

Comments from parents to our initial survey given after the forum on December 2, 2009: 45 attendees voted: In favor 31 - Undecided 10 - Opposed - 4

IN FAVOR (31 votes, not all commented)

LT

- I like this program. I would like to see this go on further.

KW

- I'm concerned about the quality & enthusiasm of the staff at K-12 in comparison to the excellent teamwork at CCAA K-8.
- I am mostly interested in ensuring a similarly disciplined campus as CCAA with strong awareness of the activities & whereabouts of the student body.
- It will be important to distance our identity from the Don Julio JGWS & make the separation clean.

TL

- I do want a CCAA High School!
- I am in favor of moving the 7th & 8th temporarily for the purposes of helping start the HS. I would want the original standing K-8 charter and vision to be reinstated as soon as the HS was viable because the 7 & 8 experience on a K-8 campus is much more sheltered than what they would have at a 7-12 campus.
- When planning at both sites please keep in mind the needs of families at both campuses when planning schedules and events.

YT

- I think it is a good idea.

NS

- It is a good idea.

BB

- I like the 7th & 8th moving. I think it ensures the continuation of the program.

MB

- I like that we are looking at opening a high school for our children. I think it is important to keep expanding new offerings for our children. It is important to move our 7th & 8th grade kids to the new campus as we expand to include the 9th grade.
- I want to see as many of our Jr. High teachers move as possible to maintain the feel & consistency of our school.
- I look forward to this new opportunity.

LC

- I would like to see it kept a smaller school. Putting a cap so they can experience the same as they have done at CCAA where every student has connections to every teacher.
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AH

- In favor of a CCAA High School BUT **opposed** to combining 7 & 8 with 9-12. I am very concerned with location of proposed CCAA and would certainly want to core group of teachers to transfer with students if proposal happens.

JL

- Same charter
- Same teacher hiring procedure & standards
- Increase academic opportunities

DH

- Our children deserve a quality education.

DJ

- I'm in favor of a CCAA Jr/Sr High School because our students view their education & the arts differently than most other students. Our students, I believe, tend to be more committed because they have already identified their interest in the arts and they pretty much have decided what they want to do with their lives. They are more focused. CCAA for 7th & 8th grade has been an excellent experience for my daughter.
- I am concerned that for high school there won't be any students in 10th through 12th for my daughter to learn from or have leadership from.
- I would like for my daughter to experience a full high school 9th-12th grade students. CCAA Jr/Sr HS won't offer her that because she would be one of the 1st 9th graders and then move up through 12th grade. There won't be any higher grades for her to experience from, but I still think it's a good idea.

JB

- I would like to see a formal service learning component part of the program.

LR

- I would like to see a survey put out to current residents (especially those with HS students) to see if they would attend/transfer to CCAA HS. Then, maybe we would create a 9-12 school right off the bat and leave the 7th & 8th at this campus.

SG

- After the High School achieves 9-12 grades can we return the 7-8 graders to our school? I want to keep our students from intermixing with the Highlands students.

TB

- I want this to happen as long as CCAA standards are **enforced**. I want my children to attend a school with other kids who care about succeeding.

KB

- If it is mixed with Westside Charter, I do not want to lose the visual/performing arts focus/program.

JB

- Westside & CCAA don't have the same goals & could share electives but not scholastic.

SM

- I am confident that with the support of the parents, teachers and administrators, this program will be just as successful as the K-8 program. What a great opportunity.

BP

- Some concerns about 12th graders mingling with 7th graders.
- It would be wonderful if we could play sports with Highlands and be part of the larger HS experience (cheer, etc.) This would be a deal-breaker for my boys & my 5th grader. They need a sports program (baseball & soccer, especially!)
- Best option I see for my 8th grader for High School! There are no good options in the district for HS, honestly. The college-bound numbers are so low!
- This will keep me in the district!
- 7:45 or 8:00 start time is good for me!

NM

- I have an 8th grader. I like what I'm hearing for this new High School. I want high standards academically maybe an IB program.

SC

- It would be nice to have Westside integrate with CCAA.

JB

- Why did this not happen sooner? Can we start with 7, 8, 9, 10 or 9-10?

FO

- I think it would be a good thing so our kids can grow and have new experiences to be ready for when they grow into college.

LB

- Taking a leap of faith. We want it done right and I am willing to help make a wonderful Arts High School.
- CCAA is a miracle in North Highlands and I foresee us having another miracle.

UNDECIDED - 10

JM

- There seems to be a significant amount of uncertainty, so it's hard to form a solid opinion. If anything, the children's growth & well-being is my main concern. That's all that sincerely matters to me. The reason my daughter came to CCAA, is to have an opportunity or opportunities that I didn't have or for that matter opportunities that she won't have at a public HS.

JS

- I'm on the fence. I'm not so sure about taking the 7th /8th graders over to 9th-12th High School because I am concerned about maturity & social issues. However, if it's unavoidable and is necessary, I would like to be careful to

keep grade levels separated and would want to take a closer look at the Natomas Charter HS that is 6-12.

- I am interested in being on the board.

BD

- I'm leaning to favor, but it depends on the answers to my questions: Will our staff be able to go with our children? Who will be principal? Who will be the classified?

KC

- I am strongly opposed to moving our 7th & 8th grade students to HAAD West. Removing them from the current campus would create such a void in the CCAA atmosphere that has been key to the success of all students here. When on campus, especially in the afternoon, I see students in grades 1-8 working and learning together. This is key to the development of all of the ages concerned. When these kids interact the way they do here, the younger kids develop healthy respect, and not fear, for their older peers and the older kids develop a sense of responsibility toward their younger counterparts. In turn, these attitudes are taken back and continued in their perspective neighborhoods.
- Moving the Jr. High students to be with high school students is not allowing them the freedom to be kids and grow up according to their development. This move would have them growing up faster than they are already.

AH

- We prefer K-8. The current CCAA campus is close to home/work. Highlands is a rough neighborhood and my 7th grader will have to be safe.
- After school programs will be important for two full-time working parents

AM

- Size - would like to keep smaller size
- Would like advanced prep courses for college classes for college units
- Please keep what's successful at CCAA

AS

- I need more information stating the goals and how this best serves my child and all the other children in the community.
- Once we have more information I will support whichever options prevail because working with what you have is the only way to make any progress.

Unstated

- Why can't this district open up a high school charter? A thought is to combine the current HS students onto one campus, then open the other HS as a true Arts Charter. Open up a middle school & a high school on the campus.

DW

- As a teacher I love the idea as long as it's done right. Without transporting CCAA middle school programs to the High School, it would have to be a more

focused arts program. As a parent, I'm truly concerned with 7th -12th on one campus.

Opposed to the proposed CCAA Jr. /Sr. High School - 4

DS

- I like the way it is. My kids like where they are. The 7th - 8th graders are the example for the younger kids. I have a 10th grader who is at Global Youth because they offer college credits and she is doing very well. I didn't want to send her to Highlands or Don Julio when she was in 7-8th. I was glad it was here.

BG

- I really want CCAA to stay a K-8 Charter School. I want my son to have a good Jr. High experience and I don't think he would if he left the confines of a small campus with a close staff. Please don't change anything!!

AM

- Don't think the Jr. High can support K-12 and will end up at Highlands High and stay a failing school. Without funding you don't get qualified teachers.

RM

- We aren't interested in sending our children to a 7-12 school.
- 12th graders with 7th graders = θ
- We have problems with transportation now, it would be more difficult.