

**Superintendent's Recommendation that the Board
Pass a Resolution to Consider the
Closing of JB Young K-8 School**

August 3, 2015

DCSD Board Policy 501.05 establishes the following factors to be considered when taking action to close a school:

1. Quality of Education (Primary Importance)
 - a. JB Young is the most expensive school in the district to bring up to the standard established by the Long-range Facility Plan – about twice as expensive (\$11,000,000) than the average cost of the other most needy schools.
 - b. The current enrollment of JB Young puts the school at 34% of capacity, which is the lowest percent of capacity of any school in the district. The district average of current enrollment to capacity is 69%.
 - c. Because of the low enrollment at JB Young K-8, many programs cannot be provided based on the district funding formula. For example, sports teams have low numbers and some teams cancelled in previous school years; there is no gateway to technology course; the athletic gym is the smallest among intermediate schools; there are limited numbers in band, orchestra and chorus, thus not getting the full experience; and there is no Family Consumer Science elective.
2. Safety of Students

Students will be transported to one of five schools: Sudlow, Williams, Smart, Jefferson and Madison, depending on boundaries to be established. Safety considerations will apply concerning high traffic routes.
3. Cost of Operating
 - a. The attached spread sheet indicates that the continuous annual savings from repurposing JB Young K-8 School would be over \$1.9 million.

- b. The cost to transport JB Young students to the five new schools is estimated to be no increase over current costs. Some students now transported will be close enough to walk to schools, for example.
 - c. The movement of teacher classroom supplies and materials from JB Young to their new schools will be accomplished by the Operations Department at no additional cost to the budget.
 - d. It is expected that the reduction in positions with the closing of JB Young will not result in personnel losing an opportunity to work at DCSD. Retirements and normal movement should provide sufficient flexibility to absorb all JB Young employees.
4. Cost of Necessary Capital Improvements
- a. The cost to move the ASC to the JB Young facility will be offset by using the \$1.7 million now programmed for major maintenance at the ASC, plus the funds eventually realized from the sale of the building.
 - b. No additional improvements will be required at the receiving schools to accommodate additional students from JB Young K-8.
5. Effect on the Community
- a. The movement of the ASC will assure that the JB Young building will be in constant use.
 - b. Establishing a community support and presence in the building will prove to be an asset to the neighborhood and provide space for community organizations to serve the community.
 - c. The playground, gym and meeting facilities could be useful to solidify a sense of community.
6. Miscellaneous Factors
- The Board will determine other information it wishes to consider.