



Special Committee on School Admissions, Attendance and Boundaries

November 7th, 2008

Recommendations for Attendance in Overcrowded Schools

I. District recommendation:

- **Make Claremont Middle School a school of choice**
- **Expand capacity at Montclair to address overcrowding in several school areas**

II. Scenarios for Hillcrest

A. Maintain status quo: Hillcrest at K-8th Grade Configuration

- **Cap Hillcrest Kindergarten at 40 for incoming students**
- **Re-direct additional Kindergarteners to neighboring schools**
- **Conduct lottery for 50% of Hillcrest 5th grade students for 6th grade**

B. Phase Hillcrest into a K-5th Grade Configuration by 2011

- **Accept incoming Kindergarten students from neighborhood**
- **Notify current 3rd graders of no 6th-8th option in 2011**

C. Phase Hillcrest into a K-5th Grade Configuration by 2011

- **Shrink Hillcrest boundaries to 40 incoming Kindergarteners**

Topics for consideration by the Board of Education: short term and long term

Scenario A

- Maintain Hillcrest at a K-8th Grade Configuration
- Cap Hillcrest incoming Kindergarteners at 40
- Conduct lottery for each 5th grade class to cap middle school at 1 classroom

Advantages:

- Preserves a K-8th grade option for families

Challenges:

- Fewer neighborhood seats for incoming Hillcrest Kindergarteners
- Lottery necessary beginning in 2009. No Hillcrest middle school for 50% of 5th graders

Scenario A: Hillcrest Projections: 2009-2015

GRADE	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
K	36	37	45	45	42	38	48	51	52	44	40	40	40	40	40	40	40
1	34	39	34	42	44	39	32	47	49	51	43	39	39	39	39	39	39
2	34	34	38	32	39	41	38	31	48	47	51	42	38	38	38	38	38
3	35	32	31	31	32	37	40	36	32	47	47	51	43	39	39	39	39
4	35	34	29	31	31	31	29	37	36	30	46	46	49	41	37	37	37
5	32	31	33	28	32	29	29	29	34	36	29	44	44	47	40	36	36
6	27	22	22	24	21	28	24	18	27	24	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
7	17	23	19	21	20	19	26	23	18	26	24	20	20	20	20	20	20
8	15	17	22	19	21	17	16	27	22	18	26	24	20	20	20	20	20
Total	265	269	273	273	282	279	282	299	318	323	324	325	313	304	293	289	289

Scenario B

- Phase Hillcrest into a K-5th configuration by 2011: leave boundary intact
- Accept more Kindergarten students to Hillcrest by 2011: redirect Kindergarten overflow to Montclair in the interim

Advantages:

- Accepts greater number of incoming neighborhood Hillcrest Kindergarten students by 2011
- Leaves the Hillcrest boundary intact

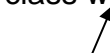
Challenges:

- Facilities cost of two story classroom building at Montclair; use portables in the short term

Scenario B: Montclair Projections

GRADE	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
K	68	66	59	61	51	64	64	60	57	70	90	80	80	80	80	80	80
1	58	73	58	57	66	51	63	65	64	59	74	95	84	84	84	84	84
2	59	55	67	62	58	60	45	60	67	60	58	72	93	83	83	83	83
3	63	57	56	62	61	54	53	48	58	70	60	58	73	94	83	83	83
4	57	52	54	53	52	62	45	55	48	61	72	62	60	75	96	85	85
5	46	51	48	54	52	54	53	51	54	49	61	72	62	60	75	96	85
Total	351	354	342	349	340	345	323	339	348	369	415	439	452	475	501	512	501

Montclair's incoming Kindergarten class will increase by 10



Scenario C

- Shrink Hillcrest boundary to include 50 Kindergarten students
- Phase Hillcrest to K-5th grade configuration by 2011

Advantages:

- Certainty of future neighborhood school
- Allows for higher number of incoming Hillcrest Kindergarteners

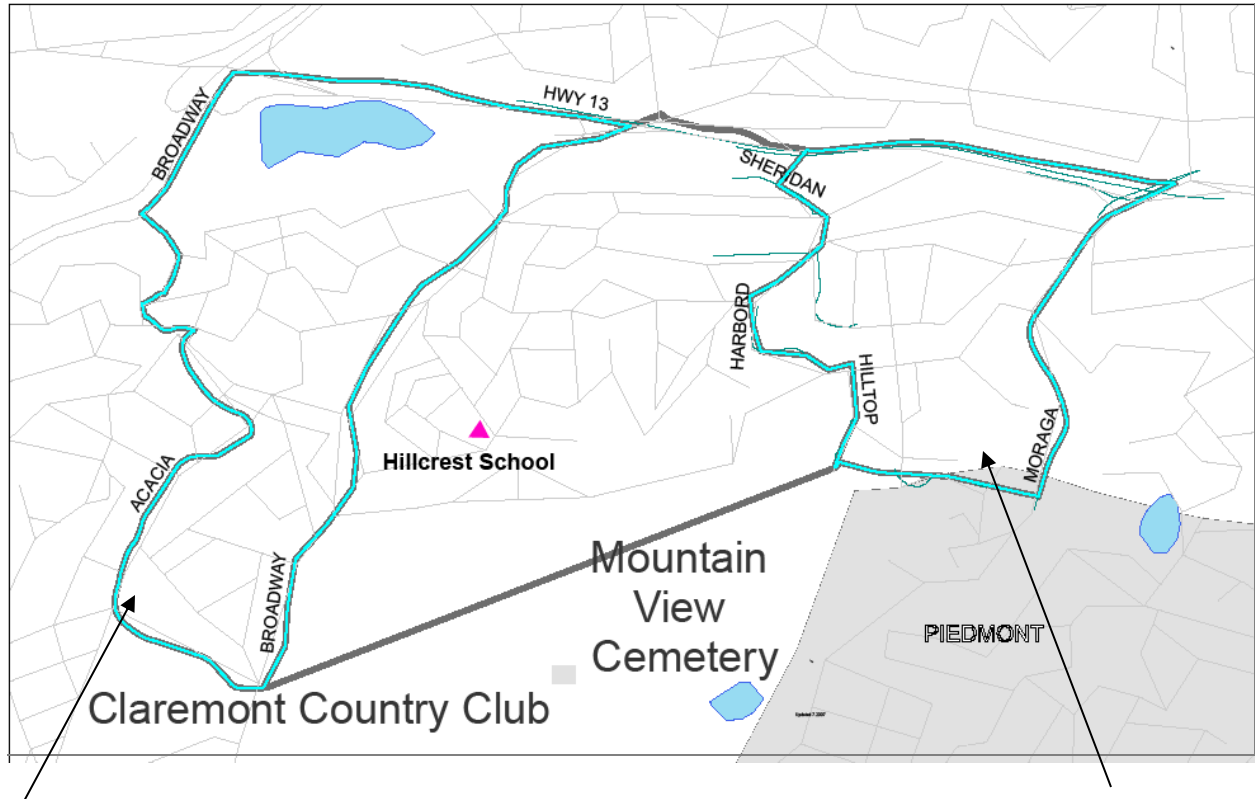
Challenges:

- Modify Hillcrest boundary to accommodate 50 incoming Kindergarten students

Scenario B: Hillcrest Projections: 2009-2015

GRADE	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
K	36	37	45	45	42	38	48	51	52	44	40	50	50	50	50	50	50
1	34	39	34	42	44	39	32	47	49	51	43	39	49	49	49	49	49
2	34	34	38	32	39	41	38	31	48	47	51	42	38	48	48	48	48
3	35	32	31	31	32	37	40	36	32	47	47	51	43	39	48	48	48
4	35	34	29	31	31	31	29	37	36	30	46	46	49	41	37	47	47
5	32	31	33	28	32	29	29	29	34	36	29	44	44	47	40	36	45
6	27	22	22	24	21	28	24	18	27	24							
7	17	23	19	21	20	19	26	23	18	26	24						
8	15	17	22	19	21	17	16	27	22	18	25	24					
Total	265	269	273	273	282	279	282	299	318	323	304	295	273	274	272	278	287

Scenario C: Phase Hillcrest into a K-5th Grade Configuration by 2011 and Shrink Boundary



Portion re-districted to **CHABOT** recommended to be drawn along:

- **Broadway Terrace**

Estimated number of Kindergarten students impacted: **5-15**

Portion re-districted to **MONTCLAIR** recommended to be drawn along:

- **Hilltop, Harbord, Sheridan**

Estimated number of Kindergarten students impacted: **5-15**

2008-2009 Hillcrest Options Data

Review of 2008-2009 Hillcrest Neighborhood Kindergarten Residents

	Neighborhood Kindergarten Residents	Hillcrest Kindergarten Residents	Total Kindergarten Class
Hillcrest	48	44	44
Montclair	68*	0	70
Chabot	63*	2	79
Thornhill	55*	2	59
Total Hillcrest Residents		48	

* Approximate data based on lottery, all applicants after lottery process not yet available

Addendum

I. 2008-2009 Options Data for Overcrowded Schools

II. Scenarios presented to Hillcrest Community and Board: December 2007

(No scenarios were adopted by Board members)

Scenario 1: Eliminate middle school

Scenario 2: Cap Kindergarten at 40 with no change to middle school

Scenario 3: Shrink boundary, cap K at 40 and cap middle school at 20

Addendum: 2008-2009 Options Data for Overcrowded Schools*

Schools	Kindergarten Students enrolled at the end of Options deadline	No Shows	Kindergarten Students Currently Enrolled as of 9/26/08
Montclair	76	18	70
Franklin	78	5	120
Peralta	48	9	55
Horace Mann	25	2	61
Redwood Heights	46	6	48
Lincoln	88	8	98
Chabot	84	21	79
Thornhill	73	22	59
Kaiser	38	12	50
Hillcrest	40	6	44

Addendum: Data on Kindergarten No Shows: Overcrowded Schools*

Schools	No Shows	Private	Held back	Moved	Charter	Unknown
Montclair	18	4	5	2	0	7
Franklin	5	0	0	0	0	5
Peralta	9	7	0	2	0	0
Horace Mann	2	0	0	0	0	2
Redwood Heights	6	5	0	1	0	0
Lincoln	8	0	1	5	0	2
Chabot	21	12	3	2	0	4
Thornhill	22	7	7	4	0	4
Kaiser	12	5	1	2	2	2
Hillcrest	6	2	3	1	0	0

*Data based on phone surveys and information from principals

Addendum: Scenario 1 presented to Board in December 2007 (Not Adopted)

OUSD SCENARIO 1: Eliminate middle school (This scenario was not proposed by the LRPC. However as a district, we felt that it was very important to consider this alternative given that it was recommended by a number of pre-Kindergarten Hillcrest families)

Advantages:

- Allows a greater number of Kindergartens in incoming classes

Challenges:

- Strong likelihood based on survey results that there will be at least 60 Kindergarten families within the current Hillcrest boundary
- Hillcrest facilities cannot sustain future incoming classes of 60 Kindergarteners

Medium Scenario with GP's as discussed on Slide #5

High Scenario with Maximum GP's of the last 3 years

GRADE	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	
K	38	48	51	52	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	GP: Medium
1	39	32	47	49	50	58	58	58	58	58	58	58	97.0%
2	41	38	31	48	49	50	58	58	58	58	58	58	99.8%
3	37	40	36	32	48	49	51	58	58	58	58	58	100.4%
4	31	29	37	36	31	46	47	49	56	56	56	56	96.3%
5	29	29	29	34	36	30	45	45	47	54	54	54	95.9%
6	28	24	18	27									93.1%
7	19	26	23	18	26								97.9%
8	17	16	27	22	18	26							99.7%
Total	279	282	299	318	317	320	319	329	337	345	345	345	

GRADE	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	
K	38	48	51	52	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	GP: Max 3 yr
1	39	32	47	49	51	59	59	59	59	59	59	59	97.9%
2	41	38	31	48	50	52	60	60	60	60	60	60	102.1%
3	37	40	36	32	50	52	54	62	62	62	62	62	103.2%
4	31	29	37	36	32	50	52	54	62	62	62	62	100.0%
5	29	29	29	34	36	32	50	52	54	62	62	62	100.0%
6	28	24	18	27									93.1%
7	19	26	23	18	27								100.0%
8	17	16	27	22	19	28							103.8%
Total	279	282	299	318	324	332	334	346	356	365	365	365	

345 projected students is significantly greater than Hillcrest's facility capacity

Addendum: Scenario 2 presented to Board in December 2007 (Not Adopted)

OUSD SCENARIO 2: Cap at 40 Kindergarteners with no change to middle school

Advantages:

- Programmatically, the scenario would preserve the community's commitment to preserving a K-8 option for families

Challenges:

- Based on even a relatively conservative prediction of future grade progressions, this solution does not fully solve the challenges of overcrowding
- With the uncertainty of future grade progressions, it's very possible that this solution would not at all solve the situation

Medium Scenario with GP's as discussed on Slide #5

GRADE	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	
K	38	48	51	52	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	GP: Medium
1	39	32	47	49	50	39	39	39	39	39	39	39	97.0%
2	41	38	31	48	49	50	39	39	39	39	39	39	99.8%
3	37	40	36	32	48	49	51	39	39	39	39	39	100.4%
4	31	29	37	36	31	46	47	49	37	37	37	37	96.3%
5	29	29	29	34	35	30	45	45	47	36	36	36	95.9%
6	28	24	18	27	32	32	28	41	42	43	33	33	93.1%
7	19	26	23	18	26	31	31	27	41	41	43	33	97.9%
8	17	16	27	22	18	26	31	31	27	40	41	42	99.7%
Total	279	282	299	318	329	344	350	350	350	355	347	338	

High Scenario with Maximum GP's of the last 3 years

GRADE	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	
K	38	48	51	52	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	GP: Max 3 yr
1	39	32	47	49	51	39	39	39	39	39	39	39	97.9%
2	41	38	31	48	50	52	40	40	40	40	40	40	102.1%
3	37	40	36	32	50	52	54	41	41	41	41	41	103.2%
4	31	29	37	36	32	50	52	54	41	41	41	41	100.0%
5	29	29	29	34	36	32	50	52	54	41	41	41	100.0%
6	28	24	18	27	32	34	30	46	48	50	38	38	93.1%
7	19	26	23	18	27	32	34	30	46	48	50	38	100.0%
8	17	16	27	22	19	28	33	35	31	48	50	52	103.8%
Total	279	282	299	318	336	358	370	377	381	389	381	372	

355 projected students is significantly greater than Hillcrest's facility capacity

Addendum: Scenario 3 presented to Board in December 2007 (Not Adopted)

OUSD SCENARIO 3:

- **Reduce cohort of neighborhood students by shrinking boundary**
- **Cap Kindergarten at 40**
- **Annually review attrition rates and cap Middle School at 20 if current grade progressions continue***

Challenges:

- Enrollment will still be over the facilities capacity of 310 for the next three years

Advantages:

- As requested by the LRPC, model utilizes a more realistic attrition rate for projecting student population.
- Reduces some overcrowding while preserving the community's commitment to a K-8 option

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5		32	31	33	28	32	29	29	29	34	35	30	45	45	47	36	36	36	95.9%
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2	41	38	31	48	50	52	40	40	40	40	40	40	102.1%
3	37	40	36	32	50	52	54	41	41	41	41	41	103.2%
4	31	29	37	36	32	50	52	54	41	41	41	41	100.0%
5	29	29	29	34	36	32	50	52	54	41	41	41	100.0%
6	28	24	18	27	25	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	93.1%
7	19	26	23	18	27	25	20	20	20	20	20	20	100.0%
8	17	16	27	22	19	28	26	20	20	20	20	20	103.8%
Total	279	282	299	318	329	337	340	326	315	303	303	303	

* Beginning in 2009, all 5th grade Hillcrest students must fill out an Options form. Middle school seats will be drawn through a lottery process