

**Saguaro Complex Facility Discussion
November 17, 2008**

NAVAJO/PUEBLO CONSOLIDATION

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District offices at Pueblo is more centrally-located • Two brand new school facilities <p>Q: Why not move Mohave to Pueblo so kids can mentor, take advanced classes, etc. with ease?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consolidation — requires a bond • Cost to remodel 3 schools • Transportation/pedestrian issues — bus-ing issues • What is the cost/benefit to this? • How do we combine FLI and STEM programs? • Impact to Boys & Girls Club members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Transportation • Size of combined elementary school — <u>too BIG</u> • STEM funds come through PTO • Impact to City free after school program and Community Schools after school • Loss of community atmosphere • Impact to real estate values • 600 displaced students compared to <u>2,000</u> • Two elementary schools in Saguaro Complex compared to 4 in Coronado Complex • Distancing north from south Scottsdale • Not maintaining/supporting neighborhood schools • Consolidation compromises integrity of FLI and STEM programs • Displacement of Special Ed students because Navajo and Pueblo combined have <u>14</u> self-contained classes • Both Navajo and Pueblo have growth this year • The community does not support this! • Concern should be focused on students and faculty rather than district needs and concern for a new location • If open enrollment is defunct (as there won't be any room), we will alienate parents who use our schools to open enroll. There is no choice for parents! • Mohave is centrally-located. To move Mohave to Navajo site takes away the “central location” which many parents like.

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ISSUES/CONCERNS

- Why was the BRAC recommendation re: Pima taken off the table?
- STEM and FLI have generated great interest in Navajo and Pueblo — noted increase in enrollment
- How does this affect voters?
- Long-term consequences — have they been considered?
- Passing a bond in this economy — will it pass or fail?
- How can Kiva become a K-8 school if there isn't any room? Where will 6, 7 & 8 grades do sports? Will voters pay for these renovations? (Will a bond pass??)
- Probably not going to be able to pass a bond and this is a huge cost to renovate 3 schools.
- Number of students affected/moved
- Spending unnecessary dollars — buildings, sports fields with lighting, playground equipment, gym
- Size of combined elementary (number of students and classroom numbers)
- Loss of Title I funding by combining elementary schools
- Combining of FLI, STEM and conventional strands in one elementary — how will that work?
- Creating a larger gap between north and south Scottsdale — 5 miles between Cochise and new elementary
- Impact on Special Education
- Lack of K-8 options in the Saguaro Complex
- Only having 2 elementary schools in the Saguaro Complex vs. 4 elementary schools in Coronado Complex
- Current K-2 growth trends in Pueblo/Navajo are 5-10% compared to Coronado K-2 at 1.6%
- Lose community of Saguaro that helps at Pueblo
- Navajo is 5 acres smaller than Mohave, yet they want to increase numbers
- Navajo has preschool playground next door at Chestnut Park, no good for all junior high

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BRAC RECOMMENDATION

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum impact to students — 600 displaced instead of <u>2,000</u>! Minimal collateral damage. • Maintains integrity of each school's programs: FLI and STEM. Strengthens programs. • Half of 7th graders coming from Pima open-enrolled at Mohave • Can be done without a bond • Save \$6.5 million in Pima renovation costs • Saves \$950,000 <u>per year</u> in operating costs • Make Pima the new Ed Center • Would increase enrollment at Saguaro • Moves one school, not 3 • Keeps self-contained gifted program with their peers • Expertise of Pima teachers moving onto Navajo and Hohokam can enhance those schools • Balances out the Saguaro and Coronado complexes by keeping three elementary schools in each complex • Boosts self-contained gifted program at Mohave and the Science & Technology Academy at Saguaro • Keeps gap between north and south Scottsdale at a minimum • Not impacting strong, growing programs (STEM and FLI) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents want their young children to be able to walk to their neighborhood schools • Angry voters with <u>young</u> children needing to spend <u>time</u> on <u>expensive</u> buses. • Renovation would need to take place if Pima would become the Ed Center • Think 5-year, 10-year, 15-year plus long-term as our children attempt to send their children to local schools

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ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

1. Why reduce the Saguaro Complex from 3 to 2 elementary schools with no choice (programs — STEM, FLI) while maintaining 4 elementary schools in Coronado Complex while looking to add choice (K-8, programs — STEM, Traditional)?
2. How is it possible to combine STEM and FLI while maintaining the standard? Confusing to parents coming and looking at schools.
3. Why are we even considering other options of neighborhood schools and more dollar expense to the school during this economy?
4. Why sell off land we will need in the future (and at present)?
5. How are we going to ensure that parents do not move their children to charter and private schools while we deliberate and are in flux of indecision?
6. What is the enrollment at Navajo and Pueblo and why are we discussing merging them?
7. Why spend money rebuilding a gym and sports fields for a school that shouldn't even be involved in this equation (Mohave)?
8. Why aren't we considering closing Pima for the 09-10 school year as recommended by BRAC? Immediate savings realized without a bond requirement.
9. Why aren't we listening to BRAC recommendations?
10. What is the exact capacity number that the District is willing to let combined Pueblo/Navajo Elementary be?
11. What is the exact operational savings with a school as large as #10's answer?
12. What does "right size" mean?
13. What is the motivation behind changing Hohokam to a traditional school with a cap of 720 students when Hohokam's open enrollment (both in and out-of-district) is growing? Hohokam has easy access of 101 to facilitate out-of-district open enrollment = \$\$

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NEW IDEAS

- Add 6th grade to Mohave and do renovations to existing buildings
- Leave Mohave at present site (central)
- Move Mohave to Pueblo = increase interaction at band, sports, academics between the new schools. Better articulation academically with high school. (Where would Pueblo go?) (Pueblo K-8?)
- Moving Mohave to Navajo campus presents a problem for far western edge of Kiva district
- Leave everything the same
- Refurbish Pima to be admin/Ed Center
- Make Kiva K-8
- Make more K-8 options in Saguaro Complex
- Close Tonalea and move to Supai for K-8
- Similar to Copper Ridge — Move Tonalea to Supai (49% capacity currently) and maintain a middle school and elementary on the same campus
 - Ed Center moves to Tonalea property
- All 3 schools go K-8 (Kiva, Pueblo, Navajo) to maintain integrity of already successful magnet programs (FLI/STEM).
 - Maintain sports programs (middle school level) at the 3 elementary schools (K-8)
 - Ed Center at Mohave — also a sports complex to serve 6/7/8 grade populations from the 3 K-8s
- Explore consolidation/merge with another school district (example: Paradise Valley School District, Cave Creek?)