



## DUSD: Managing Growth in Our School Community

Please read the following information carefully. It will serve as the agenda for the June 1 Town Hall meeting.

### Purpose of Town Hall Meeting

The purpose of the meeting at Fallon is twofold: 1) to provide information to the community about the District's efforts to find quality educational solutions to issues of growth in our district; and 2) to listen to community input about the options that have been generated by the District Optimization Committee (DOC).

**No recommendation or decision has been made.**

### Issue:

- The pace of growth in our community is challenging the school district's ability to house students. This includes elementary school, middle school, and soon Dublin High School.
- The growth is part of an Eastern Dublin Specific Plan that was approved by the City of Dublin in 1994. School sites were established as the plan was approved (Dougherty, Green, Kolb, Amador, E-5, and Fallon).
- Developers are following the City of Dublin approved plan. The pace of building is based upon positive economic conditions.
- At this time, no land or funding is available for additional schools beyond those already planned.
- The District is charging Developers the maximum fees allowed. This amount does not cover the total cost of building schools (land and construction).
- The state of California has stopped meeting its obligation to support new school construction through a state school facilities bond measure.

### Data:

The chart below shows student capacity, current enrollment, and enrollment projections for the next five years. Projections beyond five years are subject to a number of variables and are not considered as reliable.

#### **Elementary**

	Capacity	Enrollment 2014-15	Projection* 2015-16	Projection* 2016-17	Projection* 2017-18	Projection* 2018-19	Projection* 2019-20
JDS	1,056	938	805	825	820	846	855
GES	1,044	920	808	822	837	825	820
KES	1,144	1130	913	852	875	915	944
AES	950	-	703	802	873	922	977

*\*High-Growth Scenario*

#### **Middle School**

	Capacity	Enrollment 2014-15	Projection* 2015-16	Projection* 2016-17	Projection* 2017-18	Projection* 2018-19	Projection* 2019-20
WMS	1,157	863	849	874	960	1,064	1,194
FMS	1,326	1,228	1,411	1,561	1,658	1,784	1,858

*\*High-Growth Scenario*

## **District Response:**

- The District has utilized portables at many schools to meet growth needs. All east elementary schools have portables on site. Portables will be placed at Fallon Middle School this summer.
- The Board of Trustees directed staff to form a District Optimization Committee (DOC). DOC membership includes parents from all schools in the District, district staff, School Board Trustees, the Superintendent, the City of Dublin, and the community at large. A complete list of members can be found at the attached link: <http://www.dublinusd.org/Page/9584>
- The charge of the DOC can be found at the attached link: <http://www.dublinusd.org/Page/9584>
- The DOC has been meeting monthly since December to learn about growth issues and to problem-solve potential solutions. The committee has been provided information on demographics, school capacities and projections, and City development.
- All DOC information is available on the attached link: <http://www.dublinusd.org/Page/9584>

## **DOC Generated Interests:**

The DOC determined that the best solution to growth issues would meet these criteria:

- Student Safety
- Neighborhood Schools
- Students Feel Connected
- Equitable Learning Experience
- Appropriate Infrastructure
- Adequate Instructional space
- Quality staff

## **DOC Generated Options:**

**Recommendations will be made from this list, but may not include all elements**

### **Next Two years (2015-2017)**

- Expand Fallon – Add portable classrooms, increase infrastructure capacity
- Cap Fallon (1500-1600)
- Adjust Programs at Fallon (i.e. three lunch periods)

### **Years 3-5 (2017-2020)**

- Continue Cap and Program Adjustments at Fallon
- Attempt to accelerate the construction of E-5 (target fall opening 2018)
- Create E-5 as a K-8 Magnet School
- Utilize K-6 configuration (AES, as needed)
- Boundary Change (street, construction date, construction zone)
- Lottery (Elementary students in or out)

## **Other Important Points:**

- **A recommendation from the DOC has not been made.** We anticipate the recommendation coming to the Board at a regularly scheduled meeting in the near future. We will keep the community informed about the date and time of that meeting. The Board will make the final decision on this issue.
- The District has partnered with the City of Dublin to secure two parcels of land (E-5 – Jordan Ranch; and E-6 Dublin Crossing) at no cost. These agreements represent a \$66M “grant” to the District. Because of them, the district is immediately able to begin plans for E-5, and soon, E-6.
- Generally, it takes four years from design, to state approval, to construction, to “opening”, to build a school.
- The DUSD Board of Trustees and the Dublin City Council are separate elected bodies. The City Council approves development in the community. The Board of Trustees determines approved school site locations and attendance boundaries for schools.
- We are confident that a solution that meets the best interests of our families and the needs of our students will be reached. Options or combination of the options above hold the answer to this issue.
- There may be other options that the DOC has not considered. We want to hear from you about the options listed above. You can also leave comments on our website at the attached link: <http://www.dublinusd.org/cms/module/selectsurvey/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=181>
- Information from the Town Hall meeting and online feedback will be shared at the next DOC meeting.