

Dear Committee Members,

Thank you for investing your time and energy in serving Del Mar Union students, families and staff. As a parent of a Torrey Hills student, I appreciate the opportunity to contribute my voice to the discussion about the placement of DMUSD offices and the potential for school closures or joint use options for schools within the district.

I am deeply concerned about Proposal G. I am deeply concerned that DMUSD would even consider combining their offices with the students of Torrey Hills.

This doesn't seem to make sense when Torrey Hills has 300 more students than Del Mar Hills (646 vs. 329). In 5 years, the projection is for Torrey Hills to have 796 students versus 303 students at Del Mar Hills. This means Torrey Hills would have 2 ½ times the number of students.

Is the right answer to put all the DMUSD offices at Torrey Hills with potentially 800 students and leave Del Mar Hills operating as it currently does with NO changes and a much lower enrollment of 300 students?

Why would we spend a considerable amount of money to construct NEW buildings when the Del Mar Union School District already has plenty of space in their current buildings? It seems to me that this would be a waste of our taxpayer dollars. Shouldn't we put any funding towards our children's education instead of building new office space?

I completely understand that no one wants to close a school. However, when you have one school with approximately 300 students while the other schools have hundreds more, it does NOT seem equitable. This is a public school system and Del Mar Hills is not a private school. It is funded by all of us who live in this school district. If there are not enough students to keep it open, the logical thing would be to consolidate it with the nearest school.

For these reasons I urge the members of the 7/11 committee to vote for Proposal B. I know there are some passionate voices urging you to "save" all schools, but on paper, this does not make financial sense for the district, nor does it reflect long-term growth projections for the district. Please use our district monies and resources smartly, and keep schools and office sites separate.

Please accept Proposal B.

Respectfully,

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