

Superintendent's Preliminary Recommendations

January 28, 2010



Thoughtful Approach to Realignment

- Multi-year plan
- Savings of \$1.6 million associated with the closure of at least 4 schools in 2011-2012
- Additional savings of \$800,000 with the closure of at least 2 schools in 2012-2013
- Must provide programs aligned with neighborhood needs



Recommendations by Neighborhood Network

- Organized by comprehensive high school feeder patterns (Grant, Rio Linda, Highlands, Foothill)
- Part of our efforts to consolidate and realign central office staff
- Gives our school communities the benefit of the increased resources of a larger district while providing neighborhood feeling of alignment



Recommendations – Highlands

Revised SFAC
Recommendations

Grow Larchmont
Elementary to a
preschool
through 8th grade
campus

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Grow K-6 schools to a K-8 network
of schools based on site capacity

Two-year process-growing to 7th grade
in 2010-11 and 8th grade in 2011-12

Students attend 7-8 at neighborhood
elementary sites or Foothill Junior High
School

Consider boundary realignments

Why it Works

- Data- community supports the idea
- Keeping area families- eliminates one transition, fewer students leaving our district after 6th grade
- Utilization- our elementary sites have the capacity to take in additional students
- Experience –area K-8s are successful academically, socio-emotionally for students
- Parent Involvement – keeps our families involved with students through 8th
- Increases Options – families can choose from K-8 schools, nearby 7-8 school, college prep and arts charter school



Recommendations – Highlands

Revised SFAC Recommendations

HAAD 8th grade options (1 year)

- Attend HHS in “S” wing
- Attend Hillsdale 8th grade
- Attend Foothill Farms JHS
- Attend CCAA or WPCS

Restore HAAD to Highlands High School and grow career-path academic and technical academies in the areas of technology and public service

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HAAD 8th grade options (1 year)

- Attend HHS in “S” wing
- Attend Hillsdale 8th grade
- Attend Foothill Farms JHS
- Attend CCAA or WPCS

Reinvent HAAD to create new Highlands High School (9-12) and grow new Highlands High School career-path academic and technical academies in the areas of technology and public service

Why it Works

- 1 year transitional plan
- Offers 8th graders a variety of options
- Strong community and school support to reinvent Highlands High School
- Builds on existing strength of Highlands “Royalty Club” (service club for students)



Recommendations – Highlands

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Create CCAA
HS at Don Julio
campus-
enrollment to be
capped

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Expand Creative Connections
Arts Academy (CCAA) from
K-8 to K-12th over 2-3 years

Enrollment to be capped

Campus to be split between
current CCAA campus and
Don Julio campus

Why it Works

- Data- this is an academically successful, in-demand program
- Provides an additional secondary choice for families (Only district charter HS available)
- Re-purposes Don Julio campus
- Dependent/District charters are Twin Rivers schools, provide options and resources
- Builds enrollment –
 - Last year, just 3 CCAA students stayed in district



Recommendations – Highlands

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Revisit the
expansion of
Westside Prep for
2011-2012

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Revisit the
expansion of
Westside Prep for
2011-12

Recommendations – Highlands

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Relocate Keema to Campos Verdes site, relocate GCC to an alternate suitable location in the district

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Relocate Keema in
2011-12

Why it Works

- Can apply for a one year waiver to continue to use GMTI facility
- Time to explore additional geographical options to grow enrollment



Recommendations – Highlands

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Create a North Highlands Neighborhood Network Task Force to review **all area K through 8th grade programs**, data, and best research to plan the creation of the K-8 schools and develop an initial implementation plan that includes consolidating at least 1 school in this area by 2011-12.

Task force will deliver preliminary proposal to realign and consolidate schools by March 15, 2010 for partial implementation in the 2010-11 school year.

Recommendations – Foothill

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Revisit the
expansion of
Westside Prep in
the Foothill Farms
area for 2011-2012

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Revisit the
expansion of
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2011-2012

Recommendations – Foothill

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Recommendations

Grow K-6 schools
to a K-8 network of
schools based on
site capacity in
Foothill Farms,
Consider creating
new K-8 school at
FFJHS if needed

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Recommendations – Foothill

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Create a Foothill Neighborhood Network Task Force to review all area K through 8th grade programs, data, and best research to develop a proposal for realignment that includes consolidating at least 1 school in this area by 2011-12.

Task force will deliver preliminary proposal to realign and consolidate schools by May 1, 2010 and a revised set of plans by November 1, 2010 for implementation in the 2011-12 school year.

Recommendations – Grant

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Suspend North
Avenue Closure

Pilot new program
to grow enrollment

Revisit progress of
school/program

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Suspend North Avenue
Closure

Pilot new program
designed by North Ave.
principal and staff to grow
enrollment

Recommendations – Grant

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Pilot Strauch
Elem. (K-5) and
Rio Tierra Jr.
High (6-8)

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Move Strauch
Elementary 6th grade
program to Rio Tierra
Junior High School

- Three-year pilot program
- Review and monitor on a yearly basis

Why it Works

- Strauch is overcrowded
- Rio Tierra has capacity
- Community support for plan
- Schools working together to develop smooth transition



Recommendations – Grant

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Continue to
study relocation
of Smythe 7-8
for 2011-2012
school year

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Designate Dos
Rios Elementary
school site for
current and future
community growth

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Create a Grant Neighborhood Network Task Force to review **all area K through 8th grade programs**, data, and best research to develop a proposal for realignment that includes consolidation of at least 1 school by 2011-12.

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Recommendations – Rio Linda

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Regency Park
Elementary
becomes an
interim multi-track
or feed into
Norwood Junior
High School

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Convert Regency Park
Elementary to a
preschool through 5th
grade school and
Norwood Junior High
becomes a 6th grade
through 8th grade
school as part of the
Regency Park student
pathway

Why it Works

- Regency is overcrowded
- Norwood Junior High has capacity
- Parent and teacher tour and support for proposal

Recommendations – Rio Linda

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Create K-8 schools at Dry Creek, Rio Linda, Westside, Orchard campuses and look at boundary realignment.

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Create K-8 schools at Dry Creek, Rio Linda, and Orchard campuses and look at boundary realignments.

Phased in with K-7 (2010-2011) then K-8 (2011-2012)

Why it Works

- Data- community supports the idea
- Keeping area families- eliminates one transition, fewer students leaving our district after 6th grade
- Utilization- our elementary sites have the capacity to take in additional students in multi-year plan
- Experience –area K-8s are successful academically, socio-emotionally for students
- Parent Involvement – keeps our families involved with students through 8th
- Increases Options – families can choose from K-8 schools, nearby 6-8 middle school, college prep 7-8 charter school, and nearby arts charter K-12 school



Recommendations – Rio Linda

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Rio Linda Junior
High School
current 7th graders
will continue to 8th
grade at RLJHS
during transition

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Rio Linda Junior High
School transition

- Current 7th graders will continue to 8th grade at RLJHS
- Same schedule as RLHS to simplify transportation (8-12 together for one year)

Why it Works

- One year transition plan
- Smoothest transition option for current RLJHS students



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(2011-2012)

Dry Creek becomes a K-8 school housed on the Dry Creek campus and the former Rio Linda Junior High campus. One elementary will merge with Dry Creek to create the new K-8 school

- Vacant elementary campus is repurposed

Why it Works

- Quickly utilizes RLJHS and the valuable technology, gym, labs available to students
- Opportunity to allow Rio Linda community to collaborate on design and creation of Dry Creek K-8 to incorporate most important elements
- Could be a K-3, 4-8, K-4, 5-8, or any number of combinations as task force recommends
- Organic growth of K-8 with students who have attended together since kindergarten



Recommendations – Rio Linda

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Rio Linda High School
to phase-in Small
Learning Communities
and Project-Based
Learning (Graphic
Design,
Aqua/Agriculture
Sciences)

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Rio Linda High School to
phase-in Small Learning
Communities and
Project-Based Learning
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Create a Rio Linda Neighborhood Network Task Force to review **all area K through 8th grade programs**, data, and best research to plan the creation of the K-8 schools and develop a partial implementation proposal for realignment in 2010-11 that includes consolidating at least 1 school in this area by 2011-12.

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TRUSD Disaster Relief Plan

1. Improve Academic Performance

Implement Rigorous and Relevant Instruction

2. Reduce Expenditures

Cut Spending

3. Retain and Grow Enrollments

Compete for Students

4. Consolidate School Facilities

Reduce Facility Vacancies



What this Means

- New era of choice- work together to attract and retain our families
- Our schools will be family-friendly, safe, inspirational places to learn
- Include our families and community in collaborative decision-making
- If we take these actions together, we will make it through these difficult times



What you Can Do

- Continue to be involved by participating in one of our two remaining board meetings (February 2, February 16)
- Email us at mythoughts@twinriversusd.org
- Subscribe to our e-newsletters at the bottom of our web site (www.twinriversusd.org), stay informed, and share the news about our students, schools, and district
- Join our “Communications Corps” and help us market our schools and programs to attract and keep students (Clipboard at back of room)



Thank You

