

To whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter as a concerned parent of the DMUSD. We have two young children attending Del Mar Hills Academy.

I must first state that it grows tiresome the amount of energy and focus this decision process is taking in light of short sighted and very limited cost savings that appear to be at hand. In addition, these proposals seem to ignore fully the additional costs of closure and reconfiguration.

In your consideration of the proposals at hand, I would request that you very carefully analyze any proposal to close any of our schools. Clearly, the western most campuses (Del Mar Hills and Heights) are the smallest of the nine. These schools were constructed with the consideration a more limited student population in this area at the time they were built. Neither campus was constructed to accommodate close to double the number of students. This is a very clear difference from the newer schools located on the eastern side of the district. Any consolidation of these campuses would clearly lead to the use of many portable classrooms and the elimination of open outdoor spaces. This is would be less than desirable for our children attending these schools. In addition, as they are smaller schools in residential neighborhoods, the traffic ingress and egress and safety concerns would need to be adequately addressed.

We strongly support Proposal G1.

Thank you for your consideration of our concerns in this matter.

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