

# Resource Alignment Initiative Community Sessions

## Location

Mission High School, 3750 18th St, San Francisco, CA 94114

## Date and Time

April 3, 2024, 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

## **Themes**

## School Experience

- Emphasis on good teachers, individualized services, small classes, and bilingual programs to ensure that students receive a high-quality education.
- Bilingual programs ensure that students have access to education in their mother tongue.
- Equitable access to resources and opportunities for all students, particularly those from vulnerable and immigrant communities, as well as avoiding disproportionate impacts on students of color.
- Support for maintaining a variety of scholarly options and the right for families to choose their children's schools.
- Schools that cater to the needs of special needs students, including concerns about the impact of school closures on these programs.
- Ensuring teachers can support their students effectively with good training, preparation, workload, and salary.
- Strong academic support, tutoring, and after-school activities to improve student performance.
- Welcoming and safe environments that involve and support the community.
- Small class sizes with smaller ratios of students to teachers.

## **Ideal Outcomes**

- Adequate availability of tutors for students who need extra help.
- School district recognizing successful schools as models and maintaining balance in educational quality across schools.
- Schools with strong cultural environments that promote diversity and inclusivity.



- Equity in education, ensuring that all students have access to quality education regardless of their background or location.
- More meetings and engagement opportunities at schools to facilitate community involvement and input.
- Support for providing sufficient quality and time for teaching bilingual programs effectively.

## Concerns

- Strong opposition to school closures and a desire for the district to focus on improving student education quality instead.
- Concerns that the root of the budget problems are not being addressed and that central office budget should be cut before school closures.
- A desire for clearer communication about the impact of cuts from the top of the Central Office and concerns about the perceived top-heavy nature of resource allocation.
- Concerns about budget allocation, with a focus on ensuring that resources are used effectively and student-focused rather than being focused solely on budget cuts or other priorities.
- Concerns about the adequacy of time allocated for listening to the community, especially for non-English-speaking families, and a desire for a more thorough incorporation of community needs into achieving equity.
- Concerns about equity for communities of color and vulnerable students, including access to quality education and support for students with home insecurity.
- Emphasis on ensuring academic excellence, quality education, and effective resource use to provide the best education possible for all students.
- Concerns about effects on smaller classes that accommodate different learning paces and provide a more intimate learning environment.
- Concerns about how special needs students will be supported, especially after school closures.
- A desire for more respect and involvement from teachers
- Concerns about community input in decision-making processes.
- Opposition to the elimination of language pathways and advocacy for educational programs in students' mother tongues.

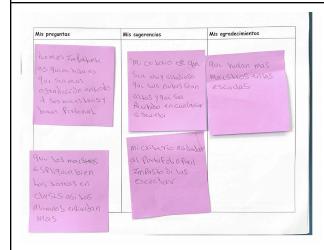
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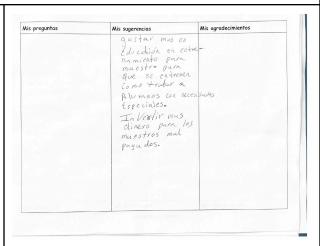
- Number of teachers, counselors, and students to ensure adequate support for all students.
- Transportation considerations for families
- Class sizes
- Impact on teachers



 Advocacy for student and teacher input in decision-making processes, especially regarding school closures, and a desire for solutions tailored to the specific problems of each grade.

# The following are the written comments that were used to create the key themes above





## **Translations**

## Questions

- Are my children being taught to be thankful and respectful to their teachers?
- Are teachers explaining homework thoroughly to their students?

## Suggestions

- My criteria is that students study and get good grades in all schools.
- My criteria is that the new school portfolio helps schools.

## Acknowledgments

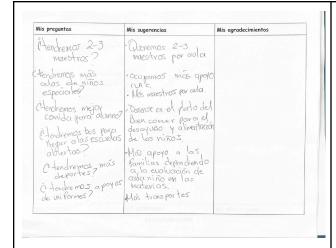
• For there to be more teachers in our schools.

## **Translations**

## Suggestions

- Put more money into education and training teachers to help kids with special needs
- We need more money to pay our teachers





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# Questions

- Will we have 2-3 teachers?
- Will we have more classrooms for special needs students?
- Will we have better food for the alumni?
- Will we have buses for open schools?
- Will we have more sports?
- Will we have uniforms?

# Suggestions

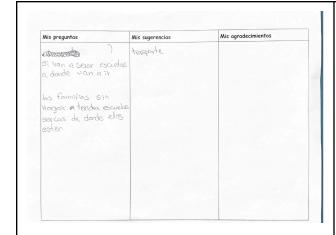
- We want 2-3 teachers per classroom.
- We need more support.
- Give the kids quality food for their breakfast.
- More support for families with students who are evolving along with their material.
- More ways of transportation

# **Translations**

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- Will have more special needs classrooms?
- Will there be buses for open schools?
   Suggestions
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  - More ways of transportation.







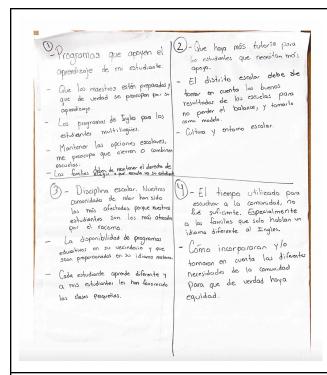
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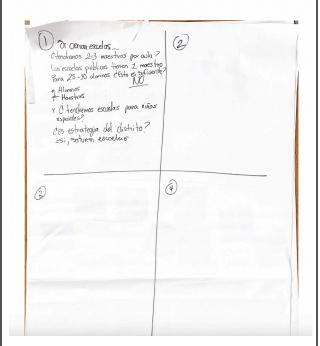
- If new schools are coming, where will they be?
- For families without a home, will there be schools where they will be?

# Suggestions

Transportation.







## School Experience

- Programs that support the learning of my students.
- The teachers should be prepared and that they actually care about learning.
- English programs for multilingual students.
- Maintaining scholarly options is paramount. I'm worried that the District will close or combine schools.
- Families should maintain the right to send their children to a certain school.

## Ideal Outcomes

- There should be plenty of tutors for students who need extra help.
- The school district should keep in mind the good results of schools to not lose balance and use as a model for what a school should aspire to be.
- A school with strong cultural environments.

# **Translations**

# School Experience

- If schools close, will we have 2-3 teachers per classroom?
- 1 teacher per 25-30 students is insufficient.

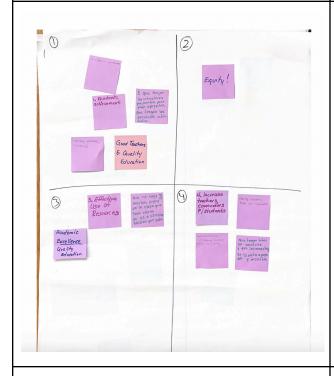


## Concerns

- Scholarly discipline is important for communities of color because of past racial biases that affect students currently.
- Having educational programs available in your neighborhood that are provided in your mother tongue.
- Every student learns at a different pace and having smaller classes lends to helping them in a more intimate environment.

# Missing Criteria

- Time partitioned for listening to the community is not enough. Especially for families that only speak one language separate from English.
- How will different necessities in the community be incorporated into achieving real equity?





**Translations**School Experience



- Small classes and language programs.
- The most important is the learning that my children have.
- Services are received equitably and have support in completing their homework.
- For alums to have a bilingual program.
- For them to be able to learn and have all the resources needed to reach their capacity.

## **Ideal Outcomes**

- Giving clear availability to educational programs in a neighborhood in the mother tongue of the student.
- We need to make sure we have schools located all over San Francisco.
- Schools that don't do well academically should not be turned. away because it's the District's fault they aren't successful.

## Concerns

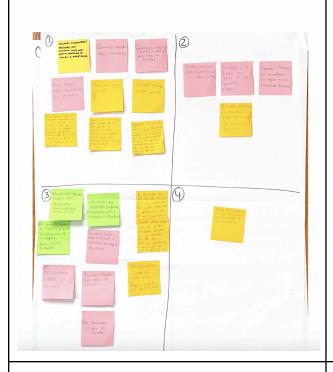
- Large classrooms.
- That you are not resolving the root of the problem.
- Manipulation of details.
- Not considering the problem.
- You are not helping the students who have home insecurity.
- These meetings are being rushed.
- How will we support our special needs students?
- I'm worried about the quality of education my child will receive.
- What will happen to the teachers after schools are closed?
- Where is the equity in all this and how can we support the most vulnerable of the City?

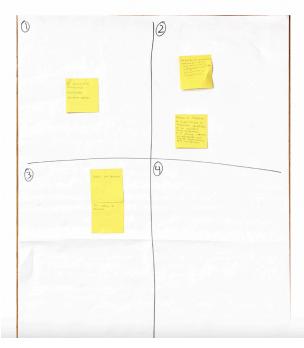
## Missing Criteria

Supporting resources.



- Smaller classes, ensure jobs for teachers and ensure that communities of color aren't impacted the most.
- No one is talking about how many students each classroom will have
- What will happen to the teachers after schools close.





**School Experience** 

- To include immigrant communities that don't speak English.
- Making sure that students of color aren't affected the most.
- To support students who are disproportionately affected by their communities.
- The teachers should be able to have more capacity.
- Increasing class size will increase the stress on teachers who often buy their

## **Translations**

School Experience

• Academic performance and scholarly discipline.

# **Ideal Outcomes**

- Giving clear availability to educational programs in a neighborhood in the mother tongue of the student.
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## Concerns

- What is the cost per kid?
- I don't agree.



materials for their classroom because you guys don't increase their salaries.

- We want equity for all schools.
- Quality and time for both languages.
- Academic performance, assistance, and scholarly discipline.

## **Ideal Outcomes**

- These meetings should be happening at every school.
- The quality and time to teach students the bilingual program effectively.
- For there to be a floor for all races to speak their minds.
- Increase social consciousness.

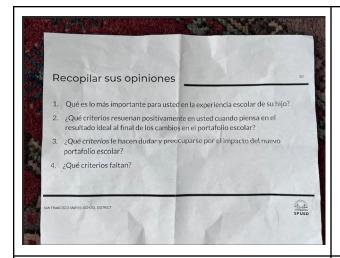
#### Concerns

- Teacher's respect for the children.
- School closures are not what we want! Education is not a negotiation.
- We want equity for all schools in the District.
- We don't want school closure! Cut the Central Office's budget first.
- I don't agree.
- Schools in low-income communities will suffer the most.
- Effective use seems focused on budget allocation instead of being student-focused.
- "Excellence" and "Effective" concerns me when equity wasn't at the forefront of these ideas.
- Eliminating language pathways.
- Academic performance.

# Missing Criteria

• How will you help people who can't call the school?





- What is the most important for yourself when it comes to your child's scholarly experience?
- What positive criteria grab your attention when you think of the ideal final result for the school portfolio?
- What criteria make you worried about the impact of the new school portfolio?