

## Galaxy / Forest Park / Plumosa Update

The Board asked staff to look at various options for consolidating Galaxy, Forest Park and Plumosa Elementary Schools due to their relatively low enrollment and current plans to modernize these campuses.

Staff has begun meetings to outline the options and develop the criteria by which a recommendation can be made to the Board. Unfortunately there are too many issues to consider to do a fair evaluation prior to the August 29<sup>th</sup> Board Workshop on the 5-Year Capital Plan.

As we were developing the criteria it became abundantly clear that it would be premature to make any type of recommendation to the Board without first meeting with representatives from the affected communities. Therefore, it is staff's considered opinion that following the adoption of the FY 2008-2012 5-Year Capital Plan a Board Workshop be planned the November timeframe at which time the Board could considered revising the 5-Year Capital Plan should the results of this analysis indicate that an alternative to the status quo would provide a greater benefit to the School District.

Some of the issues staff is considering as part of this analysis include:

- Impact on students and school staff
- Potential school boundaries
- Safety issues
- Impact on transportation
- Initial cost impacts
- Operational cost impacts
- Projects currently design and construction
- Impact on other schools
- Impact on neighbors and municipalities
- Impact on choice programs
- Pending grant applications
- Potential future use(s) of vacated facilities and the District's other space needs
- Sizes of various campuses and their ability to accommodate additional students