



## **Summary of Board of Education Votes regarding School Closings/Repurposing and School of Choice**

**Tuesday, March 15, 2016**

On Tuesday, March 15, the Farmington Public Schools' Board of Education voted on the following recommendations:

### **High School**

The Board voted to close Harrison High School effective for the 2019-2020 school year. This means that students will continue to enroll at Harrison High School until the spring of 2019. In the fall of 2019, all Farmington Public Schools' high school students will attend either Farmington High School or North Farmington High School. The motion passed with a 6-1 vote.

### **Middle School/Highmeadow K-8 STEAM Academy**

The Board, with a 4-3 vote, moved to close Dunckel Middle School and establish the Highmeadow K-8 STEAM Academy in that location starting with the 2017-2018 school year. This means that the District will have three 6-8 middle schools serving the system. East, Power, and Warner will operate as either 6-8 schools or spend the 2016-2017 school year transitioning into 6-8 schools with reduced populations. Dunckel parents and students will be surveyed about next year's status for staying as a cohort of eighth graders or transitioning to a new middle school. Highmeadow will continue to operate as a K-5 school for the 2016-2017 school year.

### **Preschool Programming**

In a 5-2 vote, the Board moved to relocate the District's preschool programming from Farmington Community School and Alameda Early Childhood Center to the Highmeadow location for the 2017-2018 school year.

### **School of Choice**

The Board voted 6-0 to enter into Section 105 School of Choice for 20 total seats in Kindergarten and First Grade for the 2016-2017 school year.

In another 6-0 vote, the Board voted to enter into Section 105 School of Choice for 50 seats in the International Baccalaureate (IB) program, with an initial entry point of ninth grade provided that non-IB certificate or diploma students are still given the opportunity to take IB courses where space is available. Students entering the IB program will be expected to maintain good standing within the program, as would all resident students in the program.