

Preliminary Offers of Space for Academy of Alameda Charter Schools Pursuant to Proposition 39

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Proposition 39 Basics

- Entitles charter schools to space in district facilities.
 - Space is allocated based on number of in-district students reasonably projected to attend the charter.
 - Facilities must be “reasonably equivalent” to those provided to students in comparable district schools.
- AoA Elementary and AoA Middle only schools participating in Prop 39 process for next year.

Proposition 39 Timeline

AoA and the District agreed to the following timeline :

- November 1: Charters provide District with enrollment projections and identify preferred locations.
- January 11: District either accepts the projections or objects and proposes its own projections.
- January 31: If District objects, charters respond and either reaffirm or modify their initial projections.
- February 15: District makes preliminary space offer.
- March 10: Charters respond to preliminary offer.
- April 1: District makes final space offer.

AOA Elementary School's Response to District Projections

- AOAES has not modified projections in response to District objections
- School has continued to solicit applications
 - 65 kindergarten in-district applications received for 50 seats (twice number collected by same point last year); new applications received for other grades in lesser amounts
 - Significant percentage of current families indicate plan to return

In-District ADA	2016-17 Actual Enrollment	AOA's Initial Projections for 2017-18	District's Initial Projections	AOA's Revised Projections
Kindergarten	41.80	45.60	41.80	45.60
1st Grade	29.45	45.60	41.80	45.60
2nd Grade	21.85	35.15	29.45	35.15
3 rd Grade	--	28.50	21.85	28.50
Total	93.10	153.90	93.10	153.90

District's Final ADA Projections for AOA Elementary

- District now accepts AOAES's kindergarten projection of 45.60 based on uptick in applications from last year
- District does not believe grades 1-3 projections reasonably account for attrition seen in past years; District has not adjusted those projections:

	2016-17 Actual	AOA Projections	Final District Projections
Kindergarten	41.80	45.60	45.60
1st Grade	29.45	45.60	41.80
2nd Grade	21.85	35.15	29.45
3rd Grade	--	28.50	21.85
Total In-District ADA	93.10	153.90	138.70

Standard for Calculating AOA Elementary's Space Entitlement

- Recall that facilities must be “reasonably equivalent” to what in-district students would receive if they attended comparable district schools
- Comparable district schools:
 - Serve same grades as charter school making request
 - Serve students living in high-school attendance zone where majority of charter's in-district students live (here, Encinal)
- Comparable schools for AOAES are Maya Lin, Ruby Bridges, and Paden

Calculating AOA Elementary's Space Entitlement

- Start by calculating ADA per classroom for comparable schools. (5 C.C.R. § 11969.3(b)(1)). Two categories:
 - “Teaching stations” (meaning regular education classrooms)
 - “Specialized classroom space”
 - Could include purpose-built space like science lab, MPR
 - For elementary, often ordinary classrooms put to a specialized purpose (art room, music room, etc.)
 - Exclude rooms not “made available” to students in grades and programs served by charter school¹
 - Child Development, Pre-K and T-K program classrooms
 - Stand-alone special education classes (SDCs) because class size is limited by law and AOAES has no such program

¹ *Cal. Charter Sch. Ass’n v. Los Angeles Unified Sch. Dist.*, 60 Cal. 4th 1221 (2015)

Calculating AOA Elementary's Space Entitlement (cont.)

- Comparable school specialized classrooms:
 - Maya Lin (7): Art, Media Center (2), Title I, Afterschool Program (3)
 - Paden (4): Music, Media Center, Title I, Afterschool Program
 - Ruby Bridges (7): Music, Media Center, Title I (2), Afterschool Program (2), Tinker Space (1)
- Excluded rooms:
 - Maya Lin: Preschool SPED (1), Other Special Education (4), Counseling (nonstandard room), ELL (1)
 - Paden: TK (1), Preschool SPED (2), Other Special Education (3), ELL (1)
 - Ruby: WCDC (1), Preschool SPED (2), Other Special Education (3), ELL (1)

Calculating AOA Elementary's Space Entitlement (cont.)

- Now that we have teaching station and specialized classroom counts, we calculate the ratio of ADA to space for each type of room at each of the three comparable schools
- Then take weighted average to determine overall comparable school ratio to be applied to AOAES's projected in-district ADA

Comparable School	K-5 ADA	Teaching Stations	ADA/Teaching Station	Specialized Classrooms	ADA/Specialized Classroom
Maya Lin	306.15	13	23.55	7	43.74
Paden	293.48	11	26.68	4	73.37
Ruby Bridges	452.40	19	23.81	7	64.63
Weighted Average	--	--	24.54	--	51.68

Calculating AOA Elementary's Space Entitlement (cont.)

- Teaching Stations
 - AOA Projected ADA/Comparable School ADA per room
 - $138.70/24.54 = 5.65$ room entitlement
 - No such thing as 0.65 of a room; rounds to **6 rooms**
- Specialized Classrooms
 - $138.70/51.68 = 2.68$
 - Rounds to **3 rooms**
- Total AOAES entitlement = **9 rooms**
- No change if AOAES's projections used instead:
 - $154.85/24.54 = 6.31$; rounds to 6 rooms
 - $154.85/51.68 = 3.00$

AOA Middle School's Revised Enrollment Projections

- AOAMS has revised its grade 7-8 projections downward; District accepts
- AOAMS reiterated belief in reasonableness of sixth-grade projection:

In-District ADA	2016-17 Actual Enrollment	Initial AOA Projections	District's Projection	Revised AOA Projections
6 th Grade	112.32	127.68	112.32	127.68
7 th Grade	128.64	120.00	112.32	112.32
8 th Grade	125.76	132.48	128.64	128.64
Total	366.72	380.16	353.28	368.84

- District continues to object to 6th grade projection
 - Size of incoming sixth-grade cohort continues to decrease: 768 in 2015-16; 729 in current year; 711 for next year
 - To meet even District's projection, AOAMS needs to attract a higher percentage of in-district 5th graders than last year; counter to trend

Calculating AOA Middle's Space Entitlement

- Comparable schools: Wood MS, Encinal Junior Jets
- Special classrooms:
 - Wood (10): MPR, Maker Space, Media Center, Multimedia Lab, Music, Robotics, Science Lab, STEAM, Vocational, Computer Lab
 - Junior Jets (1): Media Center
- Junior Jets also has limited use of Encinal Senior HS campus equivalent to .975 regular classrooms and 0.12 specialized classrooms
- Excluded rooms:
 - Wood: Demonstration classroom, SPED/ELL (4)
 - Junior Jets: None

Calculating AOA Middle's Space Entitlement (cont.)

- As with AOAES, now calculate ratios of students to classrooms and find weighted average:

Comparable School	6-8 ADA	6-8 Teaching Stations	ADA/Teaching Station	Specialized Classrooms	ADA/Specialized Classroom
Wood	481.00	21	22.90	10	48.1
Junior Jets	289.56	11.975	24.18	1.12	258.54
Weighted Average	--	--	23.39	--	128.07

Calculating AOA Middle's Space Entitlement (cont.)

- Teaching Stations
 - AOA Projected ADA/Comparable School ADA per room
 - $353.24/23.39 = 15.10$ room entitlement
 - Rounds to **15 rooms**
- Specialized Classrooms
 - $353.24/128.07 = 2.76$
 - Rounds to **3 rooms**
- Total AOAMS entitlement = **18 rooms**
- +1 room change if AOAMS's projections used
 - $154.85/24.54 = 15.76$; rounds to 16 rooms
 - $154.85/45.22 = 2.88$; rounds to 3 rooms

Recommended Preliminary Offer

- AoA schools want to remain at Chipman Campus
- Recommended offer (at Chipman):
 - AOAMS to have exclusive use of fifteen (15) regular classrooms and three (3) specialized teaching spaces
 - AOAES to have exclusive use of six (6) regular classrooms and three (3) “specialized” teaching spaces
 - AOAMS and AOAES to continue current shared use of MPR, school’s designed office space
 - Continue use of current restrooms and dedicated storage space

Recommended Preliminary Offer

- Collectively, next year AOA Schools would use same space that they use this year
- Will work with AOA to identify rooms to be reassigned from middle school to elementary school
- Open to working with AOA to change assignment of space between schools
- Will continue to review space issues between now and March 28th final offer

Questions?