

NAPA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

7-11 District Advisory Committee Report on Recommendations Regarding Small School Closures and Consolidations

**Presented to the Board of Trustees
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NAPA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (“NVUSD”)

7-11 District Advisory Committee Draft Report on Findings and Recommendations

On August 8, 2019, the Napa Valley Unified School District’s Board of Trustees (“Board”) convened a 7-11 District Advisory Committee to advise the Board on potential school closures and/or consolidations and on the use of real property no longer needed for school purposes. The Committee was formed pursuant to California Education Code Sections 17387-17391, and consists of the following members:

Andrew Damron
Arik Housley
Arvind Nischal
Barbara L. Franco
Eric E. Knight
Jaime Magana
Katie Garibaldi
Kay Vang
Laura R. Miller
Whitney Farris
Wendi Piscia

These members met the requirements stated in California Education Code Section 17389. The Board also selected the following alternate members: Emmett M. “Skip” Keyser III, J. Rangel Gonzales, Kerri Dorman, and Ted Ward.

The role of the Committee includes the following duties and tasks:

- Make a formal recommendation to the Board regarding potential small school closures/consolidations and possible uses for the property if any schools are closed. The four elementary school sites discussed by the Committee for potential closure included: Alta Heights Elementary School, Mt. George Elementary School, West Park Elementary School, and Yountville Elementary School.
- Consist of between 7 to 11 members, and be representative of the stakeholder community, including parents, teachers, District administrators, the business community, and those with expertise in environmental issues, land use law and land use planning.
- Receive and review attendance projections and school site capacity.
- Work with real property consultants retained by the District to identify potential uses of vacant campuses.
- Review and consider legal constraints on the use of the properties, as described in the California Education Code.

- Hold an initial organizing meeting on August 20, 2019, and then meet at least 3 additional times, or until the business of the Committee is completed.

The Committee met on August 20, September 3, September 17, and October 1, and allowed for public comment and input at each meeting. During these meetings, District staff presented information regarding the District's budget, financial status, historical enrollment analysis, projected enrollment trends, facilities capacity, and other policy considerations.

Based upon the information presented to the 7-11 District Advisory Committee, including public input received, the following recommendations are presented to the Board:

Committee Recommendations:

Yountville Elementary School (6554 Yount Street, Yountville, CA 94599)

The Committee recommends closure of this school. *[To be added if approved by the Committee on 10/1/19: The Committee also recommends that Yountville Elementary School be consolidated with Willow Elementary Magnet School through an appropriate boundary adjustment to be approved by the District's Board.]*

Mt. George Elementary School (1019 Second Avenue, Napa, CA 94558)

The Committee recommends closure of this school. *[To be added if approved by the Committee on 10/1/19: The Committee also recommends that Mt. George Elementary School be consolidated with Alta Heights Elementary School through an appropriate boundary adjustment to be approved by the District's Board.]*

[Insert any recommended implementation measures to be included in the final report.]

The Committee is not recommending closure of either Alta Heights Elementary School or West Park Elementary School at this time.

This report contains recommendations related to potential closure and/or consolidation of small schools, only. The Committee has not yet had the opportunity to review and to consider all relevant information regarding possible uses of property for the schools that may be closed. Any such recommendations will be presented to the Board in a separate report at a future date.

We, the members of the committee, appreciate the opportunity to serve the Board in this important activity. We hope this report will assist the Board with its decisions regarding the District.

Respectfully submitted,
Napa Valley Unified School District 7-11 Advisory Committee