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Alderwood Neighborhood Association Special Meeting  
Alderwood Elementary School

## ALDERWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Community Meeting Brainstorm

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The following are comments received from community members regarding the upcoming redevelopment of Alderwood Elementary School. The comments are in response to the question: "What are elements of Alderwood Elementary School as it is currently do you like?"

- Open site, doesn't feel cramped for space
- Classroom size
- Ample outdoor activities
- Covered play
- Involved community
- Totem Pole
- Entry way Art installation
- Murals throughout the school
- Walk in fridge and freezer
- Gardens
- Old trees on site/ wooded area
- Open Playground and site to the public after hours
- Community Space

The following are comments received from community members regarding the upcoming redevelopment of Alderwood Elementary School. The comments are in response to the question: "What are elements of Alderwood Elementary School as it is currently do you NOT like?"

- Wooded area is not safe, trash, unwelcome people hangout in there
- Not enough parking
- Parent drop off is chaotic and not safe
- Site circulation – people walk on the grass, organization of building doesn't work well
- Building is too close to the street
- Separate buildings (portables) are disconnected from main office

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- Not monumental – fits into the neighborhood
- Include wood – Alder"wood"
- Include the totem pole – History of the school
- Use recycled materials
- Reflect the community's diversity

- Feels like home – traditional
- Ample natural lighting
- Connect to nature – connect to the beach
- Division of public / private space – block off parts of school during public events

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- Needs to be highly functional
- Ample natural lighting and windows
- Light colors of paint and materials – avoid dark harsh colors
- Efficient and comprehensive building flow
- Good wayfinding – building organization and signage
- Security – open plan and highly visible for supervision yet secure from unwanted intruders
- Energy Efficiency – geothermal wells
- Forward thinking
- Monument or display of a piece of the old building
- Welcoming and inviting
- Place where parents can gather
- Signage – Spanish and English
- Display cases
- Celebrate Learning
- Inviting to the community
- Makers spaces – freedom to create and include the community