

## Virginia Cheung

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 [criteria](#) related to equity, excellence and effective use of resources to [score](#) and choose the schools.

**There is a lack of clarity and transparency in the definition of “equity.”** Equity should focus on closing opportunity gaps to help students meet higher standards, rather than dismantling successful programs.

**The schools currently on the list have a proven track record of culturally affirming programming that helps address opportunity gaps** in their communities. There is no assurance that children who need these programs will be placed in similarly supportive environments.

Our administration must provide a transparent fiscal analysis and audit of these programs to **ensure that our most vulnerable communities are not disproportionately affected**. Recent decisions have already left thousands of children with disabilities without teachers on the first day of school. Our communities don't have confidence that the school consolidation process will be managed effectively to avoid further harm to our students while addressing the budget deficit.