

School Closure Information

Items to be addressed

- Where would Westwood students go?
- Where would the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and Significantly Handicapped programs at Westwood be housed?
- Where would the Silverwood program for students with Autism be housed?
- What are our costs for the Necessary Small High Schools (NSHS)?
- Is there a way to consolidate the NSHS in order to better meet student needs and save money?
- Can we close Willow Creek and sell the property to help with the \$1.5 M on-going reduction to the general fund?

Where would Westwood students go?

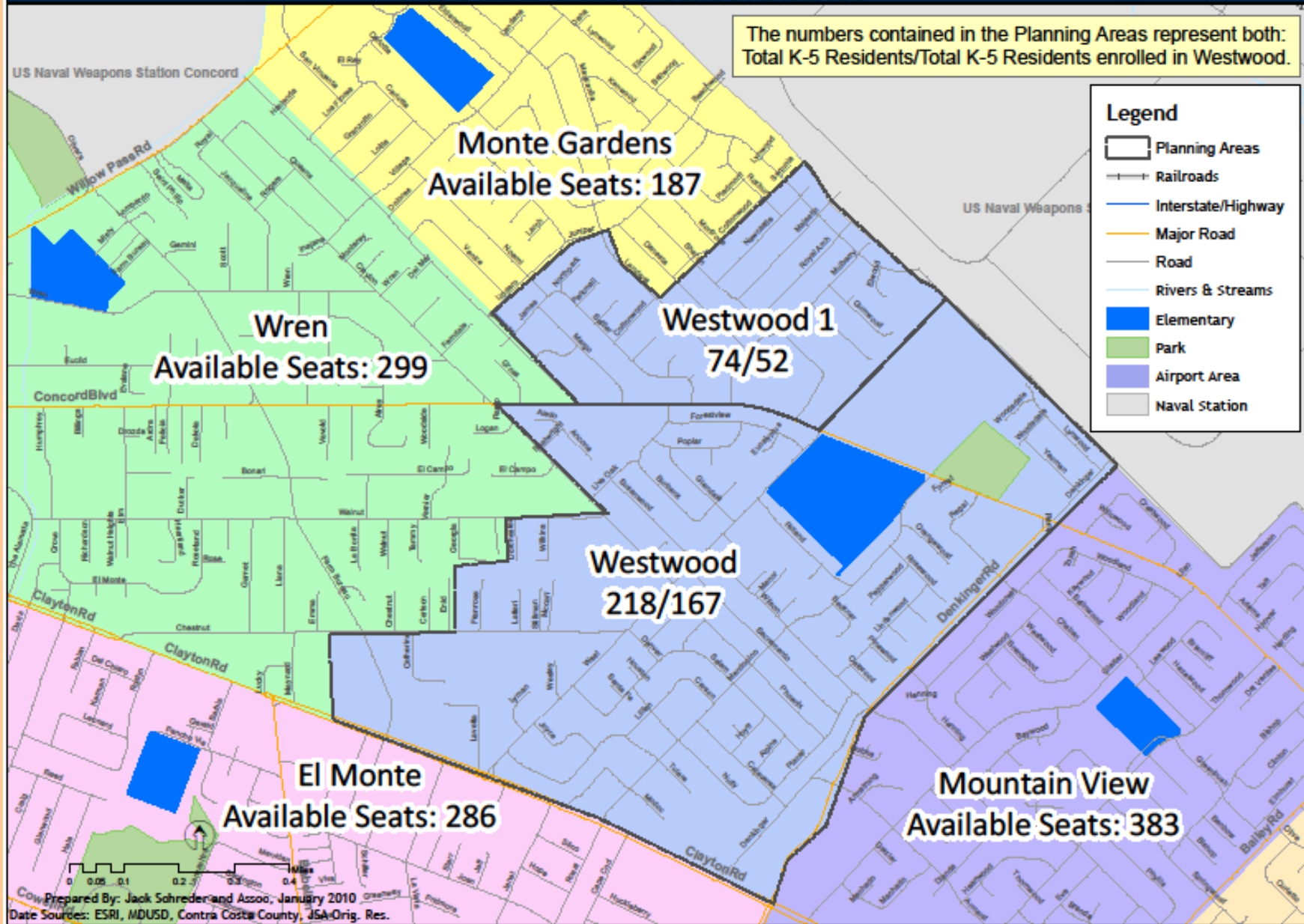
- Currently, there are 397 students at Westwood
- 219 live in the Westwood attendance area
- 21 students attend the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (AH) Program (none of these students live in the Westwood attendance area and 9 live out of district)
- 17 students attend the Severely Handicapped (SH) program (1 student lives in the attendance area)

- Move the AH and SH programs to Wren Elementary School which is 1.5 miles from El Dorado MS and Concord HS.
- The remainder of the current students could either attend Mountain View, return to their home school, or for the portion of the Westwood attendance area west of Concord HS and north of Concord Blvd. they could attend Monte Gardens.
- The new Mountain View attendance area would have 501 elementary students in it. Therefore, the students currently attending Westwood and Mt. View could remain, but new transfer students would not be accepted. If every student went from Westwood to Mt. View the school would have 772 next year and decrease in enrollment over the next several years.

Westwood Elementary School Planning Areas

Mt. Diablo Unified School District

The numbers contained in the Planning Areas represent both:
Total K-5 Residents/Total K-5 Residents enrolled in Westwood.



Concerns

- Traffic – Spoke with the City Manager, Dan Keen about traffic concerns and he feels that traffic issues can be mitigated. Once a decision is made we can sit down with the Concord City team and discuss start and end times for Concord HS and El Dorado MS. Generally, the start time is a bigger concern because of the normal morning commute traffic.

Concerns

- CEQA – In general, districts can apply for a formal notice of exemption from CEQA due to school closures. Unless the closure increases capacity by more than 25% or ten classrooms, whichever is less.
- Currently, El Dorado has 872 students and the capacity for over 1200 students and Westwood has a capacity of 492. So, the combined capacity would be close to 1700 students. If every student moved over from Glenbrook (520) there would be 1,392. Therefore, we would not need to add any new buildings and would not increase capacity by 25%.

Concerns

- Gangs – Spoke with both Glenbrook and El Dorado principals, and Concord Police Chief Guy Swanger. Police Chief Swanger also spoke with his gang unit leader prior to providing me with input. They all feel that the campus would be safe and concerns can be addressed. Police Chief Swanger offered to have his team meet with the school administration team to address any specific concerns.

Silverwood

- Program for students with Autism would be moved to Wren

Necessary Small High Schools

- Currently, the following programs are part of our alternative education program:
 - Olympic (Concord) 335 student must be 16
 - Crossroads (Concord) 61 students
 - Gateway (Bay Point) 46 students must be 16
 - Nueva Vista (Concord) 45 students must be 16
 - Summit (Concord) 41 students must be 16
 - TLC (Concord) 23 students must be 14 (8x)
 - Prospect (College Park) 46 students must be 16
 - Horizons/CIS 119 students 9-12
 - Home Study 54 students K-12
 - Diablo Day 37 students

Can we consolidate programs to save funding?

- We could combine some of the continuation high school programs (Nueva Vista/Summit, Gateway, Prospect, Olympic) on the Olympic campus.
- TLC is a program for 8x students. Instead of being retained these students are placed in the TLC program.
- Diablo Community Day School is a necessary program because the County's Golden Gate program does not have capacity to service all of our students, and it does not have the special education programs to serve our students with IEPs. Students with IEPs that were not served in the Golden Gate program would have NPS placement which are much more costly.

Closing Willow Creek

- Diablo Community Day School is at this facility and by law a Community Day School has to be on a separate location because it serves students who have been expelled from the district. We would need to move the program to another closed school.
- The only staff member that comes out of the general fund would be the custodian which would generate an approximate \$50,000 savings.
- Energy costs are approximately \$45,000.
- On-going savings from Willow Creek would be approximately \$95,000.
- One time savings from WC would be the value of the property which can be used for any one time expenditure (i.e. textbooks, computers, buses, ect.)