



Student Placement/Waitlist Options

April 2017

The Issues

- Enrollment is up, space is limited at impacted campuses
- Students have not been placed in their neighborhood schools for 2017-18
 - 23 Kinders at Bubb
 - 22 Kinders at Huff
- State requires 24:1 for K-3
- Enrollment is fluid and fluctuates from month to month
- Facilities issue

Context

- Bubb and Huff are significantly impacted
- Slater opens in 2019-20
- Boundary process in progress to accommodate opening Slater and lessen enrollment at impacted schools
- Board to decide on boundaries in June
- Enrollment priorities considered by Board in 2017-18
- For several years, District opened Kinder overflow class at Monta Loma, Landels
- Decision for next year has to be made soon

Options Overview

- 1:** Continue current practice
- 2:** Open Bubb / Huff satellite classrooms at Slater
- 3:** Delay construction at Bubb and Huff, and use existing modulars with planned temporary portables (new)
- 4:** Open Bubb/Huff satellite classrooms at Cooper
- 5:** Open a fourth Kinder class at each choice school
- 6:** One year soft open of Slater - Kinder only
- 7:** Two year soft open of Slater (Slater K in 2017-18, K-1 in 2018-19)
- 8:** End extended day Kinder at Bubb and Huff and move to half-day option (meets state requirement)
- 9:** Add an additional portable each at Bubb and Huff
- 10:** Add additional portables & end extended day Kinder at Bubb and Huff (2018-19 school year)
- 11:** Add additional portables (Option 9) + with 1-year soft open of Slater K in 2018-19 (variation of Option 6)

Option 1: Continue Current Practice

Pros:

- Least disruption to facilities, construction plan and budget
- Enrollment is fluid and issue may resolve itself
- No added cost (open Kinder classes at ML, CA)
- Additional residency checks for all impacted schools

Cons:

- Doesn't solve the problem
- Relocates neighborhood students

Option 2: Two Satellite Kinder Classes at Slater (cost)

Pros:

- Solves the capacity issue
- Keeps neighborhood kids together; still “part of” Bubb and Huff
- Space is available

Cons:

- Teacher/student isolation and lack of teacher collaboration
- Supervision issue
- Students lose instructional time
- Transportation issue/cost of additional bus

Option 3: Keep Existing Modulars, Delay MUR Construction at Bubb and Huff

Pros:

- Keeps kids in neighborhood schools

Cons:

- Adds \$4M (\$2M per site) increase to construction
- Can't reconfigure existing library or address SpEd classroom concern now, adding to scheduling complexities and cost
- Some of the required modulars are in disrepair

Option 4: Add Satellite portables at Cooper

Pro:

- Conveniently located near Bubb and Huff allowing students to remain in their neighborhood

Cons:

- Requires 6 months approval process through DSA for modular construction
- Won't likely be ready for 2017-18
- Would require CDE inspection
- Additional cost
- Lack of administrative supervision, play and lunch spaces

Option 5: Open a Fourth Kinder Class at Choice Schools

Pros:

- Allows some waitlisted choice school Kinders to attend first choice school

Cons:

- Doesn't relieve enrollment pressure on Bubb, Huff (Only 3 Kinders in first 24 students on ST waitlist)
- Only 11 Kinders on MI waitlist (0 Kinders from Bubb and Huff)
- May not open enough spots (depending on neighborhood school)
- Would need to reduce following years Kinder enrollment
- Only a 1-year solution, since schools cannot increase by a class size each year as Kinders progress

Option 6: One year soft open of Slater - Kinder only

Pros:

- Slater school already planned to open
- Preschool program remains untouched for 1 year
- Relieves pressure on Huff, Landels and indirectly Bubb

Cons:

- Traffic and Parking
- No space at Slater in 2018-19 for 6 classes (3 kinders, 3 1st grades)
- Needs offsite principal oversight
- Will require moving of preschool in 2018-19 instead of 2019 -20
- Requires additional Student Services staffing
- Have to design process to populate school (volunteer) or notify parents of Kinder reassignments

Option 7: Two year soft open of Slater (Slater K in 2017-18, K-1 in 2018-19)

Pros:

- Slater school already planned to open
- Adds additional space to accommodate oversubscription at two schools
- Additional time to communicate shortened Kinder day if needed

Cons:

- Have to design process to populate school (volunteer) or notify parents of Kinder reassignments
- Cost of additional portables
- Possible reduced instructional minutes for Kinder
- Limits capability for grandfathering kids at Bubb and Huff in subsequent years
- Results in families having to leave Bubb and Huff after boundary changes take effect in 2019-20
- Needs Site Administrator, Office and Support Staff
- Further limits playground space at both Slater, Stevenson

Option 8 - End Extended Day Kinder at Bubb and Huff

Pros:

- Creates AM and PM sessions and shared space
- Less disruption
- Cost effective
- 2-year fix

Cons:

- Limits capability for grandfathering kids at Bubb and Huff in subsequent years
- Results in families having to leave Bubb and Huff after boundary changes take effect in 2019-20
- Impact on families who planned for full day
- In 2018-19, need extra 1st grade class to accommodate students (5 classes total)
- Fewer instructional minutes for Kinders at Bubb and Huff

Option 9: Add an Additional Modular at Huff and Bubb

Pros:

- Space available for an additional modular
- Could be ready for 2017-18
- Already have DSA approval
- New portables could piggyback on existing contract
- Best option for construction/cost option

Cons:

- Adds \$200,000 over 2 yrs
- Not a long-term fix; adds a 1st grade class next year
- Limits capability for grandfathering kids at Bubb and Huff in subsequent years
- Results in families having to leave Bubb and Huff after boundary changes take effect in 2019-20
- Need to commit to portables ASAP
- Further limits playground space

Option 10: Add Additional portables Now and End Extended Day for Kinder at Bubb and Huff in 2018-19

Pros:

- Adds additional space to accommodate oversubscription at two schools
- Additional time to communicate shortened Kinder day

Cons:

- During the 2018-19 school year entering Kinder would need to do AM/PM schedule
- Reduced instructional minutes for Kinder
- Cost of additional portables (\$200,000)
- Limits capability for grandfathering kids at Bubb and Huff in subsequent years
- Results in families having to leave Bubb and Huff after boundary changes take effect in 2019-20
- Further limits playground space

Option 11: Add additional portables (Option 9) + with 1-year soft open of Slater K in 2018-19 (variation of Option 6)

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- Slater school already planned to open
- Adds additional space to accommodate oversubscription at two schools
- Additional time to communicate shortened Kinder day if needed

Cons:

- Cost of additional portables
- Possible reduced instructional minutes for Kinder
- Limits capability for grandfathering kids at Bubb and Huff in subsequent years
- Results in families having to leave Bubb and Huff after boundary changes take effect in 2019-20
- Needs Site Administrator, Office and Support Staff
- Limits playground space at Stevenson (retain temporary village for extra year)