

Dear Members of the 7/11 Committee,

My name is Stacey Eaton and I live on Ocean View Avenue in Del Mar. My children have attended Del Mar Hills Academy for Arts and Sciences for the past 7 years . I am contacting you today to ask that you vote **NO** on school closure and **YES** on Proposal G.

Del Mar Hills is a vibrant, successful school that is an integral part of the community. More than 350 children should not be displaced so that less than 20 District employees can have a new District headquarters. The impact to the Heights community will be extremely significant. The negative impact will include increased traffic, loss of programs, over-crowded schools, safety, and more. Carmel Del Mar will be impacted through overcrowding as well. Closing a school is short-sighted and NOT child-centered.

The projected cost savings are significantly less than we were originally led to believe. The new estimate of less than \$400,000 in cost savings to close a school is insignificant. The District will be losing more in DMSEF (Foundation) contributions than school closure will generate in cost savings. According to the 7/11 Committee best practices guidelines, the District should have examined all other budget cuts and opportunities for cost savings before deciding to close a school. The formation of the 7/11 committee was premature, however, your work in identifying excess capacity in the District has successfully found a solution for the District office location in Proposal G which saves all schools, builds a district office at Torrey Hills using less than 15,000 square feet of their 14 acres, co-locates the employee childcare and preschool with the existing preschool at Sycamore Ridge and relocates the Maintenance and Operations yard elsewhere.

I thank you for your hard work and dedication on this committee. I respectfully ask that you consider my important request: please keep Del Mar Hills open AND vote for Proposal G. It solves both problems and provides long term cost savings through implementation of sustainable energy mechanism.

Thank you,

Stacey Eaton  
Parent at Del Mar Hills

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