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# Academy of Alameda Middle School (AAMS) Charter – Timeline Updates and Recommendations

Board of Education  
March 9, 2010

# Timeline for Academy of Alameda Opening

Prop 39 Preliminary proposal to AAMS	Feb. 1 <sup>st</sup>
Finalize Special Education & Fiscal MOUs <b>Bring to BOE for information 3/9; for approval 3/23</b>	Feb. 26 <sup>th</sup>
Receive enrollment projections from AAMS Report on Enrollment capacity at LMS & WMS Charter school responds to Prop 39 proposal	March 1 <sup>st</sup>
Report/Recommendations on budget, transportation, Newcomer Program, and possible closure <b>Bring to BOE for information 3/9; for approval 3/23</b>	March 19 <sup>th</sup>
Update on enrollment projections Final notification of space offered to charter (Prop 39) Decision on school boundaries	April 1 <sup>st</sup>
AAMS provides intent to occupy space offered (Prop 39)	May 1 <sup>st</sup>
Transition of supplies, texts, equipment Report on conditions upon opening	June 1 <sup>st</sup>
Withdrawal of students from AUSD that attend AAMS	June 11 <sup>th</sup>

School	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Total
Bay Farm	0			
Earhart	1			
Edison	0			
Otis	1			
Franklin	19			
Haight	8			
Lum	5			
Washington	32			
Paden	38			
Ruby Bridges	49			E.S.=152
Chipman		122	158	M.S.=294
Lincoln		1	3	
Wood		3	7	Total=446

# Enrollment

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- 60% of 5<sup>th</sup> graders from AUSD elementary feeder schools have applied to AAMS
- 80% of current CMS 6<sup>th</sup> graders have applied to AAMS
- 82% of current CMS 7<sup>th</sup> graders have applied to AAMS
- 17 students have applied to AAMS from outside the District

# Newcomer Class

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This is an English Language Development (ELD) Core (3 periods) class that serves Non-English Proficient (NEP) students at Beginning/CELDT level 1

Newcomer class currently includes 17 Level 1 students:

- 2 from LMS
- 2 from WMS
- 12 from CMS; of these 4 students have applied to AAMS, one is an 8<sup>th</sup> grader promoting; 7 students may need the program.
- 1 from out of District

3 Wood NEPs remained at Wood

1 Lincoln NEP remained at Lincoln

Total Middle School Newcomers District-wide=21  
(as of 2-22-10)

# Newcomer Class

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- Trend data shows that class enrollment ranges between 17-32 over the last three years.
- Newcomers enroll all during the school year.
- Federal categorical budget funds this class.
- Some students/families do not want to attend centralized program.
- To serve NEPs at each school site, we could offer a single period Beginner support class at LMS & a NEP core @ WMS, but it would increase the cost, and class size would be small.

# Newcomer Class

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Recommendation:

**Centralize the Newcomer ELD Core at  
Wood Middle School**

## Chipman Middle School Closure and Boundary Changes

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- Current Chipman enrollment is 539 students.
- AAMS enrollment is up to 463 as of March 5.
- Wood Middle School can accept up to 180 more students without additional structural changes.
- Change current Chipman attendance boundaries to become part of Wood attendance zone (attendance area west of Park Street)



# Chipman Middle School Closure and Boundary Changes

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## Recommendation:

Close Chipman Middle School;  
Change Wood's attendance zone to include  
Chipman's attendance zone

## *Next steps:*

- *District letter to families to inform them of new school assignment*
- *Revise placement recommendation letter in 3 languages for new Beginning ELD middle school students*

# K-6 at Washington School

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- This could be an option for incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders
- Grade 6 would be a self-contained classroom; all core subjects taught by one classroom teacher
- Electives would be the same as grades 1-5 (currently P.E., Media Center, & Music)
- May be problematic for EL testing and daily ELD
- May hinder collaboration and coherence when there is one different grade configuration
- We would need enough students wanting this option to make this a viable class (up to 32 students) – possibility of surveying family interest

## Recommendation:

For 2010-11, there is sufficient space at Wood; keep K-6 configuration as a future possibility

# Transportation from CMS to Washington

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- Ed Code 39800-39809.5: “The governing board of any school district may provide for the transportation of pupils to and from school whenever in the judgment of the board the transportation is advisable and good reasons exist therefore”.
- Distance between Chipman to Washington is 1.02 miles.
  - Bus transportation from Chipman to Washington is feasible.
  - Several bus lines goes down Santa Clara Avenue.

# Transportation to and from CMS to WMS

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## AC Transit: \$15/month student pass

- Distance between Chipman and Wood is 2.16 miles.
- No direct bus line from Chipman to Wood, without a transfer
- Categorical funding cannot support bus passes.
- Example:  $50 \text{ students} \times \$15 \times 10 \text{ months} = \$7,500$

## Bus Company contracted services:

- Charges by the student.
- One round trip costs approximately \$20
- Total:  $50 \text{ students} \times \$20 \times 180 \text{ days} = \$180,000$
- Categorical funding cannot support bus contract.

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## Recommendation:

AUSD will be unable to offer transportation;  
we will work with families on an individual  
basis