

January 8, 2011

**TO: Board of Directors**

**FROM: George Russell  
Superintendent of Schools**

**RE: Alternate School Closure Option: Close Adams Elementary School**

At the January 5 Board work session, you asked that staff prepare an alternate school closure option that closes Adams Elementary School as a neighborhood school.

Attached is the staff's comparative analysis of building characteristics, student demographics, impacts and other considerations related to the two options presented for your consideration:

- Close Parker and close Crest Drive. Move Charlemagne French Immersion to the Parker building. Adams remains open.
- Close Adams. Parker and Crest Drive remain open. Move Charlemagne French Immersion to the Adams building.

My recommendation and is detailed in the Board report and recommendations.

## Adams/Crest Drive Closure Information

	<b>Adams Elementary</b>	<b>Crest Drive Elementary</b>
<b>Building Characteristics:</b>		
Size	47,000 Square Feet	23,000 Square Feet
Utility & Maintenance cost per square foot	\$2.50/square ft	\$3.00/square ft
# Of Classrooms	19 + 1 small modular	9 + 2 modular classrooms and 1 small modular
Parking	Inadequate for school size	Adequate for current capacity/Inadequate for future growth
Gym	Adequate for school size	Adequate for current capacity/Inadequate for future growth
<b>School Demographics:</b>		
Total Boundary	459	235
Transfers in	62	128
Transfers out	326	100
Current Enrollment	201	261
<b>Student Demographics:</b>		
Free/Reduced Lunch	55.56%	16.45%
Special Education	24%	14%
Native American	1%	1%
Asian	3%	2%
Black	3%	1%
Hispanic	10%	3%
Haw/Pacific Islander	1%	1%
Multiethnic	12%	10%
White	70%	81%
<b>Student Achievement:</b>	See attached graphs	See attached graphs
<b>Impacts:</b>	<b>Adams/Crest Merger</b>	<b>Closing Adams/Moving Charlemagne to Adams site</b>
Short and Long term	Move two preschool programs out of Adams	Move two preschool programs out of Adams
	Early Intervention program may need to move to another location	Early Intervention program may need to move to another location

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Impacts Continued	Adams/Crest Merger	Closing Adams/Moving Charlemagne to Adams site
	Lifeskills program will need to move to another building to make room for another classroom.	
	Adams FRL % will change from 55.56% to 34.02%	Small impact to student demographics
	Title I qualification may be eliminated given new socio-economic status	
	Students from Crest move as a cohort to Adams	Students from Adams move to 5 different elementary schools: Chavez, ATA, Crest, Parker, and Camas Ridge (current transfer patterns indicate that Chavez may not have enrollment capacity for all transfers; therefore ATA was added to the student-receiving list).
	School is full/enrollment projection is 464	Enrollment projection is 282. However, capacity will be reduced with addition of special education program. Enrollment would be on the low end of recommended elementary school size according to Shaping 4J's Future recommendations (300-450).
	Does not preclude future reconfiguration but may require phase-in planning	Constrains future reconfiguration options due to capacity limits. Would need additional funding for site improvements.
		Resolves problematic Adams feeder patterns and boundaries
<b>Current and Future Considerations:</b>	<b>Adams Elementary</b>	<b>Crest Drive Elementary</b>
Costs	\$350,000 for parking and drop off area	Future enrollment growth would require an addition that would cost several

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		million dollars
	\$35,000 kitchen expansion	
Boundaries	May want to consider Adams middle school feeder patterns and boundary changes. Currently, students feed to ATA, Roosevelt, and Spencer Butte	May want to consider Crest Drive boundary change
<b>Unknowns:</b>		
	What choices will the existing and/or transfer families make to attend the 5 schools (Chavez, ATA, Crest, Parker, and Camas Ridge) if Adams closes?	What choices will the transfer families and/or existing families make for their future school if Crest closes?

## Impacts of Closing Parker and Moving Charlemagne

<b>Charlemagne Move to Adams or Parker</b>	<b>Parker Closure</b>
Parking and traffic issues/costs at Adams are unknown, but potentially problematic. If parking/drop-off proves problematic, the cost estimate is \$350,000 for parking and drop-off area improvements.	Students from Parker will be divided between at least two schools
Constrains future reconfigurations as Adams facility will no longer be available.	Constrains or prohibits future reconfigurations. May warrant further conversation.
More central location potentially offers improved access to language immersion program	Camas Ridge will need to have a split middle school feeder pattern, or Spencer Butte enrollment will decline as Camas Ridge currently feeds only to Roosevelt.
Location of Charlemagne within Churchill boundary could impact both Churchill and South regions	Requires boundary change to avoid over enrollment at Camas Ridge or Edgewood
Current enrollment fits into Adams	Site is available for potential relocation of Charlemagne or other 4J programs
Can leave Early Intervention and Lifeskills programs at building site	Need to relocate Lifeskills unless Charlemagne relocates to Parker