

Dealing with Overcrowding at Chávez Considerations for 2007-2008

The new school at Linden Park will be completed and boundaries will be redrawn to relieve the overcrowding at Chávez in the 2008-2009 school year. To deal with the overcrowding at Chávez for 2007-2008, several options were considered:

1. Outpost Chávez 4th grade students (98 students need four classrooms) to Orchard Ridge.

a. PROs

- i. Chávez students will attend Toki Middle School in the future.
- ii. There are four classrooms available between Toki Middle and ORE.
- iii. The percentage of low-income students at ORE would decrease from 46% to 41%.
- iv. The percentage of low-income students at Chávez would remain the same (27%).

b. CONs

- i. The 4th grade students would be bussed from Chávez to ORE/Toki and back each day. This would require two extra bus runs each day. The cost is \$68,000 for the year.
- ii. Toki Middle and ORE will be at maximum capacity.

1. Outpost Chavez 4th Grade students to Orchard Ridge. How will this affect low income at each school?

Projected 4th Graders at Chavez 2007-2008 = 98

Current Low income percent at Chavez 4th Grade = 30/101 = 30%

Assume that 30% of the projected 98 4th graders would be low income (n=29)

Assume all other grades would remain the same in terms of low income -

Estimate for 2007-2008 School Year Grade 4 Outpost Chavez to ORE	Estimated Total Enrollment	Estimated Low	Proj % Low Income	% Current Low Income
Orchard Ridge (with Outposting):	343	141	41%	46%
Chavez (with Gr 4 outposting)	599	159	27%	27%

2. Outpost Chávez kindergartens (133 students need 9 classrooms) to Orchard Ridge and Toki Middle.

a. PROs

- i. Kindergarten students are not yet familiar with their neighborhood school, Chávez.
- ii. The percentage of low-income students at ORE would decrease from 46% to 37%.

b. CONs

- i. The kindergarten students would be bussed from Chávez to ORE/Toki and back each day. This would require two extra bus runs each day. The cost is \$68,000 for the year.
- ii. Kindergarten students will be separate from their siblings at Chávez.
- iii. Parents may have concerns about 5-year olds being in a middle school.
- iv. 30 kindergarten students will need to share one large classroom with two teachers due to number of kindergarten sections needed.

2. Outpost Chavez Kindergarten students to Orchard Ridge. How will this affect low income at each school?

Projected Kindergarten students at Chavez 2007-2008 = 133

Current Low income percent at Chavez Kinder Grade = 26/130 = 20%

Assume that 20% of the projected 133 Kinder graders would be low income (n=27)

Assume all other grades would remain the same in terms of low income -

Estimate for 2007-2008 School Year Kinder Outpost Chavez to ORE	Estimated Total Enrollment	Estimated Low	Proj % Low Income	% Current Low Income
Orchard Ridge (with Outposting):	378	139	37%	46%
Chavez (with Gr 4 outposting)	564	161	29%	27%

3. Move students from High Ridge Trail (59 students) to Thoreau and reassign Allied Drive neighborhood to Stephens and Crestwood only.

a. PROS

- i. Thoreau School has capacity to accept the 59 students.
- ii. Students living in the Allied Drive neighborhood attend two elementary schools rather than three and eventually attend middle school and high school only in the Memorial attendance area.

b. CONS

- i. This may only be a viable plan for two years due to increasing enrollment at Thoreau.
- ii. The percentage of low-income students at Thoreau would increase from 49% to 54%.

3. Move students from High Ridge Trail (56 students) to Thoreau. How will this affect low income at each school?

56 students currently live in High Ridge Trail. Assume same number of students will live there next year.

46 of the 56 students living there are currently low income.

Reassign from Chavez to Thoreau

Low income projected by grade level to be same as 2006-07

Estimate for 2007-2008 School Year Reassign High Ridge Trail to Thoreau	Estimated Total Enrollment	Estimated Low	Proj % Low Income	% Current Low Income
Chavez (move High Ridge Trail)	641	142	22%	27%
Thoreau (include High Ridge)	475	258	54%	49%

4. Move students from High Ridge Trail to Leopold.

a. PROS

- i. High Ridge Trail students will be moved to their neighborhood school.
- ii. Transportation is no longer needed for a cost savings of \$34,000.

b. CONS

- i. This may only be a short-term plan due to increasing enrollment at Leopold.
- ii. The percentage of low-income students at Leopold would increase from 54% to 60%.

4. Move students from High Ridge Trail (56 students) to Leopold. How will this affect low income at each school?

56 students currently live in High Ridge Trail. Assume same number of students will live there next year.

46 of the 56 students living there are currently low income.

Reassign from Chavez to Leopold.

Low income projected by grade level to be same as 2006-07

Estimate for 2007-2008 School Year Reassign High Ridge Trail to Thoreau	Estimated Total Enrollment	Estimated Low	Proj % Low Income	% Current Low Income
Chavez (move High Ridge Trail)	641	142	22%	27%
Leopold (include High Ridge)	754	453	60%	54%

5. Assign only Chavez kindergarten students (25), who will move to the new school, to Orchard Ridge for one year, keeping other Chávez kindergarten students at Chávez.

a. PROs

- i. Kindergarten students are not yet familiar with their current neighborhood school, Chávez.
- ii. The percentage of low-income students at Chávez would not change much (27% to 26%).
- iii. The percentage of low-income students at ORE would not change much (46% to 47%).

b. CONs

- i. These kindergarten students would be bussed from Chávez to ORE and back each day. This would require one bus run. The cost is \$34,000 for the year.
- ii. These kindergarten students will be separated from their siblings at Chávez.

5. Assign Kindergarten students (25) in northern (discontiguous) attendance area for Chavez to Orchard Ridge for one year.

25 Kindergarten students live in this area currently.

13 of the 25 are low income students.

Reassign from Chavez to Orchard Ridge for 1 year.

Low income projected by grade level to be same as 2006-07

Estimate for 2007-2008 School Year Reassign High Ridge Trail to Thoreau	Estimated Total Enrollment	Estimated Low	Proj % Low Income	% Current Low Income
Chavez (-Kindergarten north)	672	175	26%	27%
Orchard Ridge (reassign K Chavez north)	270	126	47%	46%

6. Assign K-2 students from Chavez (77), who will move to the new school, to Orchard Ridge for one year.

a. PROs

- i. Kindergarten students are not yet familiar with their neighborhood school, Chávez.

b. CONs

- i. These students would be bussed from Chávez to ORE and back each day. This would require one bus run. The cost is \$34,000 for the year.
- ii. These students would be separated from their siblings at Chávez.
- iii. Students in grades 1 and 2 will attend three schools in three years (Chávez, ORE, and Linden Park).
- iv. The percentage of low-income students at ORE would increase from 46% to 50%.

6. Assign Kindergarten to Grade 2 students (77) in northern (discontiguous) attendance area for Chavez to Orchard Ridge for one year.

77 Kind to Grade 2 students live in this area now.

48 of these students are low income.

Reassign from Chavez to Orchard Ridge for 1 year.

Low income projected by grade level to be same as 2006-07

Estimate for 2007-2008 School Year Reassign High Ridge Trail to Thoreau	Estimated Total Enrollment	Estimated Low	Proj % Low Income	% Current Low Income
Chavez (-K-2 north)	620	140	23%	27%
Orchard Ridge (reassign K2 Chavez north)	322	161	50%	46%

7. Assign K-5 students from Chavez (90), who will move to the new school, to Crestwood for one year.

a. PROs

- i. Crestwood has the capacity to accept 90 students.
- ii. All siblings in a family would attend school together.
- iii. The percentage of low-income students at Crestwood would increase from 19% to 33%.

b. CONs

- i. This would require two bus runs each day. The cost is \$68,000 for the year.
- ii. Some students will attend three schools in three years.
- iii. The percentage of low-income students at Chávez would decrease from 27% to 17%.

7. Assign all K-5 students (90) in far north (Park Edge, Schroeder) area only to Crestwood for one year from Chavez.

90 students currently live in this area.

84 of these students are low income.

Reassign from Chavez to Crestwood for one year.

Low income projected by grade level to be same as 2006-07

Estimate for 2007-2008 School Year Reassign High Ridge Trail to Thoreau	Estimated Total Enrollment	Estimated Low	Proj % Low Income	% Current Low Income
Chavez (-K5 Park Edge area)	607	104	17%	27%
Crestwood	498	163	33%	19%

8. Increase class size at Chávez in grades 2 and 3 (increases capacity to 686, without a flexible classroom).

a. PROs

- i. All students living in the Chávez attendance area would attend school at Chávez.
- ii. No additional cost for bussing to other schools.
- iii. Fewer teachers would be needed, resulting in a cost savings.

b. CONs

- i. Chávez students lose the advantage of smaller student:teacher ratio for literacy and math instruction in grades 2-3.