

Dear Committee Members,

We are writing to urge the 7/11 Committee to base its decision on finances and the learning environment at school, and not on emotional appeals.

We have been asked to give hundreds of dollars to the Education Foundation to support an enriched learning environment for our children, not an insignificant financial burden to endure in times such as these. If parents are having to reach so deep into their pockets, how can the DMUSD reasonably justify spending money on *unnecessary* construction of new buildings? Suitable space and buildings exist at Del Mar Hills to accommodate the needs of the district.

It is very disruptive to the learning environment to listen to construction noises while lessons are taking place. Subjecting students to this should only be done if there are no other viable options. Closing one of the schools with low enrollment (and low forecasted enrollment) will prevent this distraction from occurring, save money on administrative costs (eliminating the need for one of the principals etc.) and save money by not constructing new buildings to house the district offices and childcare.

For these reasons I urge the members of the 7/11 committee to vote for proposal B. We know there are some passionate voices urging you to “save” all schools, but this does not make financial sense, nor does it reflect long-term growth projections for the district. Please, we urge you to use our district monies and resources wisely.

Please choose proposal B.

Thank you for the time and energy you have invested in serving Del Mar Union students, families and staff.

Respectfully,  
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