

**COMMUNITY MEETING 12/16/09
RIO LINDA HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AREA
RIO LINDA JR. HIGH SCHOOL**

SUGGESTIONS (CLOSURES)

Do not want to see it happen.

Can the parents pay extra money in the form of a parcel tax to help subsidize a school to keep open?

6th graders are not ready. Make K-8th, dump Jr. High.

Families still will move just sooner!! They would move at 5th grade because the parents would not want to come to Jr. High.

School Closures - Please do not close the schools. Parents of Special Ed kids need this program to learn better. Bigger fundraisers are needed. How? IDK yet. A.J.

Close the Jr. High and grow all the elementary to K-8!

1) Reconfigure K-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12; 2) Rio Linda Elementary, Orchard Elementary; 3) Library, Teen Center, Senior Center, Public Use Auditorium, D.H.

Rio Linda Jr. High has had 30 years to get their act together and 30 years later it still has not changed at all. I would home school my child before sending them to Jr. High.

SUGGESTIONS

7/8/9 configuration at Rio Linda Jr.High.

a. Bring in Jr. College programs to the High School.

Make Jr. High School 6-8; fills up Jr. High School and make elementary K-5. Close 1 or 2 elementary schools.

Make Rio Linda Jr. High a 6/7/8 Charter.

Would consider a K-8 program.

Consider quality of education vs. quantity of students in a classroom.

Close Rio Linda Jr. High; send students to Norwood. Make Rio Linda Jr. High part of Rio Linda High School.

Could you add a preparatory program to the Jr. High to entice families to enroll here and not go elsewhere?

If there must be a realignment of grade levels, we are more comfortable with K-8. My children have attended the same elementary school throughout and our family would have a rapport with that staff. Reutilization of the Rio Linda Jr. High would be most acceptable.

Concern - grade level configuration - 6th grade students not ready to be exposed to issues at 7/8 schools for a 6/7/8 program. Gangs, drugs, etc.

Move a charter school to Rio Linda Jr. High to bring students.

Look at community service to help reduce cost of operating schools to keep them open.

Make Rio Linda Jr. High the Westside Prep Charter campus.

I currently have a 5th grader and have already applied to a neighboring district's charter school for next year. The perception of Rio Linda Jr. High is not good. My children will not go here under any circumstances. Perhaps bringing the charter school on campus would help. Strong leadership with a strong principal is a necessity. M.B. My child is also a GATE student. Maybe a GATE academy on campus??

When you have a forum and invite the community - you need to respect opinions and document them. This forum was VERY clear that only certain comments/questions and opinions were written down. Not a way to respect people who took time to come and express feelings.

Problems with Jr. High going 6-8. Parents don't want to send their students to the Jr. High - so we lose our 7th graders. If we move the 6th down - parents will pull kids for 6th.

Bring 9th graders into Jr. High would create a need to have kids in at 7th grade level to get prepared credit wise for high school.

Recommendations - Realignment of grade levels - K-8 at the elementary schools. K-6 standard at this school; 7-8 in core group rotations. Jr. becomes Westside Prep Charter. Realignment of grade levels - K-6 elementary, 7-8-9 Jr. High, 10-11-12 High School, with Jr. College courses and magnet school.

6th grade students are not developmentally ready to merge with the seventh and eight grade campus. Special needs children being placed on a big campus and merged with children without develop delays - how would this effect their social/emotional development?

How can a child with special needs build self image and self esteem? If the schools are being closed some after school activities can be developed with special needs child in mind.

Use colleges that need internship hour to help children retain interest in Jr. High and High School.

Consider that 6th grade parents don't want 6th with 7/8th.

Don't want my 6th with 7/8th graders. How would that be managed? Don't like the unsafe Jr. High campus, gangs/groups/police.

Love our school - don't want it shut. What is the cost to add buildings to a campus? Keep in mind all of the Special Ed programs.

OTHER USES

Bring in a public library.

Alternative education delivery systems.

Community College/Adult Ed programs.

Expand Rio Linda Park and Rec programs with site.

Satellite intern programs from Sac State.

Rio Linda lacks some good services because of the distance from metro areas and rural nature. A comprehensive county community services center would be good (i.e., police, fire, water, library, permits, etc.)

Consider performance level at each individual school when it comes to closure/relocation. Increase revenue (fundraising, parent part.); decrease spending (admin, supplies, etc.); focus on education not bottom line money.

Why are we always sacrificing the elementary level for the Jr. High School? The elementary is WORKING, the Jr. High is NOT.

It has taken many years for students with special needs in SDC classes at Rio Linda Elementary to be accepted and included within the school; teachers, staff and General Ed. Students accept and include those kids with special needs because of the on-going effort by all staff. Closing schools and moving programs will be an overwhelming setback in the inclusion of students with special needs.

How would the Jr. High meet Special Ed needs at the 6th grade level if it were 6-8th for Jr. High as they don't have the ability to do it at the 7th and 8th grade level for students with autism?

Why would we even consider closing a school in the Rio Linda area for elementary school when we have clear data that shows kids move prior to Jr. High? This would just make families move at 5th grade in fear of the Jr. High at 6th grade.