

Vote Re: High School Reconfiguration Report: Catalina High, Rincon High, University High

Catalina High School Site Council votes to accept the report being submitted, but with several comments.

1. We believe that the process of allowing one school to suggest and present a case for dissolving/relocating/dismantling a school is reprehensible and disgusting and should never have been entertained or directed.
2. We would like to point out that many of the points the UHS portion of the report makes are just plain ignorant. They obviously have no idea what really goes on here on our campus and fail to recognize that we are currently a legitimate high school, offering a legitimate education with the resources we have available and functioning, to an underserved and struggling population. Their charts on 69, 70, and 71 illustrate this. Example: Pg 69 - "UHS at Catalina will be able to host community events, which would generate rental revenue for UHS and TUSD." They must not realize that Catalina already hosts MANY district-wide and community events on our campus. We partner with community and sports programs on a regular basis. Pg 70 – They somehow believe that attending a school with a "higher letter grade" will outweigh a student's desire to remain at their high school in their community. They also tout the ability of Catalina students to begin utilizing a "College, Career and Counseling Center" if they move to Rincon, but fail to recognize we have a wonderful College and Career Center at Catalina with an amazing Counselor of our own.
3. Some of the numbers reported were not correct, but may have greater impact if reported correctly. (Unfortunately, Synergy does not always pull a full and correct number of specific students in some reports, because of the way they are marked or coded from year to year. The numbers we are including are based on the records we keep and the constant physical count and recount we do)
Foster Students: reported as 7; we have 31+ (Not all students end-up marked in synergy, and we have many students that are placed in foster care as adults or with family members/friends, but still have caseworkers with DCS.
McKinney-Vento Students: reported as 57/7.67% of enrollment; we have 79/10.6% active McKinney-Vento students marked in Synergy.

We know that there are many other points that we take exception with, but believe that these will all be clarified and we will be allowed to address them appropriately at the appropriate time.

Sincerely,

Catalina High School

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