

K-8 Schools in the Kennedy Family and Washington Elementary



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Schools Making the Transition

After discussions with families and staff at the six Kennedy family elementary schools, we are making a decision to transition the six Kennedy Family elementary schools from K-6 schools to K-8 schools. Those schools are:

Wilson

Coronado

Nystrom

Grant

Lincoln

King

Why make this change

Kennedy Family & Washington

Family Survey

Over 80% of families/parents at each of the six Kennedy elementary schools and Washington Elementary School responded and said that they would stay at their current campus if grades 7 and 8 were added.



80%

of the families in the Kennedy Family of elementary schools and Washington Elementary School would stay if their schools added 7th grade

Coronado

Family Survey

The Coronado community surveyed its 48 6th grade families and asked if those families would like to continue at Coronado for the 2020-21 school year as 7th graders. Of the 48 families, 71% or 34 said they would like to stay, 7 said no and the remaining 7 did not give a response.



71%

of Coronado families would stay
if the school added 7th grade

Grant

Family Survey

The Grant community surveyed its 52 6th grade families and asked if those families would like to continue at Grant for the 2020-21 school year as 7th graders. Of the 52 families, 88% or 46 said they would like to stay and 6 said no.



88%

of Grant families would stay
if the school added 7th grade

King

Family Survey

The King community surveyed its 54 6th grade families and asked if those families would like to continue at King for the 2020-21 school year as 7th graders. Of the 54 families, 91% or 49 said they would like to stay, 2 said no and the remaining 3 families did not give a response.



91%

of King families would stay
if the school added 7th grade

Lincoln

Family Survey

The Lincoln community surveyed its 46 6th grade families and asked if those families would like to continue at Lincoln for the 2020-21 school year as 7th graders. Of the 46 families, 83% or 38 said they would like to stay, 2 said no and the remaining 4 families did not give a response.



83%

of Lincoln families would stay
if the school added 7th grade

Nystrom

Family Survey

The Nystrom community surveyed its 54 6th grade families and asked if those families would like to continue at Nystrom for the 2020-21 school year as 7th graders. Of the 54 families, 78% or 42 said they would like to stay, 2 said no and the remaining 10 families did not give a response.



78%

of Nystrom families would stay
if the school added 7th grade

Wilson

Family Survey

The Wilson community surveyed its 42 6th grade families and asked if those families would like to continue at Wilson for the 2020-21 school year as 7th graders. Of the 42 families, 81% or 34 said they would like to stay, none said no and the remaining 8 families did not give a response.



81%

of Wilson families would stay
if the school added 7th grade

Washington

Family Survey

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The Washington community is in the process of conducting its survey for the 32 sixth grade families.



TBA

of Washington families would stay
if the school added 7th grade

Why make this change

- The K-8 model has shown positive results for students across the district and in national studies (Academic and social and emotional)
- The current feeder middle school DeJean is struggling to retain students and thrive academically

Benefits

- Research-based benefits of smaller K-8 environments
- The potential for higher Family/Student retention for the district with less students and families leaving for charters, private schools, other districts
- School community continuity
- A growing network of K-8 schools

Challenges

- Transition to middle school for staffs and leadership
- Making this transition in a school year with little money
- Making the physical plan work
- Recruiting teaching staff for the upper grades

Lessons Learned

- Support for Trimester vs. Quarter
- Curriculum
- Climate needs for 7th and 8th grade students
- Marketing and promotional needs for 7th and 8th grade

Future of DeJean

- DeJean will only offer 8th grade next year, phase at the end of the 2020-21 school year
- Options for the DeJean facility: New program (i.e. Arts Magnet), Housing a current program or a different type of school/program for the campus.
- Over the coming months, staff will bring back information about the direction of the DeJean campus for the 2021-22 school year.



Washington

- Washington will become a full Dual Immersion (DI) K-8 school over the next two years.
- This means that the middle school DI program will be phased out of Korematsu Middle School over the following two years.
- We are still in discussions about the high school program and best options to support DI programs after Grade 8.



Cost Factors

- There will be facility costs to make K-8 happen at all sites. For 2020-21, the only school with anticipated costs is King. Two portables - \$200,000
- For the 2021-22 school year, Washington and Nystrom. Anticipated cost would be \$200,000 - \$400,000
- This cost would be covered from our developer fees or one-time Fund 40, but will not utilize general fund or bond funds



Next Steps

- Final communication to parents next week
- Official communication as part of district enrollment that opens January 21st
- Staffing and facilities work to be done
- Work with Board and community on what kind of program is placed at DeJean

