

Subject: Ojai Enrollment Study
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This is just an FYI I was not aware of this report and wanted to share it -

Attached is the enrollment study that was prepared by Cooperative Strategies and presented to the Board on Sept 14, 2022. It is the basis for the school consolidation decisions of the Board.

It is the basis for the combining of the Middle School and High School to create a 7-12 school that will have a sufficient number of students to have robust class offerings. The District staff/Board also believes that at some point in the relatively near future they will be consolidating to have one elementary school and want to position now for that possibility. I believe that the future consolidation of elementary at one site is very likely.

I realize the actions taken on consolidation may have been a bit out of sequence, but I do believe it is the right move to consolidate schools and prepare for the reduced numbers. The city of Ojai is not supportive of growth and I do not see the economics of the community being supportive of young families with children. The low enrollment in elementary is matriculating into the secondary levels.

The District is currently considering which school site they want to be the elementary site which may be the only one at a future time. They are debating between Topa Topa Elementary site and what is currently the Matija Middle School site.

Let me know if you have questions or concerns.

Best regards, Eva