

Agenda Item #7

Final Recommendations

In the course of preparing the final report the writing subcommittee found that there were several potential consensus items that could be considered as Final Recommendations however they were never formally voted on and agreed upon.

1. Safety of students is a primary concern. Co-location of a district office within a operating school is a particular danger
2. Merger of the employee child care, the special needs preschool and a tuition based preschool should be encouraged.
3. M&O could be successfully located in an industrial area like Sorrento Valley.
4. Buy a building for the DO and place M&O and ECC elsewhere.
5. Co-location of a preschool, and/or ECC, within an operating school is acceptable.
6. Exhaust all other possible cost savings opportunities before considering school closure.
7. Cost savings of closing a school is about 1% of the total DMUSD operating budget.
8. Current excess space in the form of underutilized classrooms exists within the DMUSD but not surplus real property.
9. Current excess space may disappear within 8-10 years
10. Use of portables should be studied before and after the building of a new school
11. The expenses incurred of closing a school are not known and need to be determined before closure is considered.
12. Examine the use of capital budgets for renewable energy projects, which could lower utility expenses and add to the financial health of the DMUSD.

Any other recommendations from the members of the committee will be considered.