Possible Implications of Academy of Alameda Middle School (AAMS) Charter

Board of Education February 9, 2010



Background

- Chipman Middle School is in No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Program Improvement, Year 4
- As required, the school invested time to pursue options as outlined by NCLB
- Through a process of restructuring, the school submitted a charter school petition
- Charter petition was submitted to AUSD on October 27, 2009
- The governing board held a public hearing on November 10, 2009
- The governing board unanimously approved the Academy of Alameda Charter School on December 15, 2009



Board of Education Updates

- On May 12, 2009, the Board heard a Chipman Program Improvement update where the school determined two restructuring options:
 - close school and reopen as a charter school, or
 - close school and reopen it as a focus or theme school with new staff or staff skilled in focus area
- Series of community meetings focused on Chipman program improvement restructuring from May 11-June 17
- September 22, 2009: Chipman program Improvement Status Report
- September 29, 2009: Special meeting-Fiscal Update on Program Costs and the Chipman Middle School Charter Conversion

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Recap of Facts

- Chipman is in Program Improvement Year 4. Federal law requires that AUSD identify a "restructuring plan".
- Academy of Alameda is a result of a restructuring process to address NCLB program improvement compliance
- If AUSD were not supporting the Academy of Alameda's charter as our restructuring plan, AUSD would have to identify another restructuring plan or close the school.
- If families do not select Academy of Alameda, we will prepare for changes to enrollment numbers at other sites.
- Under Prop 39 regulations, AUSD has offered the Academy of Alameda classroom space at Chipman School.
- Academy of Alameda is a free public charter school.



Timeline for Academy of Alameda Opening

Prop 39 Preliminary proposal to AAMS	Feb. 1 st
Finalize Special Education, Fiscal, Facility MOUs	Feb. 19 th
Bring to BOE for approval 3/9	
Receive enrollment projections from AAMS	March 1 st
Report on Enrollment capacity at LMS & WMS	
Charter school responds to Prop 39 proposal	
Report/Recommendations on budget, transportation, Newcomer	March 19 th
Program, and possible closure	
Bring to BOE for approval 3/23	
Update on enrollment projections	April 1 st
Final notification of space offered to charter (Prop 39)	
Decision on school boundaries	
AAMS provides intent to occupy space offered (Prop 39)	May 1 st
Transition of supplies, texts, equipment	June 1 st
Report on conditions upon opening	
Withdrawal of students from AUSD that attend AAMS	June 11 th

