

October 21, 2009

Re: Del Mar Hills School

Dear Ms Bales,

We regret that we will not be able to attend tonight's meeting in person, as we do not have child care option tonight. However, we wanted to make our presence known through this e mail.

We are writing to express our extreme dismay at the option of closing our school. We purchased our home in Del Mar with the understanding that we would have the opportunity to send our children to Del Mar Hills Academy.

Our son and daughter are just starting their elementary school experience at Del Mar Hills as kindergartners in Mrs Barton and Mrs Mullins class. We chose this school after much consideration and research. We attended open houses last spring and presentations by both Hills and Heights Schools. In addition, we even explored a private school. We chose Del Mar Hills Academy of Arts and Science for our children's elementary school education.

Factors that went into this decision into choosing Del Mar Hills:

1. The leader in the district for integrated learning
2. Only Blue Ribbon Accredited School in District
3. First school to use technology -- only school to employ Jiji to learn math concepts -- starting with kindergartners
4. Highest per capita contributions to ESC -- which really makes these schools stand apart with science, art and music classes
5. We loved the open feel of the campus with large trees and space and the small pod feel of the classrooms
6. The staff which we were only briefly introduced to during the presentations and orientations have proved to be simply marvelous instructors. Our children are learning and thriving with their Kindergarten team. In addition, having volunteered in Mrs Swanberg's science class, I have had the opportunity to witness first hand her wonderful teaching style with children from K through 6. She effortlessly switches from a K science class -- engaging the newest school members -- to an advanced 6th grade math class.
7. The Performing Arts Center is an exceptional gathering and performance center to which we look forward to many wonderful events and performances throughout our childrens' education at Del Mar Hills.

We are looking forward with excitement from K through the 6th grade with our children at Del Mar Academy of Arts and Science.

Warmest regards,
Jennifer and Ernest Belezzuoli

