

Community Workshop Feedback  
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What does Alameda think about the strategies discussed at this community workshop?

**1. Secondary Restructuring Scenario One** Yes – 4 No - 1

- Doesn't save a whole lot of money but the pathways seem appealing as a way to make an impact with disadvantaged students (and other student too).
- Not enough savings.
- Intrigued by Encinal academies. Would like more savings.
- Pushing 6<sup>th</sup> grade back into elementary would be favorable. Bring programs to EHS that would draw pull kids across the island.

**2. Secondary Restructuring Scenario Two** Yes – 4

- Would like a research based decision like one high school – unify our island.
- Disagree with 29:1 for flex space

**3. Secondary Restructuring Scenario Three** No – 4

Class size too high, loss of programs

32:1 is too high. Need to keep high school athletics, counselors, PE and music.

Horrifying

**4. Inter-District Transfer Students** Yes – 4

Seems fine

They bring in dollars and the majority of the kids are good contributors to the high schools.

Keep for ADA purposes

**5. Chipman Fiscal Analysis** Yes – 2 No – 1

If it is a dependent charter

I thought they would not negatively impact the district fiscally. Now it looks like they are no better than Nea or ACLC, not happy.

**Other Comments/Feedback**

\$16 million would kill quality education, I would home school or seek other options.

Need to generate sufficient dollars somehow. Need adequate funding for public education by all of the following: Need to write grants find dollars for innovative programs to address achievement gap of Latino and African American youth. Need to lobby state of CA. Need to lobby to Alameda/SF Bay Area. Need to pass parcel tax and tap community for support. Our kids deserve a quality education.

Start selling parcel tax to community – need to have a strong campaign to win back our community members that have kids in the district.

It is very clear that we need to pass a parcel tax. I also think Alameda USD needs to marketing campaign. I know families looking at private schools now and are making about high schools. They can't judge Alameda High as tours aren't until the Spring. Can Alameda do Fall tours aligned with private schools?

Pass a parcel tax. Big and permanent please.  
Increase class size needs to on the table and the union needs to take this out of their contract. Pass a permanent parcel tax of \$800ish and you need to make cuts and adjustments to show people we are tightening our belts.