

Bullis Charter Proposition 39 Review

January 24, 2019



Proposition 39

Charter petition approval

At the December 20, 2018 meeting, the Mountain View Whisman Board of Trustees approved the petition from Bullis Mountain View for a three (3) year term beginning July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022.

Proposition 39

- Proposition 39 ("Prop. 39") is a state law passed by California voters in 2000, which requires school districts to make facilities (including both classroom and non-classroom spaces) available to public charter schools serving students who reside in the district
 - A Prop. 39 request for facilities was made November 1
 - There is a specific timeline to which the District must adhere
 - This process runs parallel to the charter petition
 - A charter school must demonstrate that at least 80 students, who live within the District's boundary plan on attending

Proposition 39 - Timeline

- Nov. 1- Application with requested site location
- **Dec. 1-** District responds to charter projections
- **Jan. 1-** Charter school responds to District objections and possible modification
- **Feb. 1-** Preliminary offer of space
- Mar. 1- Petitioner responds to our preliminary offer
- **Apr. 1-** Final offer submitted by District
- May 1- Final offer accepted or rejected by Bullis
 - if they reject then we do not have to house them

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- Bullis Charter must provide the district with the projected number of in-district students and support their projection with documentation.
- Penalty for being 25 students below (or 10%), for each student after that is approximately \$2,000 per student
- The district may make efforts to verify residency

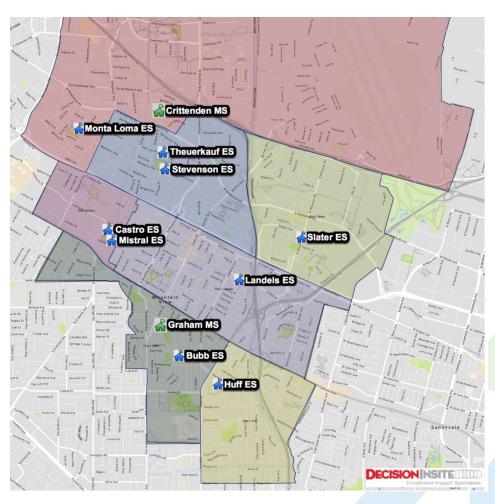
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- MVWSD conducted a public verification process session on November 14.
 - MVWSD determined that BMV does meet the minimal requirement for Proposition 39.
 - MVWSD is currently undergoing a facility analysis in preparation for MVWSD initial offering (February 1, 2019).

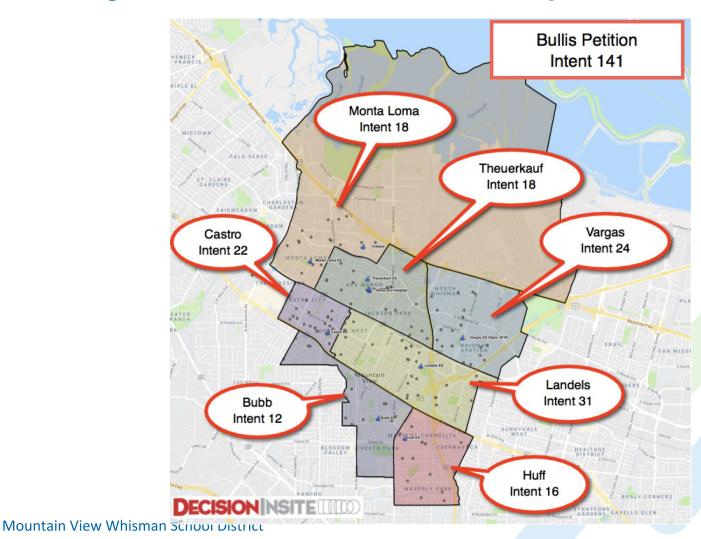


Site Analysis of Prop. 39 Request

Shifting Boundaries

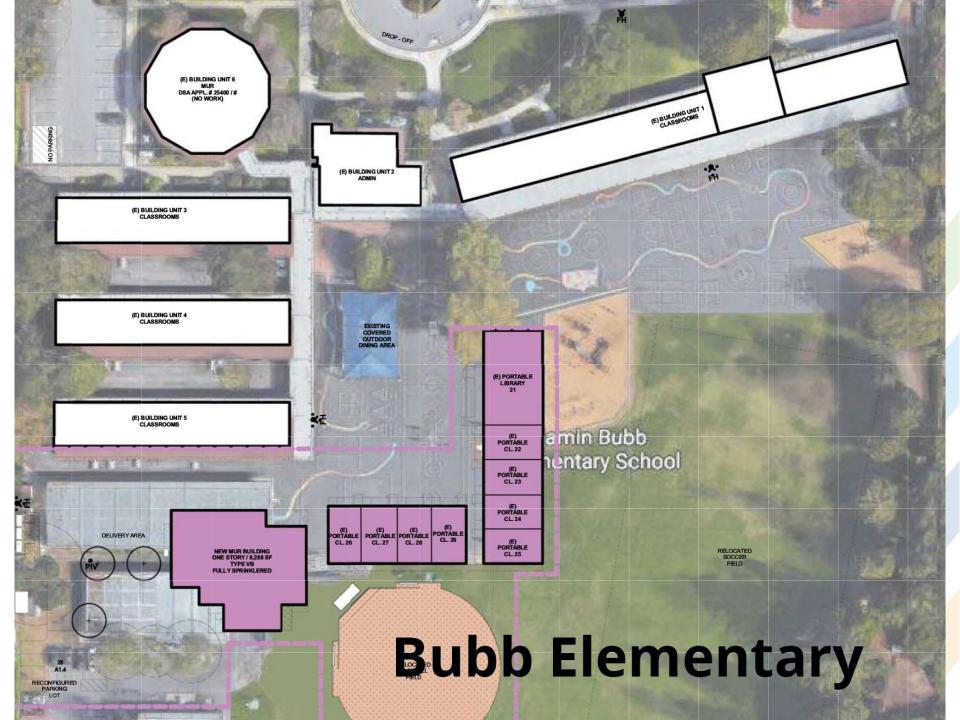


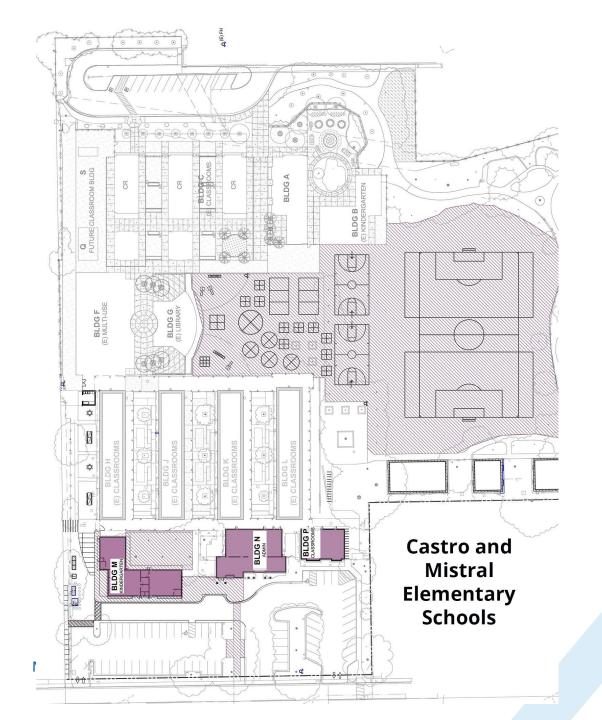
Analysis of intent forms (location)

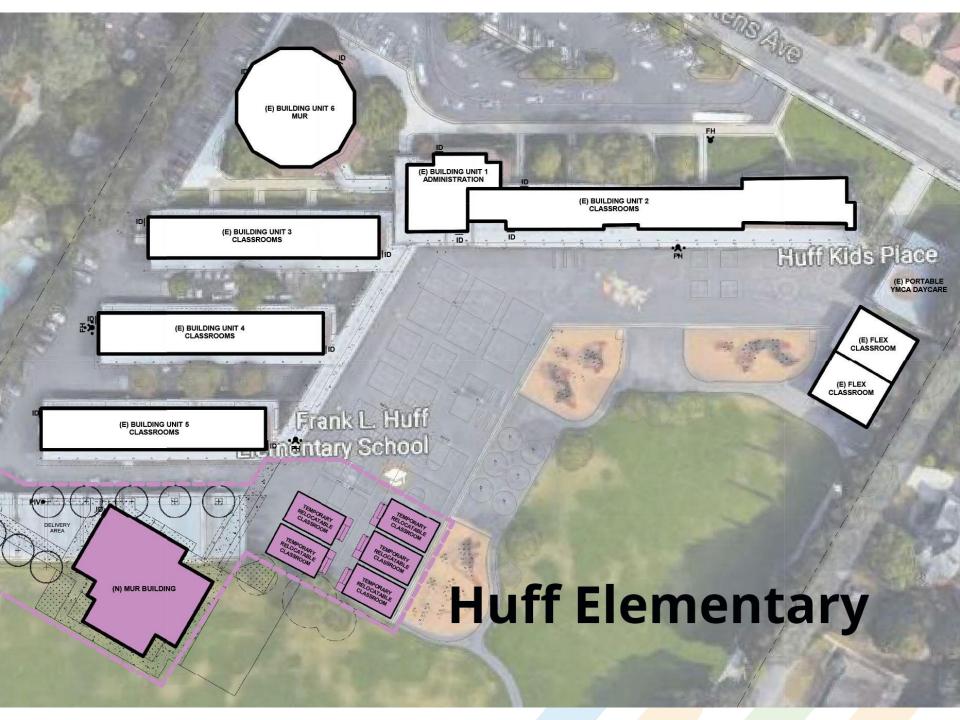


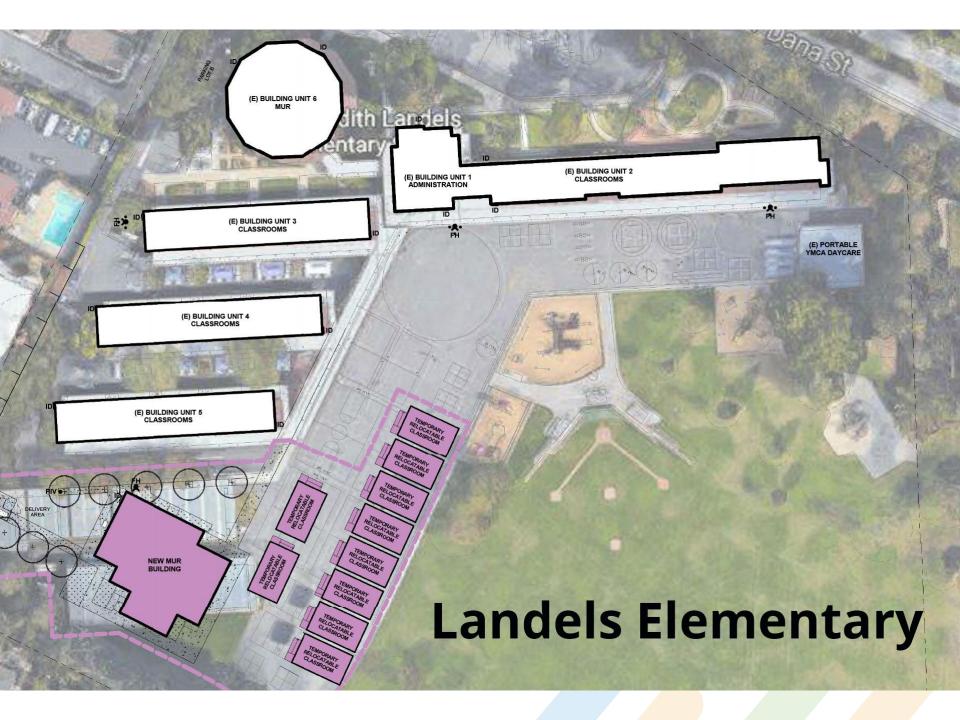
Option 1 - Use space at schools

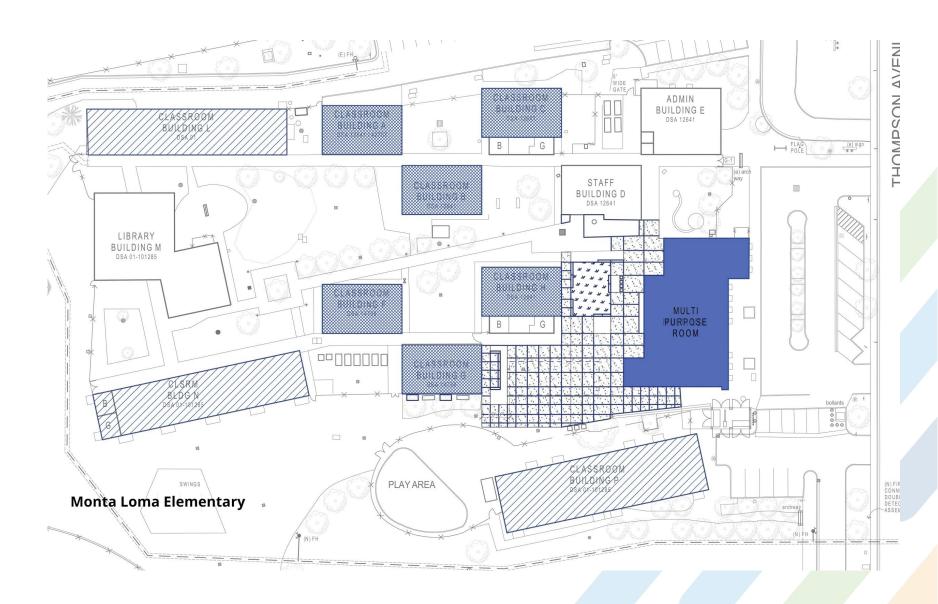
 Utilizing excess space and rented portables, place Bullis Mountain View at any existing elementary site that can house 7 classrooms.

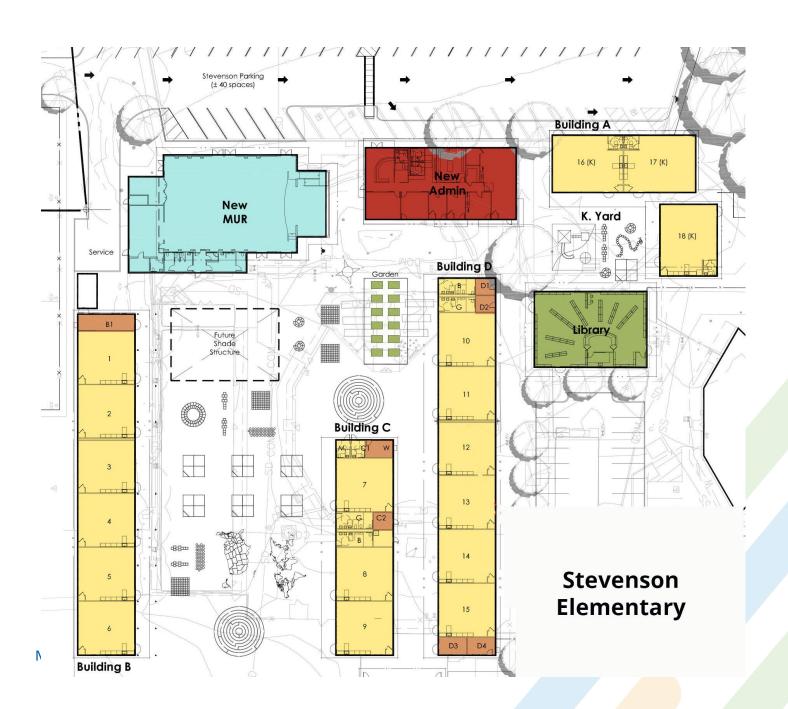














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Option 2 - Use leased campuses

- Mountain View Whisman has three sites that are currently being leased to a private school and two early childhood centers.
 - Two of the sites are former schools that were closed after declining enrollment.

Option 3 - split location

Similar to current set up for Bullis Los Altos, MVWSD could elect to allocate BMV a couple of classrooms on each site

Option 4 - contiguous site without disrupting neighborhood school

 Reassess MVWSD plan to expand preschool and place BMV at the former Stevenson campus; currently the temporary District Office.

Option 5 - Redraw boundaries

- Quickly redraw the school boundaries to reflect several factors:
 - Shifting neighborhood dynamics due to growth
 - Maximum site capacity as opposed to 450 students



Analysis of options

Option 1 - Neighborhood school placement

- Cost incurred for leasing portables for the foreseeable future
- Disruption to each neighborhood school
- Impact of shared facilities
- Bullis Los Altos recent request to have LASD move students out of an existing school to accommodate their growth.
- At several sites, the continued use of the portables will continue to impact student play areas.

Option 2 - Leased sites

- One site (Cooper Park) is not adequate to serve as a school facility
- There is not enough time to meet contractual obligations to break lease (1 year at one site, 5 years at the second site)
- District has already allocated lease revenue for Certificate of Participation payment (Vargas Elementary).

Option 3 - Split campus

- This option creates a hardship on Bullis Mountain View.
- Minimizes Bullis Mountain View's impact on one school, but increases the impact to two or three sites.
- Allows for future growth for charter and elementary schools.
- Reduces district's costs and allows for the removal of portables off the playgrounds.

Option 4 - Contiguous site without disrupting neighborhood school

- Site was recently utilized for Stevenson Elementary and would be considered comparable to new construction.
- Requires sharing of MUR and possibly library.
- By utilizing the largest elementary site, this solution provides the opportunity to allow BMV to grow with minimal impact to neighborhood schools.
- Provides BMV with a contiguous site where they can support students and teachers.
- Bullis' possible future growth could have a negative impact on district land that is used for soccer and softball fields after hours.

Option 5 - Redraw boundaries

- Requires supermajority Board vote (4) to reopen the idea of shifting boundaries
- Process would need to be driven by staff
- Creates a single site for Bullis
- Allows MVWSD to utilize each school site to its maximum capacity instead of placing 450 students on a site.



Staff Recommendation

Things to consider

The Board of Trustees should take into account:

- a. Impact of Bullis on a neighborhood school
- b. Impact of loss of revenue from existing leases
- c. Bullis enrollment growth over the term of their first charter (3 years).
- d. Previous Board of Trustees' direction to create contiguous neighborhood schools.

Recommendation

Option 4 - Use planned Preschool site for BMV

- 1. Provides each neighborhood with the ability to adjust to new boundaries and allows for future growth.
- 2. Least disruptive districtwide and mitigates the impact of sharing facilities.
- 3. Site was used by Stevenson Elementary during the 2017-18 school year.