July 2004
Middle College High School
At LASC

LAUSD/Middle College High School (MCHS) has

- Been located on LASC campus for over 16 years

- Realized financial advantage by being on our campus:
  - They receive from the state over $7,500 per student plus resources for facilities to house these students
  - LACCD receives around $3,500 per student and LAUSD has only reimbursed LASC for MCHS’s use of our facilities and utilities for the past 3 out of the 16 years.
  - We offer a number of elective and P.E. options for their students to meet their high school diploma requirements.

- Recruited and enrolled students in grades 9-12 who are not typically college-bound or interested in earning a degree from LASC:
  - Each year enrolls about 325 students
  - Graduate on an average 40 students
  - Only 1-4 students earn both a high school diploma and an AA degree
  - Many of MCHS graduates, according to this year’s graduation program, have an educational goal of attending Santa Monica College or El Camino College after graduating.

- Resided in facilities which are:
  - Old and temporary bungalows (They will be torn down with Prop. A money in 2005-2006) located on about a forth of our campus
  - Partially located on one of the earthquake faults (Last year we moved them to another bungalow which they renovated)
  - Not appropriate for a high school in that students have more freedom on our campus then in a high school which puts a toll on our sheriff (part of their current payment pays for extra coverage), adds to graffiti, encourages more outside high school traffic, strain on our custodial staff, and gives them places for inappropriate behavior on the campus (i.e. gambling, sexual encounters).
- Has been operating under a 3 year Board approved signed agreement that limits LAUSD/MCHS to:
  - The use of the facilities designated for MCHS
  - The use of other college facilities as it relates to MCHS's courses or enrollment of MCHS's students in college classes
  - Access to the theatre and P.E. facilities for classroom instruction when available
  - Using our facilities for other purposes (i.e. graduation, supporting their activities/classes, and recreation) when available. They are to use the college's facilities rental procedures which depending on the time of day and the extent of usage may incur a fee.
    - MCHS has chosen over the past two years to use the gym for their graduation which cost about $1,500.00 in overtime labor for college personnel to put down and take up the floor covering. We have encouraged MCHS to use the football field as we do for our graduation. If their graduation was held in close proximity to ours then there would be no charge for setting up and taking down the stage and chairs.
    - MCHS, from the reports from parents, assesses a graduation fee. The parents end up mad at us and according to LAUSD this assessment is appropriate.
    - MCHS has not paid the fees for the past two gym graduations ceremonies or other facility rental fees totaling about $3,500.00.

- Been informed over the past two and half years in various formats that the college does not have the space to continue with a separate MCHS facility.

- Not fully worked with the college on issues:
  - Our limited space and staff (due to budget issues there is only one college employee working in our shipping and receiving area)
  - Other contractual agreements. They coordinate the use of the baseball field with RBI/Dennis Gilbert, who in turn scheduled work to be done on the field during times that they had approved the high school to use the field
  - Information shared with their parents
  - A new model (the one that the college has advanced for the past two years is one in which all of their students would need to be college bound and required to enrolled in college classes in the morning and graduating with high school diploma and an AA degree concurrently)

- A pending one year only agreement for 2004-2005 will be brought before the Board in late July. For a variety of reasons, up until recently, the college has not explored the future with LAUSD/MCHS. This fall we will be putting together a college taskforce to explore their future with us.
FOLLOW-UP
- I have talked with the PTA president and informed him of the above and also told him that his issues should be taken up with LAUSD.

- I also pointed out that LASC is not required to nor are we to use our land or limited resources to meet the educate obligations of MCHS students.

- I understand that the PTA president was to have met with the Vice-President assigned to oversee MCHS on July 6, but he did not show up.

- My subsequent conversation with LAUSD indicated that they are not aware of the parent's concerns nor had they been copied on the letter sent to Trustee Fields. (I received a copy on July 6 referred by the Chancellor's Office).