

**ALAMEDA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**EXHIBIT**

**BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

**F-5**

**Meeting Date:** November 23, 2010

**Item Title:** Final Recommendation on Closure/Consolidation of Schools for the 2011/2012 and 2012/13 School Year – Phase I, Phase II

**Item Type:** Action

**BACKGROUND:** On February 23, 2010, the Board of Education approved the AUSD Master Plan. On June 29, 2010, the Board of Education passed a resolution to implement Master Plan Scenario B. With the failure of Measure E parcel tax initiative, the Board of Education directed AUSD to plan and present options for school closure and consolidation.

On October 21, 2010, the Board of Education directed AUSD staff to focus on Phase I and Phase II alternatives with further research and data. Tonight will be the final recommendation of Master Plan Scenario B for the closures and consolidations of schools for the Board's consideration

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:** Savings - Phase 1 - \$2,455,000 Phase 11- \$915,000  
Total Savings - \$3,370,000

**RECOMMENDATION:** Accept as presented.

**Alameda Unified School District Guiding Principle:** 1. All students have the ability to achieve academic and personal success. 2. Teachers must challenge and support all students to reach their highest academic and personal potential. 3. Administrators must have the knowledge, leadership skills and ability to ensure all students succeed. 4. Parental involvement and community engagement are integral to the success of all students. 5. Accountability, transparency and trust are necessary at all levels of the organization. 6. Allocation of funds must support our vision, mission and guiding principles.

**Submitted by:** Kirsten Vital, Superintendent

**Approved for Submission to Board of Education**



Kirsten Vital, Superintendent

***No Parcel Tax  
Master Plan Scenario B:  
Closures and Consolidations  
Final Recommendation***

***Superintendent Kirsten Vital***

**November 23, 2010**

# No Parcel Tax

## Master Plan Scenario B (Phase I and II)

**With failure of the Parcel Tax, the Board directed AUSD to plan for consolidation/closure of schools.**

### Phase I

“The Superintendent’s implementation plan shall recommend restructuring and/or closure of one or more of the District’s secondary schools (middle and high schools). The plan shall also recommend the closure of one or more elementary schools for implementation at the commencement of the 2011-2012 school year.”

### Phase II

“Phase 2 of the Superintendent’s implementation plan shall recommend restructuring and/or closure of additional elementary schools to realize the maximum cost savings for implementation at the commencement of the 2012-2013 school year.”

# **Key Criteria for Closure/Consolidation**

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- The following criteria list “factors that must be considered for Phase I of the implementation plan” according to the Board Resolution 10-0083 adopted on June 29, 2010.
  - **Cost savings and economic benefits**
  - **Quality of instructional program**
  - **Facility needs and requirements**
  - **Maintaining neighborhood schools where possible**
- According to Board Resolution 10-0083, “Phase II will recommend closure/consolidation of additional elementary schools to realize additional cost savings.”

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## Phase I (2011-2012) Overview

- Alameda High School remains open as a 9-12 high school.
- Encinal High School is reconfigured as a 7-12 secondary school.
- Lincoln Middle School opens as a 7-8 middle school.
- 6-period day is put in place at grades 7 and 8.

Approximate cost savings: \$780,000

- Wood Middle School is closed.\*

Approximate cost savings: \$575,000

- All elementary schools open as K-6 grade schools (32:1).

Approximate cost savings at 32:1 student-teacher ratio: \$1.1 million

- All elementary schools can support K-6 at class sizes of 32:1.
- Attendance boundary changes will be required for all schools.
- Negotiations will be required with AUSD bargaining units.

**Total savings for Phase I (ongoing): \$2,455,000**

*\*Note: Wood Middle School is in Program Improvement.  
Thus, WMS students already may opt out.*

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## Final Recommendation Phase I

**AHS 9-12**

1800

Elementary K-6 at 32:1.

**LMS 7-8**

593



690

**Earhart**

548

**Bay Farm**

543

**Otis**

480

**Edison**

Boundary changes are required for high school configurations. This would affect all 2011-12 incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders as well as all other new students, representing a phased-in process.

541

**Lum**

484

**Haight**

Elementary K-6 at 32:1.

Boundary changes required.

**EHS 7-12**

1500



WMS 6-8  
closes.\*

374

**Franklin**

341

**Washington**

460

**Paden**

708

**Ruby Bridges**

**Approximate cost savings: \$575,000 (ongoing)**

\* Surplus of any building entails a 7/11 committee decision.

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## Phase I (2011-2012) Boundary Changes Overview

- Paden and Ruby Bridges
  - Boundary changes from Pacific Avenue to Buena Vista Avenue, up Poggi Street north, to Ralph Appezzato Memorial Park Way and west to the San Francisco Bay.
  - Alameda and Encinal High Schools
  - Boundary moves from Union Street to Walnut Street. All students on Walnut Street would attend AHS; all students residing west of Walnut Street would attend EHS.

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## Phase II (2012-2013) Overview

- Alameda High School remains a 9-12 high school.
- Encinal High School remains a 7-12 high school.
- Lincoln Middle School opens as a K-8 school (32:1).
- Bay Farm and Earhart open as K-8 schools (32:1).
- Edison remains a K-6 school (32:1) with 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> going to Lincoln.
- Otis, Franklin and Washington Elementary Schools close.\*

**Approximate cost savings: \$915,000**

- All other elementary schools open as K-6 grade schools (32:1).
  - Haight, Lum, Paden and Ruby Bridges

- 32:1 cost savings ongoing.

**Approximate \$1.1 million cost savings**

- Attendance boundaries will change for all schools to reflect the newly established feeder school pattern to either AHS or EHS.

**Phase 1 and Phase 2 bring ongoing cost savings of \$3,370,000**

*\*Note: Washington is a “Romero Act” school, and thus WES families may opt out of 2011-2012 school year.*

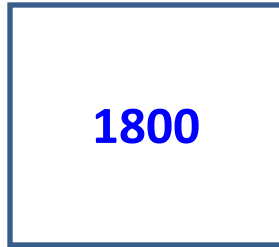


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## Final Recommendation Phase II

Elementary K- 8

AHS 9-12



1800

850

Earhart

K-6

750

Bay Farm

570

Edison

1000

Lincoln

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade

650

Lum

1500

EHS 7-12

660

Haight

650

Paden

670

Ruby Bridges

Elementary schools are closed  
(Franklin, Otis and Washington).

7-12 boundary changes to Walnut.

New boundaries would need to be drawn to support a feeder school pattern for either AHS 9-12 or EHS 7-12. New boundaries result in gradual change in enrollment.

# With a Parcel Tax

# Without the Parcel Tax

- Maintain 25:1
- Maintain art, music, PE, and media center in elementary and fine arts in secondary
- Keep neighborhood elementary schools
- Initiatives to close the achievement gap are preserved (professional development days, intervention programs)
- Secondary school choice programs, AP courses, and innovative magnet school programs are funded
- Increase of counseling and student support services
- High school athletics are maintained
- Maintain ROTC
- Adult Education partial program (selected enrichment, English learner, GED and high school completion programs)
- Maintain salaries to attract and retain excellent teachers
- Technology support and upgrades

- 32:1 class size K-3
- Art, music, PE, media center for elementary is reduced in 2011-12 and eliminated in 2012-13; fine arts in secondary are reduced to a minimum
- Close Otis, Washington, Franklin
  - Wood closes, and EHS is reconfigured to 7-12
  - Lincoln closes and is reconfigured
  - Bay Farm, Earhart and Lincoln go K-8
  - All other elementary schools go K-6
  - Boundaries are changed
- Professional development and intervention programs are cut
- AP courses are decreased; larger classes at high schools
- Further reductions of counseling to minimum level
- Athletics are reduced to varsity only in 2011-2012, and programs are eliminated in 2012-2013
- Eliminate ROTC
- Adult school is eliminated
- Salary reductions up to 7%
- No funding for technology upgrades or support to sites

**\*Note: Several reductions noted above are subject to negotiations with AUSD bargaining units.**

# Next Step

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- At the December 14 BOE meeting, the Board of Education will decide upon the final Phase I/II closure/consolidation option now recommended for the AUSD 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 school years.