

Burnsville-Eagan-Savage District 191

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SCHOOL CLOSING STUDY AND ANALYSIS SEQUENCE

- **Conduct Organizational Analysis Study**
- **Post Organizational Analysis Study on District Website**
- **Conduct Community Engagement Meetings (8)**
 - **Administration (1)**
 - **Design Team (1)**
 - **Middle School/Feeder Elementary Schools (3)**
 - **Cultural Groups (with Interpreters) (2)**
 - **Other Community (1)**
- **Survey of Participants' Advice on Probable Cause**
- **Survey of Participants' Advice on Priority Factors**
- **Formulation of Consultant's Recommendations**

PROBABLE CAUSE FOR CONSIDERING THE CLOSING OF ONE OR MORE SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOLS

- **Community Engagement Meetings (Composite):**

- YES 260 (67.9%)
- NO 95 (24.8%)
- NO OPINION: 28 (7.3%)

- **Community Engagement Meetings (Individual)**

% YES:

- 83.8%
- 82.5%
- 86.1%
- 63.4%
- 45.3%

- **Administrative Team Meeting:**

- YES (100.0%)
- NO (0.0%)

- **School Faculty Meetings (Composite):**

- YES 237 (93.3%)
- NO 11 (4.3%)
- NO OPINION 6 (2.4%)

- 14 school faculties had majority YES votes;
- 1 school faculty had majority NO votes

IMPORTANT FACTORS THAT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHEN CHOOSING SCHOOLS TO CLOSE

- **Has the smallest actual current enrollment.**
- **Has the smallest overall capacity (number of classrooms).**
- **Is closest to another school of the same level.**
- **Is oldest/has the greatest need for updating/has the greatest need for capital improvement.**
- **Is the least flexible for future programming.**
- **Is the least cost/effective or economical to operate.**
- **Has the lowest geographic risk of losing students to a nearby school district via open enrollment.**
- **Other**

RANKING OF FACTORS THAT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHEN CHOOSING SCHOOLS TO CLOSE

- **Community Engagement Meetings (Composite):**
 - **Rank 1: smallest enrollment (69)**
 - **Rank 2: oldest/greatest need (56)**
 - **Rank 3: lowest geographic risk (41)**

- **Administrative Team Meeting:**
 - **Rank 1: lowest geographic risk (6)**
 - **Rank 2: least flexible for future programming (3)**
 - **Rank 3: smallest overall capacity (2)**

- **School Faculty Meetings (Composite):**
 - **Rank 1: lowest geographic risk (63)**
 - **Rank 2: closest to another school (33)**
 - **Rank 3: oldest/greatest need (29)**

PROJECT CONSULTANT'S RATING OF SCHOOL CLOSING FACTORS

Priority Factors

- **Rank 1: Geographic risk**
- **Rank 2: Oldest, least modern, least flexible**
- **Rank 3: Smallest capacity (See square footage)**
- **Rank 4: Smallest enrollment**
- **Rank 5: Least cost/effective; costly to operate**

PROJECT CONSULTANT'S CANDIDATES FOR SCHOOL CLOSURE

- **Elementary Schools:**

- **Marion W. Savage Elementary School**
- **Rahn Elementary School**
- **Sioux Trail Elementary**
- **Vista View Elementary**
- **Advisory Recommendations: Marion W. Savage and Sioux Trail Elementary Schools**

- **Middle Schools:**

- **Nicollet Middle School**
- **Eagle Ridge Middle School**
- **Metcalf Middle School**
- **Advisory Recommendation: Metcalf Middle School**

CONSULTANT'S RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Rahn Elementary School eliminated from consideration due to geographic risk.**
- **Marion W. Savage was selected for recommendation to close due to: OLDEST, LEAST MODERN, LEAST FLEXIBLE; SMALLEST ENROLLMENT (3rd); LEAST COST/EFFECTIVE.**
- **Sioux Trail was selected for recommendation to close due to: SMALLER CAPACITY (3rd,T), SMALL ENROLLMENT (2); LEAST COST/EFFECTIVE (3).**
- **Metcalf Middle School was selected for recommendation to close due to: OLDEST; SMALLEST ENROLLMENT; LEAST COST/EFFECTIVE; SMALL CAPACITY (2) and factors for retaining other two middle schools.**