

# Prop 39

## Creating Viable Compromises

### Rocklin Academy and Rocklin Unified

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## Our Purpose Today

- Describe the Long Term Housing Agreement between Rocklin Academy and Rocklin Unified School District
- Review How and Why Rocklin Academy and Rocklin Unified School District Came to an Agreement
- Provide Suggestions for Others

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# Setting the Scene

- Rocklin Academy
  - RUSD – 17 Schools, 10,000+ Students
  - K-6 School - Core Knowledge Curriculum
  - Opened in 2001
  - One of the First Schools in a Prop 39 Building in CA
  - Moved Three Times Prior to Long Term Agreement
  - Highly Successful and Popular School (API 942)
  - Continual Growth in Enrollment
  - Not Currently Supported by Board and Supt



# Overview of Agreements

- Long Term Housing Agreement
  - Eleven Year Agreement – Until 2017-2018
- Facility Use Agreement – Annual Agreement
- Share Space on Existing District School Sites
  - More Complicated Than Separate Site
- Defines Allocation of Space
  - Two Sites Not One
  - Dedicated Space (e.g., Classrooms, Office Space)
  - Shared Space (e.g., Cafeteria, Library)

## Overview of Agreement #2

- Furnishings, Equipment and Computers
- Defines Condition of Facilities and Their Upkeep
- Defines Cost Structures
  - Pro-Rata Facilities Use Charge
  - Utilities
  - Maintenance, Operations and Grounds Costs
  - Custodial



## Motivation – Why We Did It

### District Benefits

- NO ANNUAL PROCESS
- STABILITY
- PREDICTABILITY
- AVOIDED LITIGATION
- Alternative to the Regs
- Allowed Non-Contiguous Sites
- Capped RA Total Enrollment
- Limits on In-District Enrollment

### Rocklin Academy Benefits

- NO ANNUAL PROCESS
- STABILITY
- PREDICTABILITY
- AVOIDED LITIGATION
- High Quality Facilities
- Addressed Out of District Issue
- OK with Second Site

## How We Got Here

- Expertise and Expectations of RA and CS Support Organizations
- High Quality Collaborative Work on Space Allocation and Analysis of Costs
  - Associate Superintendent, Business Services
  - Assistant Superintendent, Facilities and Operations
- Many, Many Hours of Work
- Operational Success at the School Site Level

## Flash Points

- Importance of Sending a Clear Message About Fair and Equal Treatment
  - Role of Senior Management
  - Role of Site Administrators
- Conditions of Classrooms
- Quality of Service/Staffing
- Scheduling – Fair/Workable for Both Educational Programs
- Flexibility for Site Administrators to Problem Solve



## **Closing Thoughts**

- **Prop 39 has Benefited Districts Tremendously**
- **The Charter School Provisions of Prop 39 are NOT Going Away**
  - **New Regulations Clarify Key Aspects of Law**
- **Sharing Space Under Prop 39 is Quite Doable**
  - **The Political Process was Difficult**
  - **Requires a Commitment to Fairness**
- **This is One Example – Many Other Possibilities**
- **Our Agreements– Jumpstart Your Work?**