

Dear 7/11 Committee,

I am writing as a resident of Del Mar and the parent of a student attending Del Mar Heights Elementary School.

I urge the Committee and District to strongly consider the most economical plan that provides the best in education for our students, yet has an eye toward the future. Closing a school appears to be a short-sighted plan, that would likely result in the need for building a new school in the future to accommodate the growth trends in our District.

Instead, the logical plan would appear to be evaluating which plan for remodeling to house the District Office would cost the least and introduce the smallest degree of disruption to students.

Students and families become very attached to their school. As it appears that options are available that would not cause students to need to change schools, these appear by far the most logical and pro-student choices that can be made.

Thank you for your efforts,  
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