

Pathway to Excellence and Equity

Progress Report to the Board of Education
Secondary Educational Options Task Force
January 8, 2008

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Problem statement:

- AUSD operates middle and high schools with severe enrollment imbalances, which do not maximize our resources to support equity and excellence across our secondary education programs.

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Charge:

- Develop high quality secondary education programs that will attract students beyond their school neighborhood
- Ensure long-term, sustainable system
- Connect grades 6-12 program pathways
- Provide two-way communication between task force and community

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October-December 2007:

- Initial task force conducted research of best practices

Beginning January 2008:

- Expands task force to include teachers & other key stakeholders
- Deepen options
- Expand Elementary voice for K-12 alignment in March
- Board Workshop on program options in March
- Recommendations to the Board in September
- Board action in October
- Implementation Fall 2009-2010

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- For 2008-09, focus on building specialized instruction at Chipman Middle School
 - Science/Technology specialized program 6-8 that focuses on an elective pathway for students interested in a science career
 - Science department has been researching “go green”- environmental science that will include hands-on community services using our bay area local resources
 - This can eventually integrate into the high school
- **Rationale:** As a program improvement school, the staff has worked tirelessly to ensure students are meeting grade level standards. The school is ripe to offer special academic opportunities in phases; the first phase is above. The science department has begun work to design the above specialized path.

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- We would explore a coherent west end K-12 specialized instructional program for 2009-10
 - Washington Elementary
 - Chipman Middle
 - Encinal High
- Build career technical/ROP program pathways that meet the college & career needs of our 21st century students
 - Green-environmental science
 - Biotechnology
 - Arts media (TV, radio, digital arts)
- Secondary educational options task force will continue to explore broad based options for all of our secondary sites keeping “excellent” and “equitable” in the forefront of our work