

September 19, 2005

Dear Dilworth Parents:

We want your input on the subject of making Dilworth a "K-8 School." **Please come to a school community meeting at Dilworth on Thursday, September 22nd at 7 p.m.**

This will be the first in a series of community meetings regarding the K-8 Option. Note the timeline for our response as a Dilworth community, and consider the guiding questions for our meeting on September 22nd. Two additional meetings are scheduled. The next meeting is Wednesday, October 5th, and the third meeting is Thursday, November 3rd. All meetings begin at 7 p.m. You may access additional information about K-8 Schools through a link on our Dilworth homepage by clicking on "K-8."

TIMELINE—September through late November

Elementary K-8 Option Teams from Beacon Heights, Dilworth, Highland Park, Nibley Park, Whittier and Indian Hills met September 7th at Hillside with the Superintendent and District personnel for an initial orientation meeting, and to receive their charge as teams to work with respective elementary communities and respond. Our Dilworth Team has met twice, Tuesday, Sept. 13th and Thursday, Sept. 15th. We look forward to meeting with you, as a school community, this Thursday, September 22nd. We anticipate that this will be the first in a series of community meetings.

School teams will report their community's feelings about the K-8 model at the December 6th SLCS Board meeting.

GUIDING QUESTIONS—For Dilworth Community Meeting discussion, Sept. 22nd, 7 p.m.

1. What are your questions about K-8 Schools?
2. What are the three or four most important criteria by which you choose the school (or schools) your children will attend? (*Examples may include: location, quality in administration and/or instruction, special services, unique emphasis in curriculum, extracurricular opportunities, after school child care, feeder school patterns, social/friends continuity, etc.*)
 - (1)
 - (2)
 - (3)
 - (4)
3. How important is it to you that your students transition to a middle school experience prior to transitioning to high school? (*Please circle one*)

I value a middle school experience apart from the elementary experience.

I value eliminating this transition, if possible.

I am undecided on this question.
4. What do you value most in your child's educational experience during grades 7 and 8? (*Examples may include: continuity of school community, academic challenge, varied class choices / exploration in curriculum design, a nurturing environment, mentoring and service opportunities, etc.*)

Thank you for your input on this process! We look forward to meeting with you, and learning how our Dilworth School Community will respond.

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