

## SFAC MEETING 1/12/10

### HIGHLANDS/FOOTHILL AREA Common Thoughts from Community Meetings

#### Larchmont –

- “Good School”
- Element of community
- History
- Not an elementary issue (7-12<sup>th</sup> issue)
- Safe school – Look at Joyce because of traffic
- Question to why GCC to Larchmont –  
Funding/budget questions
- Why us?

#### Recommendations –

- Close Joyce
  - Make Larchmont K-8
  - Academy
- } Increase enrollment  
} More competitive

#### CCAA –

- Strong support for program
- No problem combining CCAA/Westside programs
- Concerns about safety 7-12 grade level program  
Concern about safety at Don Julio for students – from Highlands H.S.
- Concern about staffing – Keep K-6 teachers at K-6  
Find qualified teacher that will support CCAA culture (7-8)
- Grade level configuration options  
(K-6 → 7-8-9 / K-6 → 7-8-9-10 / K-8 → 9-12)  
K-6 7-8-9-10 (open 2010-11)  
K-6 Holmes and 7-10<sup>th</sup> grade at HAAD West

#### Recommendations –

- K-8 at District schools
- Consider moving Special Education and CCAA to Larchmont

#### HAAD 7-8 –

- Competition of Charter with Highlands; Inferiority feelings – improve Charters but not Highlands High; Highlands High being pushed aside in favor of Charter.
- Danger of mixing Highlands High with Foothill students (perception with parents)
- Loss of students to other schools – cause Highlands High to shrink and die
- Concern about mixing 7-8 with 9-12 students (safety) at Highlands High
- Facilities in “S” wing not able to house all 7-8 students
- Loss of support facilities (labs, computers, libraries) at Highlands High
- What is District’s vision for Highlands High to compete with other high schools?

#### Recommendation –

- K-8 to keep pathways to Highlands High