

Update on Music Enrollment in Secondary Schools

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Background from May 14th Presentation

- In 2017-18, the Board cut \$2.8 million dollars in order to fund a raise for AUSD employees.
- During this process, the School Board voted to return to the kindergarten schedule prior to 2016-17 which does not include any prep time for kindergarten teachers staffed by specialists. This action resulted in a 1.6 FTE reduction across the three specialists, including music.
- The School Board directed AUSD to staff Alameda secondary classrooms at the maximum class size.
- Class size at the high school is 35:1 for most classes with the exception of music and PE classes which are capped at 55:1.
- Although we have committed to staffing at class size maximums, we realize most music programs could not run at class size maximums.
- We continue to run music classes below class size maximums in order to provide a comprehensive program based on student choice.
- We presented data to the Board at the May 14th Board Meeting. The Board requested options to consider for music moving forward.

2019 – 2020 Options for Encinal

1. Offer a section of music as part of the 6th grade wheel with the intention of offering a beginning/intermediate band the following year should there be enough sign-ups.
 - Pro: This can build interest in band in the future without moving kids away from other elective choices.
 - Con: Cost is \$20,000 dollars and Encinal will have to redo the master schedule.
2. Offer Beginning Band
 - Pro: There will be an option of Beginning Band for new students entering the school
 - Con: Cost is \$20,000 dollars and we will have to pull students away from electives that they have selected into in order to create a class with enough students to function.
3. Offer After School Music Program
 - Pro: Kids select in, builds music enthusiasm
 - Con: Not during the school day, cost is \$10,000
4. No Beginning or Intermediate Band this year but survey and build a program for following year.
 - Pro: Cost neutral and there are not enough students for a class currently
 - Con: No Beginning Band program offered at Encinal

2019 – 2020 Planning Options

Factors to consider for Strategic Planning....

Should we consider not using a student-centered scheduling process and offer a more limited elective program to ensure programmatic sustainability?

Allow open enrollment to all the high schools and only offer certain classes at each site.

Align bell schedules to allow students to attend multiple sites.

Create an academy program for all secondary schools which create choice into programs and not schools.

Questions

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