

Community Input on Proposed Facilities Concept



CENTRAL VALLEY
SCHOOL DISTRICT

Report to School Board
March 28, 2005



About the Community Facilities Review Committee

- Nine members representing all areas of the school district – “district wide hats”
- Met weekly January 26 – March 23, 2005
- **Purpose:** Review, compile and summarize input collected from the community about the Proposed Facilities Concept for presentation to School Board

Data Collection Process

- Began with 55 written comments – “data”
- Initiated effort to generate more comments
 - Contacted all school buildings
 - Wrote and published Letters to Editor
 - Developed flyer with survey to all families
- Concluded four-month public input period with 1,086 written comments + 4 “group” comments



Data Review Process

- Developed categories of “data points” such as bussing, portables, remodels, etc.
- Worked in three teams to review comments and pull out “data points”
- Organized data by time -- immediate and mid- to long-range
- Entered data points onto spreadsheets
- Kept “group” data separate – stands alone

Community Input – Comments from Groups

1. **Chester community meetings** – notes from small group discussions (9 meetings with about 60 parents)
2. **Liberty Lake community meetings** – notes from small group discussions (8 meetings with about 75 parents)
3. **Chester community paid newspaper ad** – “Parents and Friends Against Transitioning Chester Elementary” – do not put high school students in Chester (198 people)
4. **Liberty Lake community petition** – long-term proposal to house K-3 students in one school and 4-8 in second (new school) – do not devise a new boundary and bus some children to another school (262 people)



We need your comments!!!!

We are the **Community Facilities Review Committee**

Our committee is made up of **parents and community members** of Central Valley School District

As an advisory committee to the Central Valley School Board, our charge is to review all written public comments about the Proposed Facilities Concept and offer recommendations to the School Board based on the public comments.

We need your comments!!!

The **concept** is outlined on the **back** of this flyer

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Please take a few moments to jot down your thoughts and comments about the Proposed Facilities Concept.

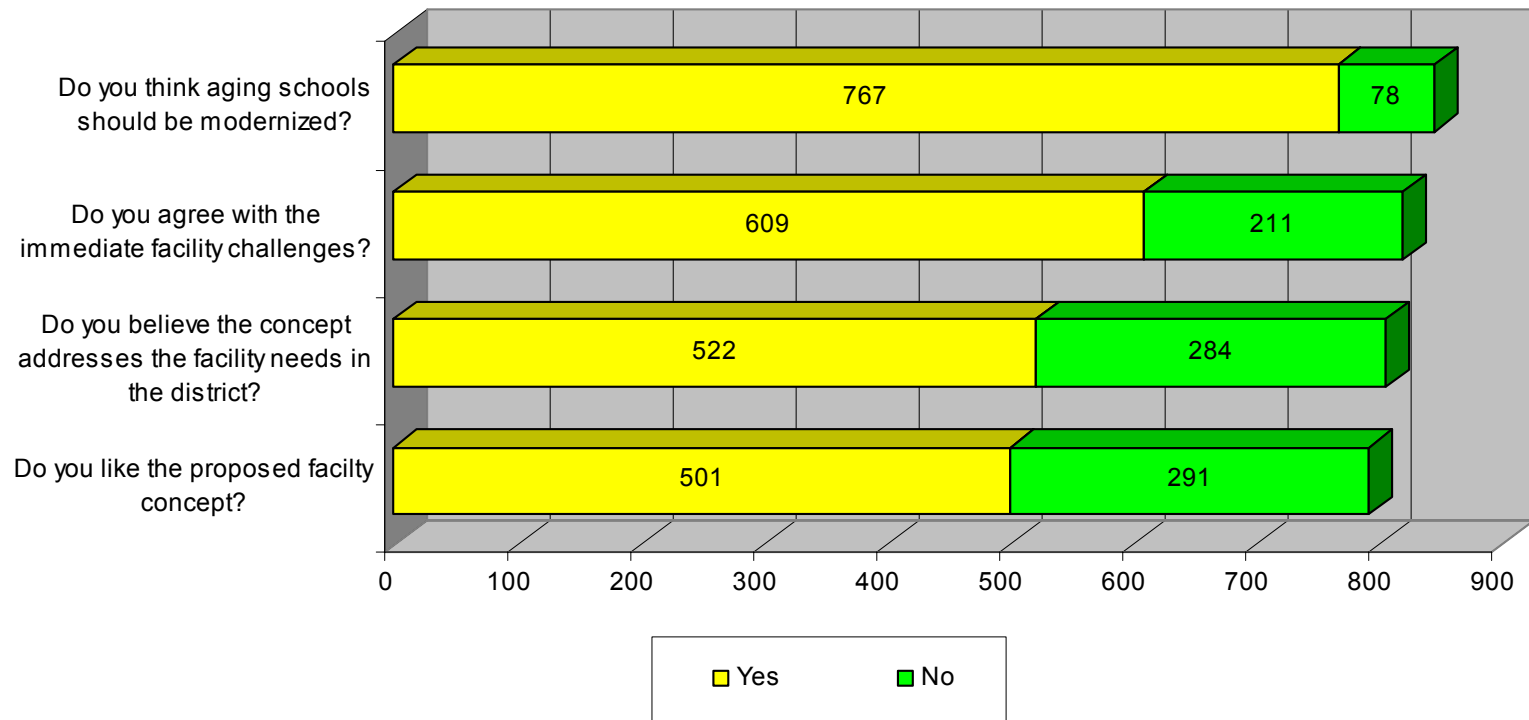
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| 1. Do you like the Proposed Facilities Concept? | Yes | No |
| 2. Do you believe the concept addresses the facilities needs in the Central Valley School District? | Yes | No |
| 3. Do you agree with the list of immediate facilities challenges listed on the back? | Yes | No |
| 4. Do you think overcrowded schools should be solved by: | | |
| a. Bussing students to schools with extra room? | Yes | No |
| b. Changing enrollment boundaries? | Yes | No |
| c. Installing portable classrooms? | Yes | No |
| d. Building new schools? | Yes | No |
| 5. Do you think aging schools (more than 20 years old) should be modernized to allow access to current technology and other improvements to enhance student learning? | Yes | No |
| 6. What do you like most about the Concept? _____ | | |
| _____ | | |
| 7. What do you like least about the Concept? _____ | | |
| _____ | | |
| 8. Other thoughts, comments or ideas? _____ | | |
| _____ | | |

Please return this survey in the enclosed postage-paid envelope **within one week**. Your feedback is extremely important. Thank you for taking the time to comment!

Thank you!

Community Input – Thoughts about Proposed Concept

Survey Questions
Total surveys completed 920

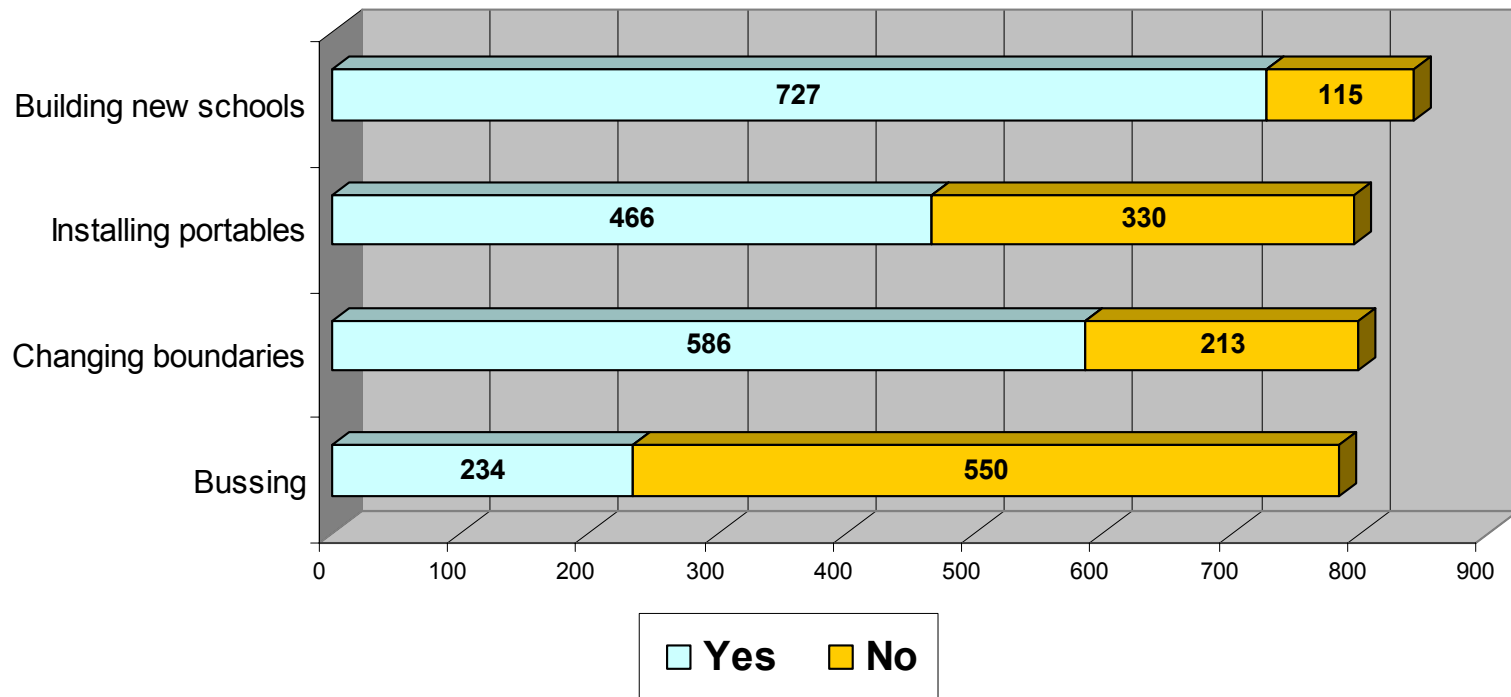


Community Input – Solutions for Overcrowded Schools

Survey Question

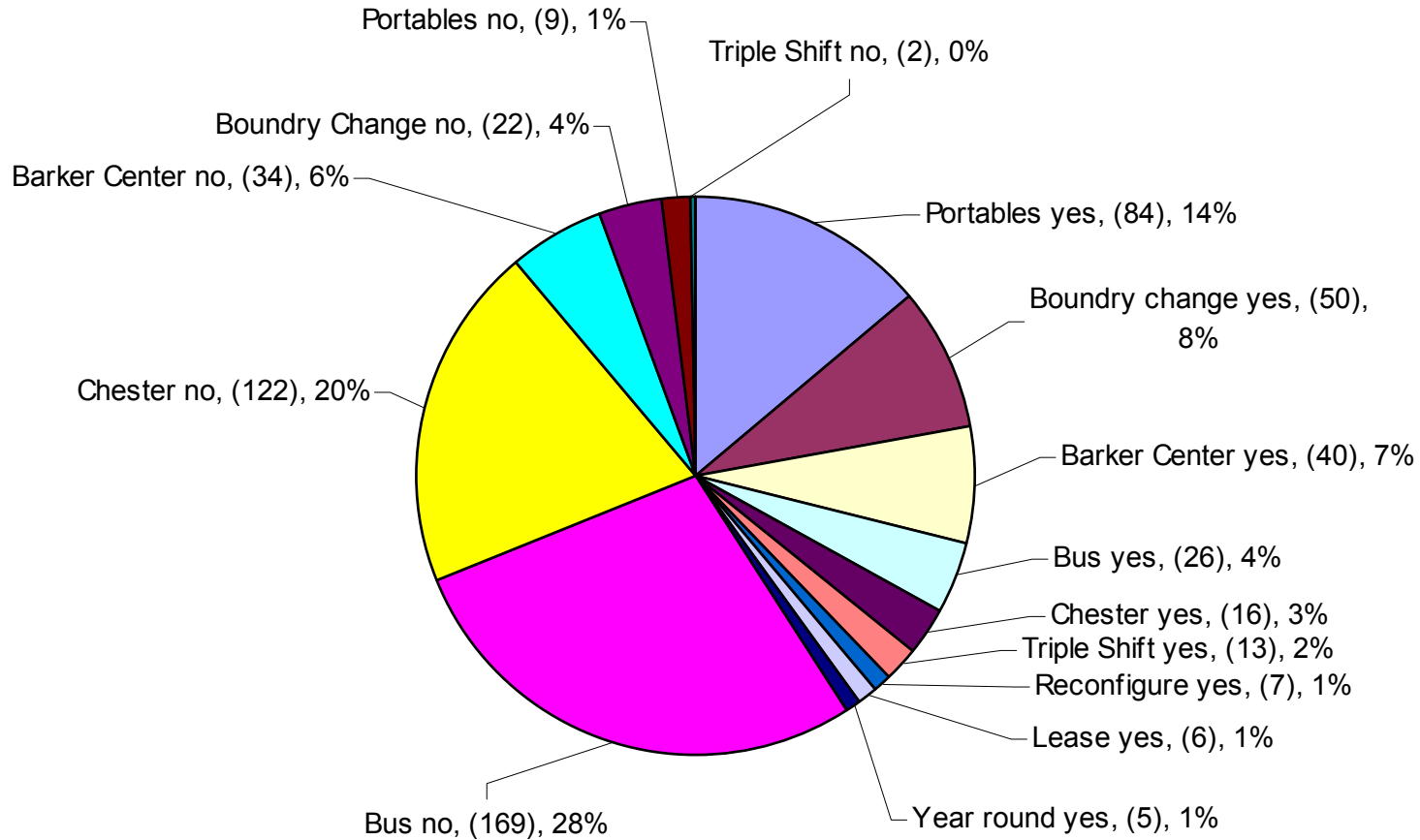
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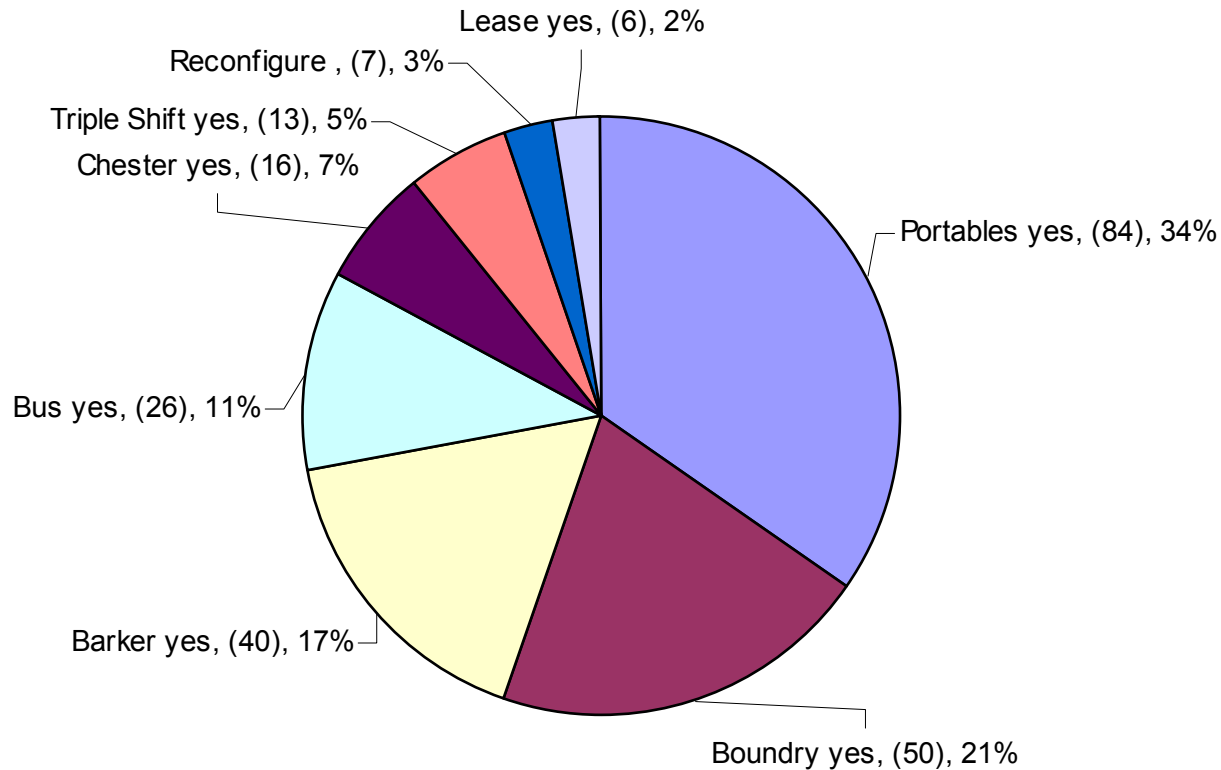
Community Input -- Immediate Needs for Fall '05 – “Total”

Total written comments 605 out of 1086



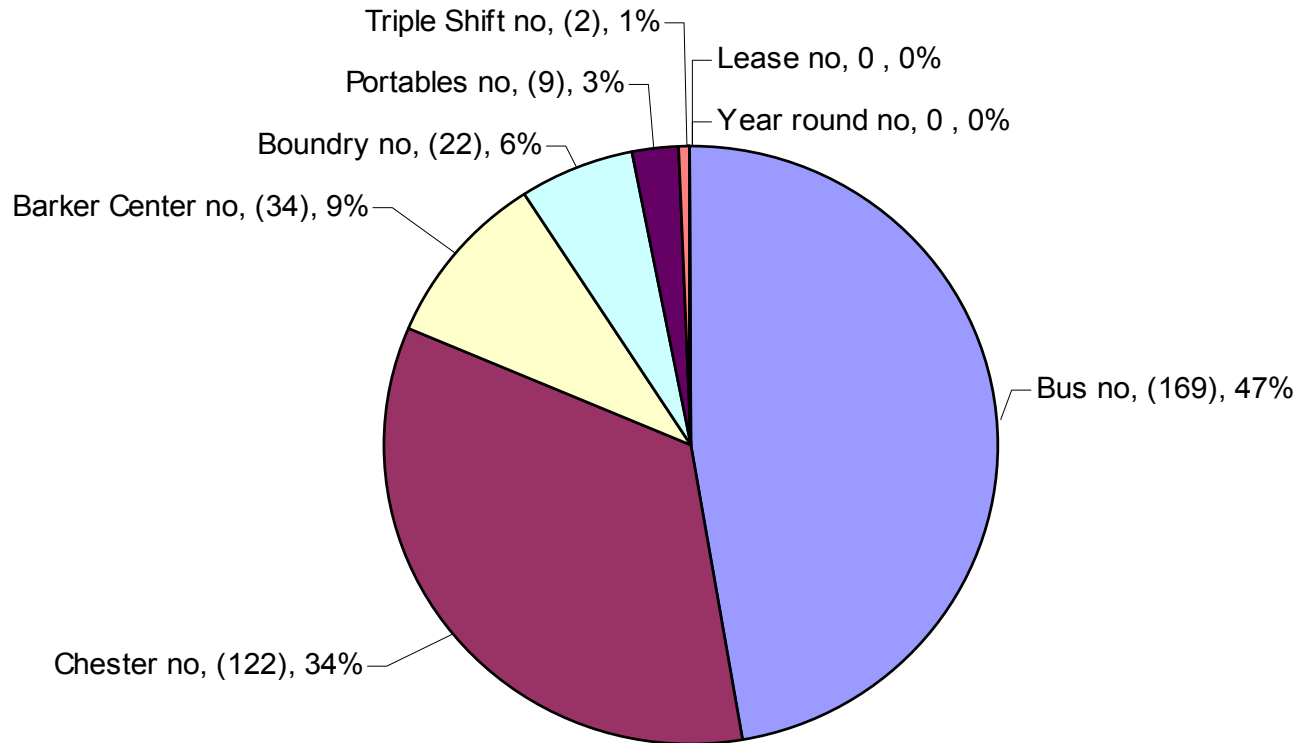
Community Input -- Immediate Needs for Fall '05 – “Yes”

Total written comments 247 out of 605



Community Input -- Immediate Needs for Fall '05 – “No”

Total written comments 358 out of 605



Community Input – Immediate Needs for Fall ‘05

■ Bussing

- Want to keep kids in community school
- Limited conditional support for bussing on short-term basis
- Barker Center comments evenly divided

■ Portables

- A way to keep kids in community school
- Short-term solution
- Wide variety of comments from all parts of district

■ Boundaries

- Overall, possible way to alleviate overcrowding

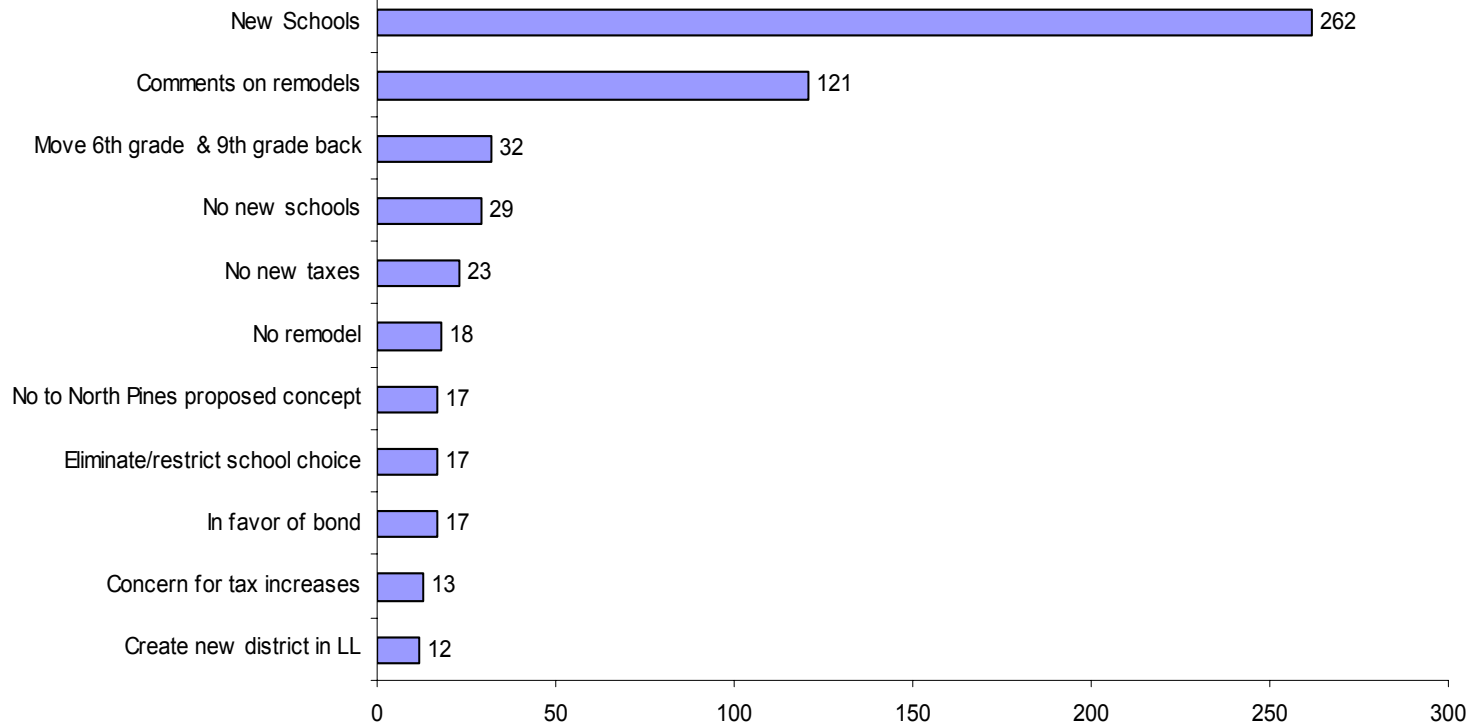
■ Chester Elementary

- Keep as elementary school, not a transition school

Community Input – Facilities Needs Beyond Fall '05

Specific comments for mid to long range issues

Total written comments 578 out of 1086



Community Input – Facilities Needs Beyond Fall ‘05

■ Build New Schools

- Ok to build in eastern part of district
 - Yes to new elementary; disagreement about location
 - Yes to new middle; concern about overcrowded grades 4-8 in a few years
- Many comments about “third high school”

■ Remodel Schools

- Most comments favored remodeling schools
- Many comments submitted about specific schools, facilities needs such as cafeteria, new wing, upgrades, etc.

■ Replace Schools

- Confusion about “Replace North Pines Middle” in Concept



Community Input -- Additional Impressions from Comments

- Vision – Proposed Concept doesn't go far enough
- Lack of planning in CVSD – full high schools, crowding in eastern part of district
- Frustration with how Proposed Concept was rolled out – vague, hard to understand, what does it really mean?
- Support for impact fees
- Concern about new taxes
- Lack of trust in CVSD
- Expressed appreciation for opportunity to give input

Final Thoughts

- Ask community for more input about specific strategies to build on data already collected
- Consider developing a long-range facilities plan (25 years) to rebuild the trust
- Focus on educating public about facilities issues (e.g.: bond v. levy; state \$\$ for remodels; school v. class size – use Principals to tell story)
- District patrons *do* care about their schools – there is a sense of pride in Central Valley



Thank you!

Community Facilities Review Committee Members:

- Jerry Lane – Chair
- Kimberly Nelson – Vice-Chair
- Stacy Delcour
- Scott Jostmeyer
- Rosemary Osborn
- Melanie Soltero
- Kevin Stocker
- Gene Volland
- Lisa Willms
- Melanie Rose -- CVSD Staff/Facilitator