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OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1J, MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON  
JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA  
PORTLAND, OREGON

A Special Public Hearing of the Board of Education on the Jefferson PK-8 Enrollment Balancing came

Martin Gonzalez, Co-Chair  
Matt Morton  
Greg Belisle, Co-Chair

Alexia Garcia, Student Representative

Staff

Carole Smith, Superintendent



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during this transition time? What specific indicators are you using to define the end of the transition? How do you intend to gather community and teacher input on leadership of the school and how will the final decision be made. Do you intend to, and do you have the funding, to get the facility up and running to its full potential? The Chief Joseph community came out strongly in favor of a middle school option for the cluster. If you intend to move forward with a K-8, you need to convince the community that resources will make it strong in order to be successful.

Lilliana Chirzzill: Supports the proposal to merge the two schools and to make them integrate. The District has watched Ockley Green struggle, and it's time to make it work. Her child has a right to education. The District has not been funding Ockley Green. She is glad the proposal came out.

Alex Montfort: Has been living and breathing this too long and is worn out. The abuses have been going on in the Jefferson cluster for too long, The Transfer Policy encourages white flight and it needs to stop; you need a mixed racial school. That is how a school thrives. If you stop the transfer policy, they will come and they will invest. It will do great deeds to our little world to end the prejudices that exist. Boundaries that exist make no sense and are unbalanced.

Nancy Smith, Woodlawn parent. She is thrilled with the Superintendent's proposal. For the first time, she feels like the District has listened. She is glad that there are no recommended closures at this time, and glad that the Board will be looking at the transfe

