

Thank you committee members.

I did a little research into the motivation and the decisions that were made by other 7/11 committees within the last few years.

There were common themes involving school closures –

- Sustained district wide declining enrollment, and
- Forecasts for continuation of decreasing enrollment.

Neither of these conditions exists in the Del Mar School District. We have continuing building of new family homes on the southern and eastern ends of our community, and influxes of new younger families when people move out of the community and new families move in.

We do have a few near term problems that need to be addressed –

- Our diminishing Education Budget, and
- Our displaced district office and employee childcare

We need to not lose sight of the long term –

- A continued need for fiscal responsibility, and the need to
- Balance school sizes to avoid the need to build a new school

My recommendations are to --

- Re-align the border between Ashley Falls and Sycamore Ridge as Sycamore Ridge reaches and exceeds capacity
- Consider re-creating our Arts & Science Magnet program that has been so successful at Del Mar Hills Academy
- Consider re-creating our Spanish Immersion program at Del Mar Heights

The last two clearly require community fund raising, and a change in board policies. But, they would help create a balance in enrollment throughout our schools by parent/family choice rather than by force.

Thank you.

<http://www.pusd.us/staticpages/index.php?page=7-11>

Pasadena Unified School District (2006)

<http://www.ttusd.k12.ca.us/Default.asp?PN=Level1Page&L=0&DivisionID='2455'&DepartmentID='2391'&SubDepartmentID=''&PageID='3892'>

Truckee School District (2005)

http://www.cypsd.k12.ca.us/Documents/MasterPlan/masterplan_Minutes_3_09.pdf

Cypress School District (2009)