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School Board Question 8: Can you comment on the potential school closure list and whether you agree with the chosen schools? Additionally, please provide your thoughts on the use of enrollment numbers and the 10 <u>criteria</u> related to equity, excellence and effective use of resources to <u>score</u> and choose the schools.

The potential school closure list is devastating to our families and communities and the result of years of mismanagement. **The process has been confusing and chaotic and has only increased anxiety and distrust**. Behind every "number" is a student, educator, and family. Many question which schools were chosen and why.

The district faces budget cuts and potential state takeover, requiring difficult decisions and tradeoffs. Between now and the December board vote, I will listen to community concerns and insist on clear and accessible transition plans for closed/merged schools, including transportation mapping. All communities seek excellence. We can keep some small schools and still be cost-effective.