



**Public Presentation of Committee / Expert Panel Recommendations
Public Input
January 27, 2009**

1. How do you justify building a new middle school (Portola) with an enrollment of less than 550 students?
Why if cost savings between Kennedy & Crespi are equal, why recommend closing Kennedy – especially considering that nearly 25% of voting community members suggest taking Kennedy off?
What transportation costs will the district provide to families shipping students from central Richmond to DeAnza, Pinole & other campuses?
The rationale behind the #'s are vital – how is it possible that Kennedy's "special programs" and other key criteria as a 1? Clearly they are ignorant of the programs, QEIA \$, and other considerations there.
2. Student's safety
3. If lowest score = closure, I have a question or two: Stege was lower than Castro? Collins lower than Coronado? Crespi lower than Adams? Just trying to understand.
4. Will the district seriously consider closing Crespi and creating a 7-8 on DeAnza? Given the litigation over the relocation of Portola to Castro, how could the district close Adams and risk being told by a judge 6 months down the line that they can't, after all, rebuild at Castro?
5. Why isn't the lowest scoring school on the MGT closure list?
6. Were the results of the "Structural Evaluation of Crespi Middle School" by Dasse Design, Inc. (2002) factored into the MGT evaluation?
7. How will the proposed schools to be presented later this week be derived? Who will be involved in making this proposal?
8. The community committee process is really not helpful. It's not a committee. It's not much of anything except a way of publicizing the issue.
Did the MGT people have any contact via any means with any Board Members during their work?
Where is anyone from MGT? I don't buy the saving money argument.
It seems absurd for a "data-driven" group like MGT to support building a new school while shutting down a huge number of schools elsewhere especially when that new schools violates the very board policy 5115 so piously invoked in their original recommendations for school closures.
I'm not the only one who can't help noticing that the 2 Board member schools (Portola and Valley View) are on the MGT save list.
9. How many days were MGT given to develop their recommendations? Why was API not considered the highest weighted criteria?
10. I cannot speak out strongly enough against the proposed K-8 / close Crespi solution offered by many speakers. The cost neutral K-8 specifications will not serve our students to prepare them for a high school experience. Also running a

K-8 is much more difficulty than running either a K-6 or middle school and we do not have experienced principals to run these K-8s.

11. School's name was not asking in any forms. Many parents from Adams Middle School & Kennedy showed up at many meetings but were not counted in the survey (from MGT) presented today 1/27/09. I believe that this information (not asked information) should be added to survey. Safety is a big issue for Kennedy and Adams Middle School students. Please look into it.
12. Will you see if MGT made a mistake on the Financial Advantage on Portola?