



**Public Presentation of Committee / Expert Panel Recommendations
Public Input
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1. What plans have been made to help displaced students? How are you going to ensure that our kids get a quality education?
2. How can they close Adams over Portola Middle School when it was determined several years ago that Portola is on top of a very unstable and steep land and that the school could possibly slide down the hill when an earthquake strikes?
3. Why are you closing a high performing school (Olinda) with a resident population exceeding others not on the list? Why should I have to send my child to a lower performing school and will you send other transfers back to their own areas? So that my child may attend a school with comparable STAR Test scores. Will Tony Thurmond abstain his vote since he has a direct conflict of interest.
4. On the MGT Report, there is an error, which seems to be engineered to lower Castro Elementary's scores and downplay the program's value. Please correct the data so it is not misleading. The report states 2 specific programs at Castro but there is 5 special ed programs that I as a parent know of and other programs in addition. Full inclusion, CCS, I-CHAT, WATR best quality in district, preschool (Special Ed) also services such as East Bay Center for the Performing Arts, which comes to classes. The teachers also write in for grants and bring in enrichment programs, e.g. arts.
5. If the bond program is under so much pressure, why are you building a \$60 million new middle school in El Cerrito for 600 students?
6. A 600 max. capacity middle school in El Cerrito is NOT Equitable to the rest of WCCUSD. You are thieves and have robbed from the poor and given to the RICH. Shame on You! Save Adams.
7. I was shocked and appalled that Olinda made your chopping block. For the many reasons that you've heard over the last months this decision makes no sense. This will send a strong message to parents, students, teachers that will have terrible ramifications. I hope you reconsider Olinda and Kennedy.
8. How many facts, statistics, pleas, parents, etc. do you need from high-quality, high API-score schools like Olinda to hear what we are saying? Academic excellence/high quality education is the great equalizer for our children. Give our children their right to successfully compete in the future. Thank you.
9. While I agree that Crespi is a pit and should be closed, the proposed cost neutral K-8's are not acceptable. I regret that I will not allow my child to go to Crespi when the time comes – we'll go out of district or private. But neither would I allow my child to attend one of the cost neutral K-8's – they are just as unacceptable to me. In short, I'd love to see Crespi closed if it opens a viable alternative – otherwise it makes no difference.
10. Please consider API scores they will bring people to the District or drive them away. Good pick by staff to recommend closing Nystrom. If it ends up staying

open it should have a police substation between it and the park to keep the kids safe. Coronado is better performing and safer.