Burnsville-Eagan-Savage District 191

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• 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)
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.