school before adjournment, so no preliminary group positions or reasons were recorded.

Portola

August 20. No group ranked this school in the applicable round.

Committee status. It did not appear on a Round 2 group list and was removed following Round 2. It returned to the working list on September 17 but was not reached.

September 17. The committee did not reach this school before adjournment, so no preliminary group positions or reasons were recorded.

Sheridan Way

August 20 group rankings and reasons

Group	Round 1	Round 1 reason	Round 2	Round 2 reason
Clubs	#1	Operating cost, opportunities to consolidate school communities, and the potential to combine programs, including two-way immersion.	#1	Campus condition; E.P. Foster's ability to absorb students; and the possibility of relocating the two-way immersion program.

Group	Round 1	Round 1 reason	Round 2	Round 2 reason
Diamonds	#1	Proximity to nearby schools with sufficient capacity to absorb students, considered with the criteria reviewed during the prior six meetings.	#1	E.P. Foster was identified as having the ability to absorb Sheridan Way students.

September 17 preliminary group positions and reasons

Group	Position	Reason recorded
Hearts	Off	The paired discussion considered maintaining westside access, two-way immersion, possible program consolidation or relocation, facility condition, historic-building costs, safety and traffic, equity, operating costs, and estimated savings.
Clubs	Off	The group position also favored keeping E.P. Foster under consideration; the reasons were recorded as part of the combined westside discussion.
Diamonds	Undecided	The group favored removing E.P. Foster but did not resolve Sheridan Way. Reasons were recorded collectively for the paired discussion.
Spades	Undecided	No consensus was reached. Reasons were recorded collectively for the paired discussion.

Sunset K-8

August 20. No group ranked this school in the applicable round.

Committee status. It did not appear on any Round 1 group list and was removed after Round 1. On September 17, it remained outside consideration because of geographic access concerns.

September 17. Sunset remained outside further consideration because of its geographic circumstances and the need to preserve school access in that community.

Will Rogers

August 20 group rankings and reasons

Group	Round 1	Round 1 reason	Round 2	Round 2 reason
Hearts	#4	Proximity to other schools, capacity elsewhere, high net cost, and comparatively few recently completed facility upgrades.	-	Not selected by Hearts in Round 2.
Clubs	#2	Operating cost, opportunities to consolidate school communities, and the potential to combine programs, including two-way immersion.	-	Not selected by Clubs in Round 2.
Diamonds	#3	Proximity to nearby schools with sufficient capacity to absorb students, considered with the criteria reviewed during the prior six meetings.	-	Not selected by Diamonds in Round 2.

September 17. The committee did not reach this school before adjournment, so no preliminary group positions or reasons were recorded.

Committee Process and Outcome

The August rounds narrowed the schools under consideration. Following Round 1, the committee removed E.P. Foster, Lemon Grove, Loma Vista, Montalvo, and Sunset. Following Round 2, the committee removed Citrus Glen and Portola.

At the September 17 meeting, the working list brought E.P. Foster, Lemon Grove, and Portola back into discussion. The committee completed preliminary discussion of ATLAS K-8, Elmhurst, E.P. Foster and

Sheridan Way, and Juanamaria. The remaining schools were not reached before adjournment. These group positions were preliminary and did not constitute final committee action.