

Comments from CCAA Students

AG - Opposed: I would not like to change CCAA into a Jr/Sr high school for many reasons. For one, it may be harder for some people to commute to the new area. Some people go here because it is close to where they live. Second, it would be difficult for some students to adapt to the new environment. While people have already gotten used to CCAA, it would take a long process for kids to be comfortable there. Lastly, while I understand how it would be better for the school, it would be harder for the students. Sixth graders already looking into other schools, not because of this, but it gives them a spot in a charter school. There is a waiting list for any good charter school, and no one is given a spot without the right requirements. For instance, if you pass the audition you must be put on the waiting list and the drawing. However, it is very difficult to get into a school the very year you apply. CCAA is where students can go where they get arts in their program and a good education which is debatable by some people. For these reasons, I don't want to move our school and change it to a Jr./Sr. high school.

PA - Opposed: I am opposed because I think some students and I would like a smaller environment and know all the teachers and kids to feel comfortable than other schools. Also what about the transportation that live 1 to 4 miles away? What about the neighborhood, is it in a bad area? Will it still be about arts? What about just making CCAA larger?

BM - In Favor: Totally, I'm fine with a charter high school, it sounds nice. And I see the problem TR is having. People, after 8th grade, keep leaving the district. you need money to keep TR flowing. Since money, not love, makes the world go round, I'm willing to help. There are two major problems. 1. The neighborhood. You are building at Highlands, right? My friend tells me the neighborhood around Highlands is like dog poo: it stinks. 2. Will there be exploratories, special interest, choir, dance, etc.? But aside from that, I'm all for it.

DB - In Favor: I think it is a great idea because it might be easier for people to get there and it would be a better school to go to.

KY - in Favor: i think it's a good idea because the older kids could have more rooms and experience a different school.

MM - In Favor: I do not think I will attending CCAA for 7th and 8th grade. I will most likely be attending Churchill or Natomas Charter for the Fine and Performing Arts. If I do stay in this district, I think it would be great for CCAA to expand because there are not a lot of good school for 7-12 grade in this district.

HL - In Favor: I think it would be awesome if they moved the campus and expanded the grade levels because older students will be able to experience the arts. I will not be going to the school next year because I am transferring to another school but I wish I would continue going here.

VM - In Favor: I'm not going to be here next year, but we'll have more room for more classes in where the 7th and 8th graders used to be.

SM - Undecided: I really don't mind if you move the school.

JC - Undecided: I want to stay here. It is a good school and I don't want to go to a different school.

JB - Undecided: I really don't mind if they do because it would be better.

PM - Undecided: I really don't mind if the 7th and 8th graders stay or move.

LW - Undecided: I think it is an ok idea, but I hope it would have all the things that CCAA has now like special interest, exploratory, drama, choir, band and dance company.

IH - Undecided: My questions: will we get lockers at the CCAA high school? Will we still get the choices they offered at CCAA? I agree with the proposal, but I want it possible to divide 7 and 8 in an area while the other area to be the high school. What I don't like about this proposal is that where Highlands is, is a bad neighborhood, I was told. I also want CCAA High school to have DELAC, DAC and ELAC for parents of different races to come to meetings about the school. If they don't put these programs, it's unfair to some of the cultures. Currently in this district, we have over 50 cultures. Although I agree with some of the ideas, I'm still undecided.

KB - opposed

BB - In Favor: I think opening a new high school similar to this school because this school has great art and music programs. I also like that here at CCAA we are able to try all different ways of art. I would add more options in the arts.

AP - In Favor: I guess I'm in favor, but I'm also scared. I have heard that Highlands High is not safe. People getting jumped, shot, all sorts of stuff. I need, being a student, a safe place like CCAA. It is a great school and I love it.

DL - Undecided: I think the High School should have art classes just like we do. I want an art High School to go to.