

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to address the issue of Proposal 1A, which entails putting temporary trailers on Torrey Hills campus for the District Office.

As you know from the packed meeting on Monday night, there are many significant reasons that were presented on Monday as to why no more buildings should be placed at Torrey Hills. Besides all the facts and data presented, there would be a very large community backlash if this gets pushed through.

Mr. Wheaton, I'm disappointed that you were not there to hear all the feedback, but I know from a previous meeting that you said that Torrey Hills was just "one option" out of many.

If a contingency plan is needed, leasing office space would make the most sense. Why would you want to disrupt a school, take away playspace from children, increase traffic and safety issues, and open up a huge can of worms of community discord by placing trailers even temporarily at Torrey Hills?

Please consider the following for the contingency plan:

1. Lease office space temporarily - you will have the full support of most parents in the DMUSD and it makes sense financially during this time when offices are so inexpensive to lease. This is an easy contingency plan to sell.
2. Place the district office personnel in empty classrooms at one of the schools where there are only 300-400 students. We know there is excess classroom space at several schools that could be used as temporary offices. This would not take away playspace and would be more equitable than placing trailers at a school that is already educating twice as many children as other schools in the district (without twice the space to accommodate them).

Please keep these points in mind when trying to come up with an equitable solution.

I appreciate your consideration on the above amendments to the contingency proposal.

Please forward to the other members of the committee.

Best regards,
Patty O'Connor
DMUSD Homeowner and Parent