

### 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

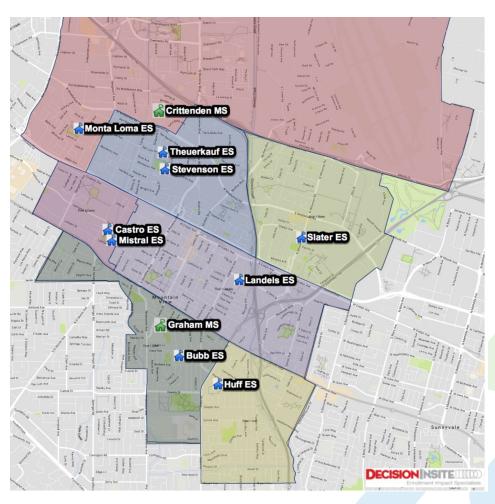
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- MVWSD conducted a public verification process session on November 14.
  - MVWSD determined that BMV does meet the minimal requirement for Proposition 39.
  - MVWSD is currently undergoing a facility analysis in preparation for MVWSD initial offering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

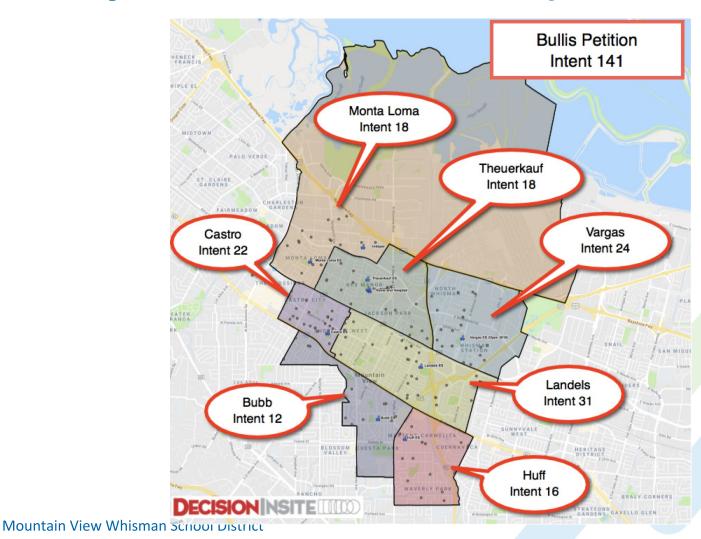


# Site Analysis of Prop. 39 Request

#### **Shifting Boundaries**

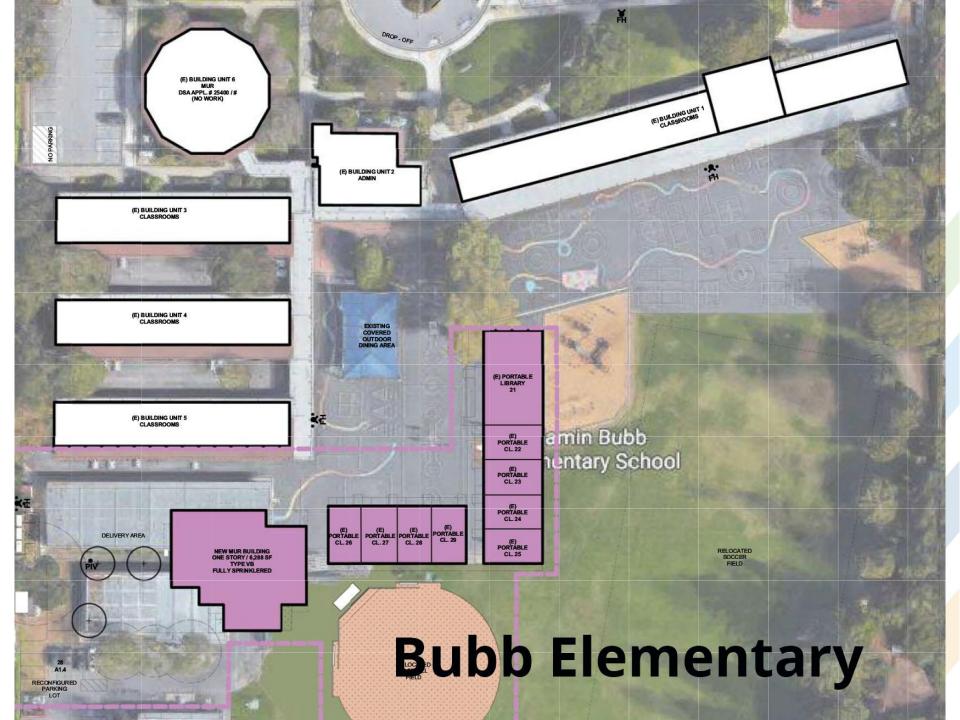


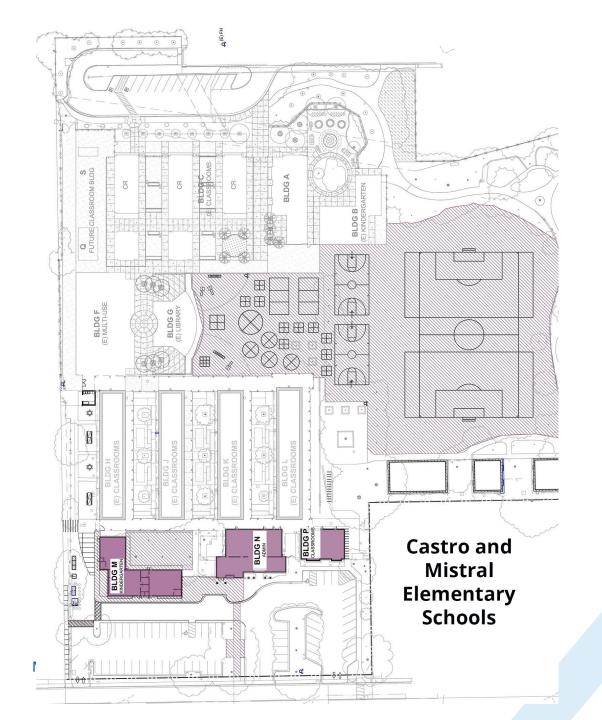
#### **Analysis of intent forms (location)**

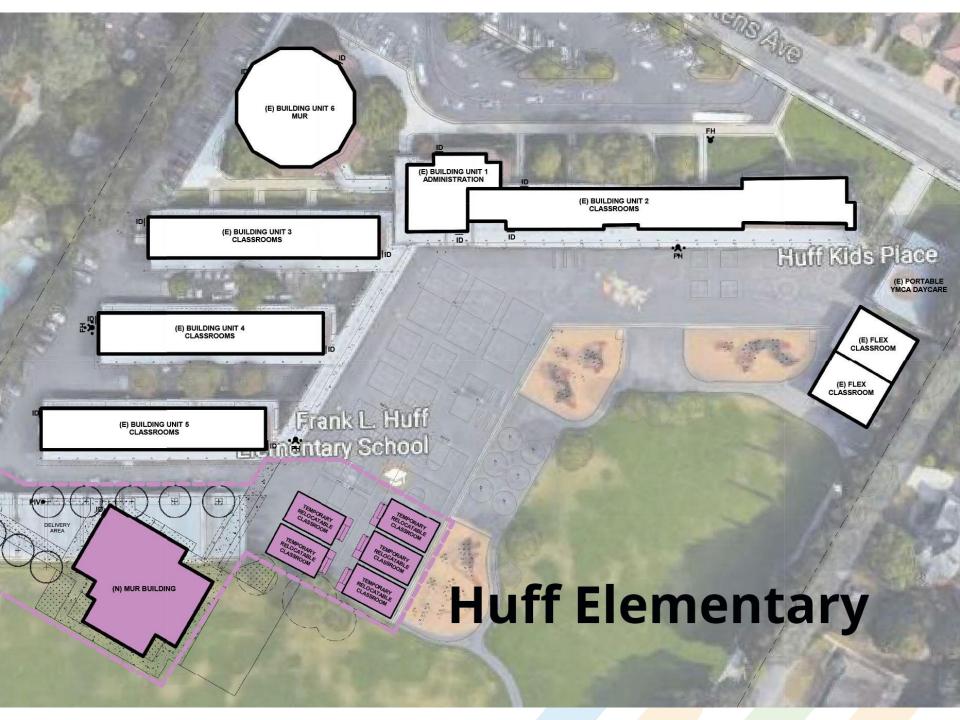


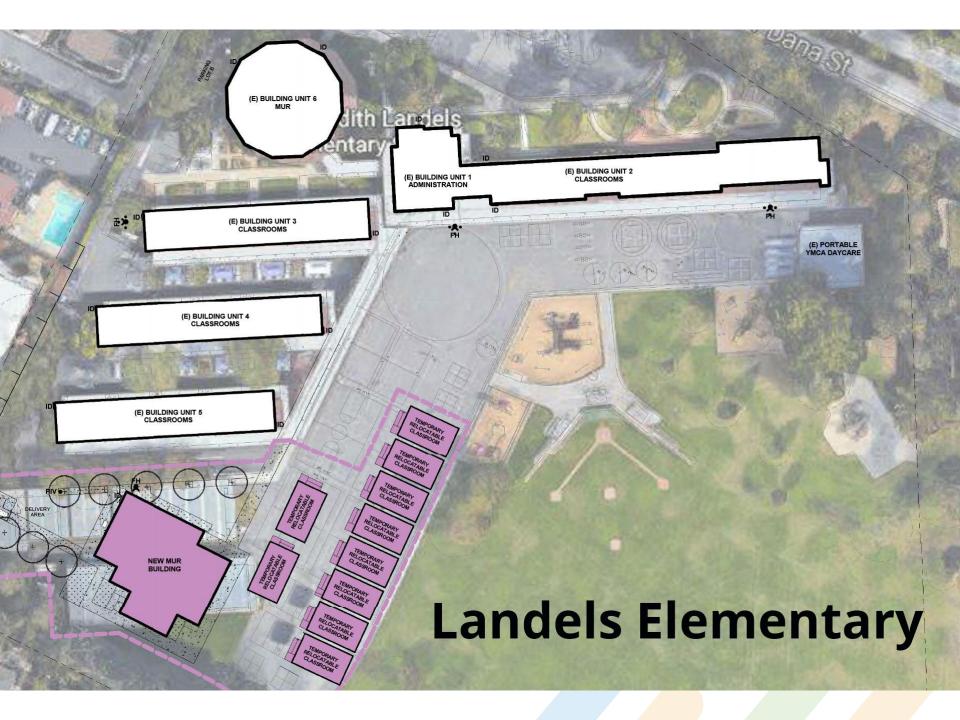
#### Option 1 - Use space at schools

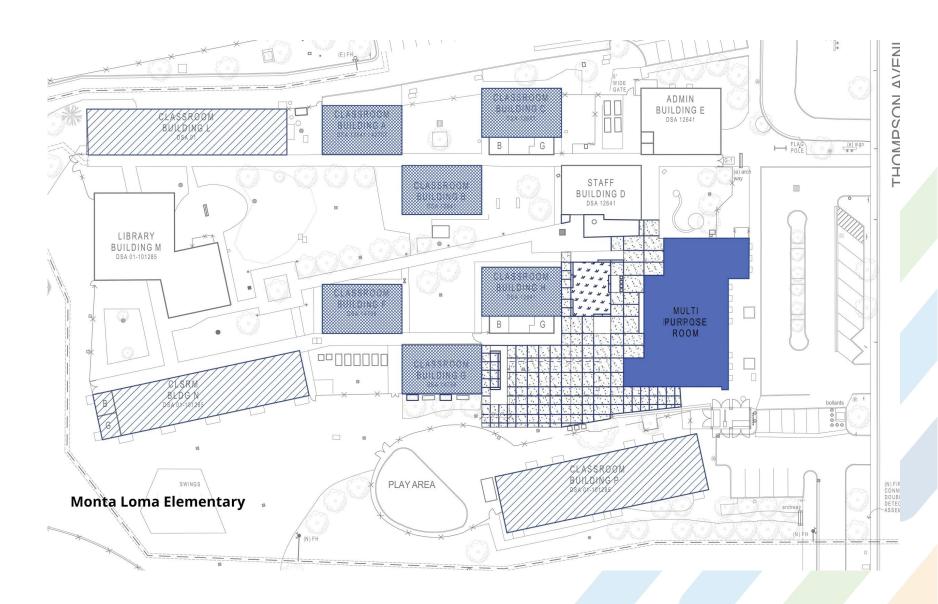
 Utilizing excess space and rented portables, place Bullis Mountain View at any existing elementary site that can house 7 classrooms.

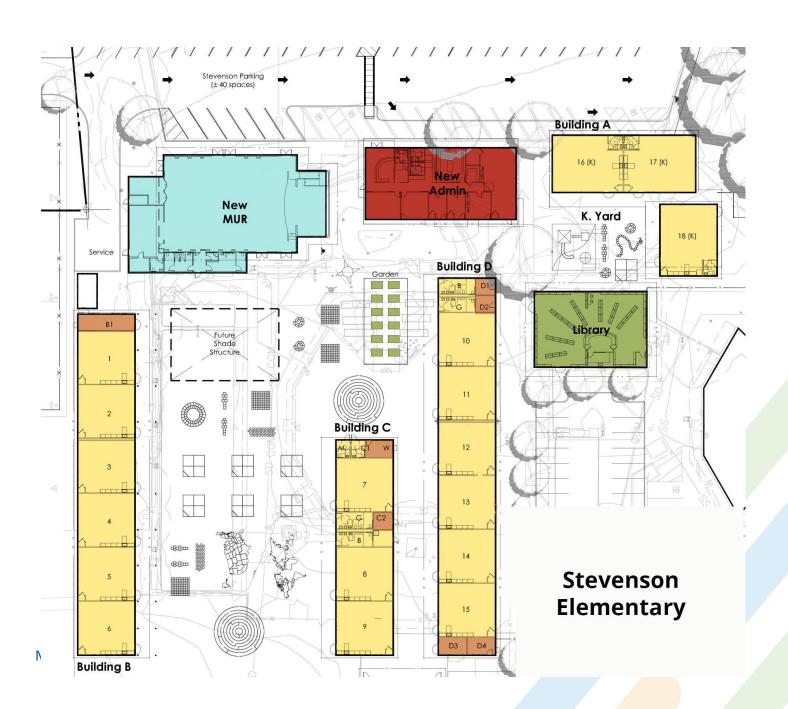














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#### **Option 2 - Use leased campuses**

- 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.