

- Chipman is in “No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Program Improvement Year 4.” Federal law requires that AUSD identify a “restructuring plan” for changes at Chipman, based on a list of pre-defined choices set forth by the law.
- As required, the school invested time to pursue restructuring options as outlined by NCLB. The school held a series of community meetings focused on restructuring Chipman. There were three Board of Education updates: May 12, 2009, September 22, 2009, and September 29, 2009 regarding this topic.
- AUSD has chosen The Academy of Alameda’s charter as our restructuring plan to address the required changes. The Academy charter was approved unanimously by the AUSD Board of Education on December 15, 2009. The Academy of Alameda has been created to address the needs of Chipman Middle School families and the broader Alameda Community.
- Since Chipman is in “Program Improvement Year 4,” if AUSD were not supporting the Academy of Alameda’s charter as our restructuring plan, AUSD would have to identify another restructuring plan (a process we are not currently pursuing) or close the school.
- The Academy of Alameda is currently accepting applications for enrollment for the 2010-2011 school year.
- If you choose not to send your child to The Academy of Alameda, we will prepare for changes to enrollment numbers at other middle school sites.

- The timeline of AAMS opening is as follows:

Prop 39 Preliminary proposal to AAMS	Feb. 1st
Finalize Special Education & Fiscal MOUs Bring to BOE for approval 3/9	Feb. 19th
Receive enrollment projections from AAMS Report on Enrollment capacity at LMS & WMS Charter school responds to Prop 39 proposal	March 1st
Report/Recommendations on budget, transportation, Newcomer Program, and possible closure Bring to BOE for approval 3/23	March 19th
Update on enrollment projections Final notification of space offered to charter (Prop 39) Decision on school boundaries Bring to BOE for approval 4/13	April 1st
AAMS provides intent to occupy space offered (Prop 39)	May 1st
Transition of supplies, texts, equipment Report on conditions upon opening	June 1st
Withdrawal of students from AUSD that attend AAMS	June 11th

- District Office staff is currently evaluating facilities requirements for the Academy of Alameda and will finalize space allocation for the Academy of Alameda for Board of Education approval.. That process is guided by State legal requirements. The Academy of Alameda is requesting

facilities use at the current Chipman Middle School site. The facilities decisions will be resolved this spring, well before the end of this school year.

- It is important for you to know that The Academy of Alameda is a free public charter school and that the development of this school was done in close collaboration with AUSD. I feel very strongly that it is a good option for middle school students, and the school board's unanimous vote of 5:0 is a strong endorsement.

If you have any questions about The Academy of Alameda, please go to their web site at [www.theacademyofalameda.org](http://www.theacademyofalameda.org) or you may contact my office.

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