

TRUSD Program Realignment and School Consolidation

A Summary of Findings,
Recommendations and Options

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When It Rains, Everyone Gets Wet

Weak Economy Means Stormy Weather

- Where is it raining?
 - Retail Businesses
 - Service Industry
 - Housing Market
 - State Government
 - Local Government
 - School Districts



School Districts' Perfect Storm:

- Budget Reductions
 - Past present and future
- Declining Enrollments
 - Decline in past with projection for 3 years
- Empty Desks
 - Increasing empty desks and/or classrooms
- Competition for Students
 - Loss of students past several years



School District Storm Damage

Program Reductions

After School Programs
Library Hours
Summer School

Staff Reductions

Administrators
Teachers
Classified Employees

Increase Fees for Use

After School Athletics
Facility Use
School Meals

Reduction in Services

Class Size (K-3) (4-12)
Maintenance
Transportation

TRUSD Disaster Relief Plan

1. Improve Academic Performance

Rigorous and Relevant Instruction

2. Reduce Expenditures

Cut Spending

3. Retain and Grow Enrollments

Compete for Students

4. Consolidate School Facilities

Reduce Facility Vacancies



“Sac Unified Must Face Reality at Last”

Sacramento Bee January 31, 2009

SCUSD enrollments 53,400 to 47,300

“When a school district operates **too many school buildings for its enrollment**, it faces a costly trade-off. It has to pay all the cost of keeping buildings open- heating and air conditioning, electricity, repairs, etc. That’s **money not being spent on programs that would attract parents and students to Sac City Schools.**”



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Size Matters:

- “Fifteen of the district’s 45 K-6 schools have **fewer than 350 students**. This is unsustainable”

Comparable School District

- San Juan Unified School District with similar decline between 2003 and 2007 **closed 10 schools by creating K-8 campuses.**

Note: SCUSD closed 4 schools in 2009/10



“Squeezed Capital-Area School Districts Ponder Campus Closures”

Sacramento Bee October 16, 2009

Under Consideration for **2010/11** School Year

- San Juan Unified School District (**2**)
- Sacramento City Unified School District (**6-8**)
- Natomas Unified School District (**1**)
- Center Unified School District (**1?**)

