

Schedule of Meetings Regarding Potential School Closures

Community meetings have been scheduled as listed to share information and gather input regarding potential closure of Genesis High School, and Alice Birney, Lisbon, Mark Hopkins, and Thomas Jefferson elementary schools.

Date	Meeting Location	Possible Receiving Schools
Wednesday, April 1 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.	Genesis High School 5601 47 th Ave.	Not Applicable
Monday, April 13 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.	Thomas Jefferson 2635 Chestnut Hill Dr.	Hubert Bancroft
Monday, April 13 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.	Mark Hopkins 2221 Matson Dr.	John Sloat and John Bidwell
Tuesday, April 14 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.	Lisbon 7555 South Land Park Dr.	Martin Luther King & Matsuyama
Wednesday, April 15 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.	Alice Birney 6251 13 th St.	John Cabrillo



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First meeting scheduled Wednesday, April 1 at Genesis High School

Community meetings scheduled at five schools considered for closure

Meetings to share information about potential closures have been scheduled at five Sacramento City Unified School District campuses beginning Wednesday, April 1 at Genesis High School and continuing through April 15 at Alice Birney Elementary School. All meetings are scheduled from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Other meetings include Thomas Jefferson, Mark Hopkins and Lisbon elementary schools.

Interim Superintendent Susan Miller said the meetings are a follow up to previous community gatherings. "We promised that if schools were proposed for closure, we would return to those communities to share additional information and ask parents what they would need for a successful transition to occur," Miller said. "Closing a school is difficult. It's emotional, and parents understandably are concerned about what it will mean to their children," she added.

"If the district does close a school we want the transition to occur in the least disruptive manner possible for our families and employees, and we need to begin by asking what needs parents have," Miller said. In 2007-08, the district consolidated Bear Flag Elementary School with nearby Caroline Wenzel. The Bear Flag/Wenzel transition plans included: individual calls to each family to assess transportation, child care and special instructional needs. Also included as part of the transition were social gatherings so students and families from both campuses could start to become acquainted. The two school site councils met to write and approve a joint plan for student achievement representative of the academic needs of both groups of students and to continue popular traditions of the two campuses.

Miller said discussion of possible transition plans needs to begin now to be ready for the start of coming school year which will begin in four months. "I want to emphasize that the Board has not approved any school closures. Our meetings are to share additional information with families and staff and to begin discussion of what parents need for a successful transition for their children," Miller stated.

More information about the district's facility meetings as well as "study tools" such as enrollment numbers and school programs are available on the district's home page at www.scusd.edu; see "Facility Use Community Meetings."

A schedule of the upcoming meetings is attached.

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