

Alta Vista Charter School (AVCS)



B.E.S.T. Application

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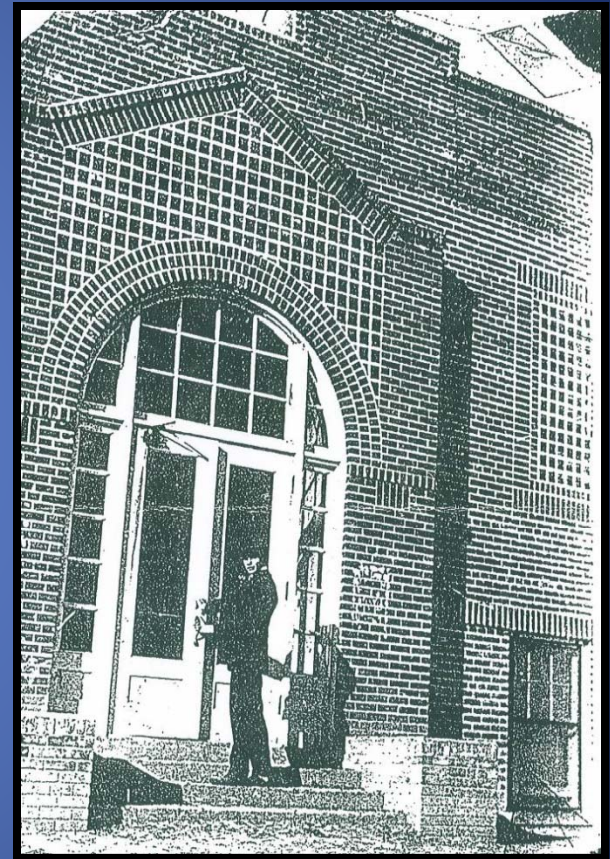
BEST History – Charter Schools

- Brief BEST History
- Charter School – 6 of 17 BEST Applications Received Have Been Funded
- Structure of a Charter School BEST Grant
- Charter School Authorizer - Responsibilities
- Charter School Applicant - Responsibilities



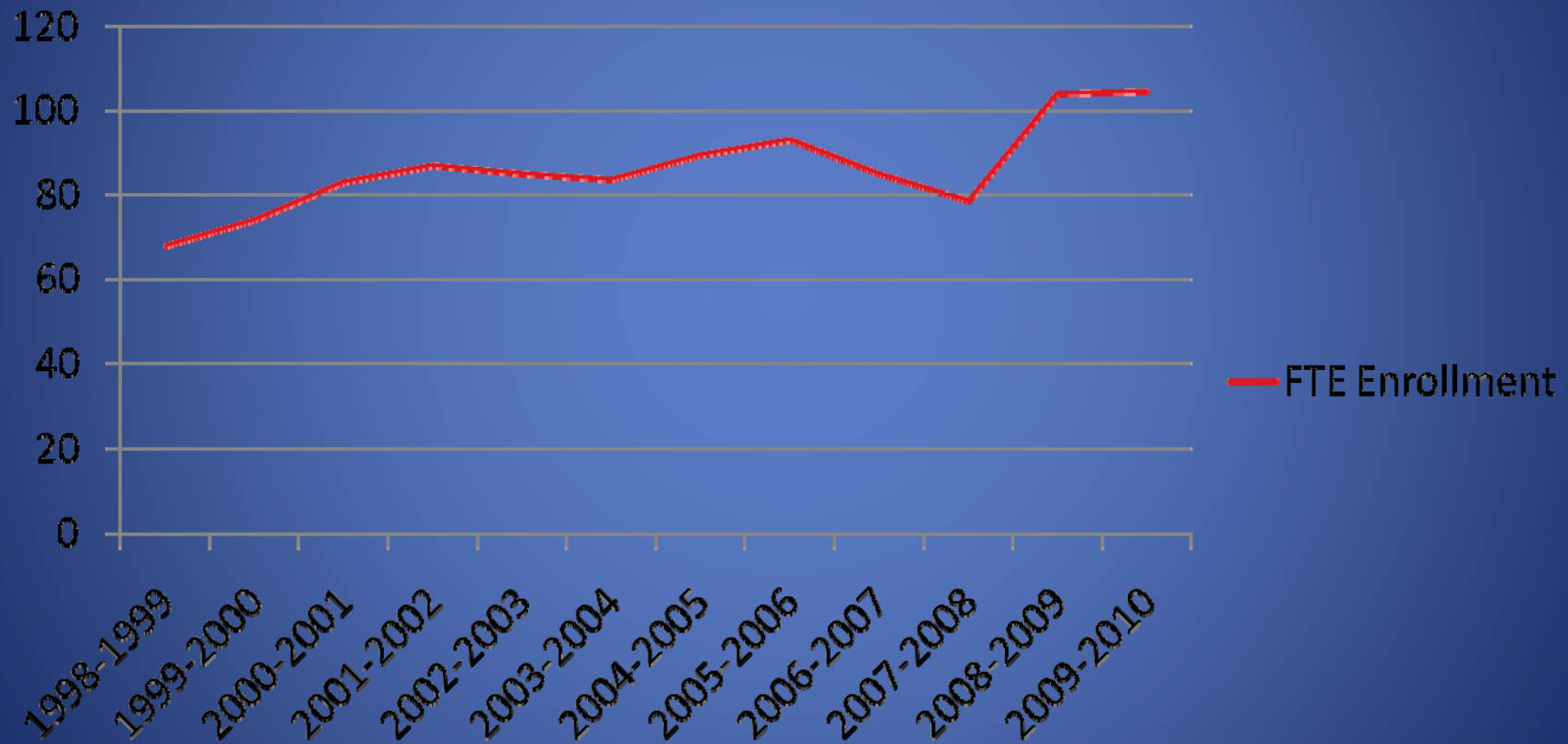
History Of Alta Vista Charter School

- Built in 1917- originally a district elementary K-6 school
- Spring 1997- Lamar RE-2 hosted a series of meetings that targeted Alta Vista to be closed due to low enrollment.
- Advisory committee was formed and strategies were discussed to keep the school open and viable.
- Charter Application was submitted March 9, 1998 and Alta Vista Charter School opened it's doors in August of 1998.

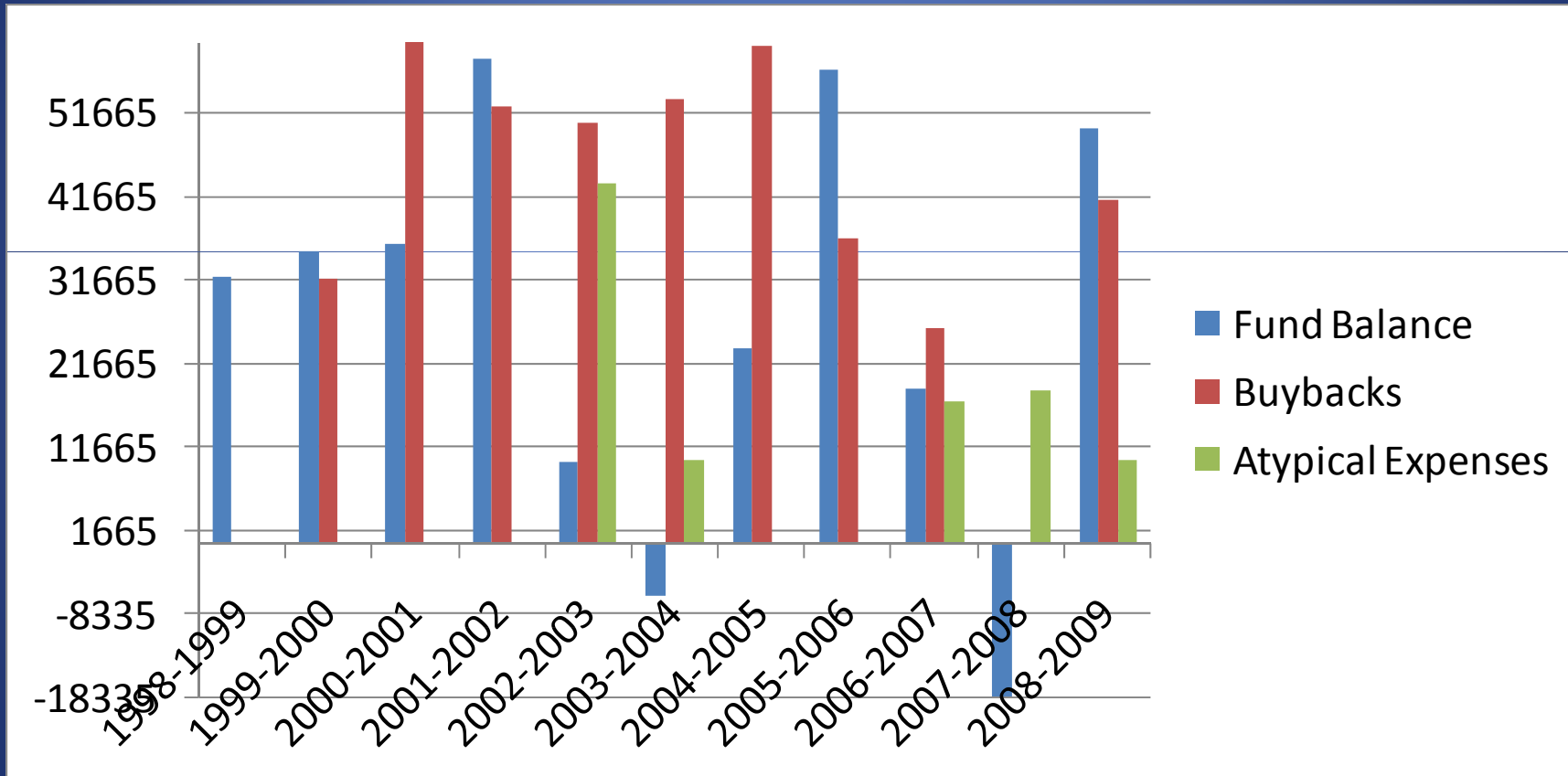


Enrollment Trends

FTE Enrollment



Average Annual Fund Balance



Notes:

1. Left hand axis are the average fund balance in dollars
2. Buybacks are what the Charter School pays to the district for services (transportation, technology, nursing services, etc.)

Viability Of Alta Vista

- Financially viable. In ten years, AVCS has had two years that we had to use reserves due to atypical circumstances.
- 2002-2004. AVCS moved from multi-grade classrooms to single grades, added a modular, added a classroom teacher and specials teachers.
- 2006-2008. Lower enrollment, architectural drawings, an unexpected expense for accrued salaries. We also added full-day Kindergarten.

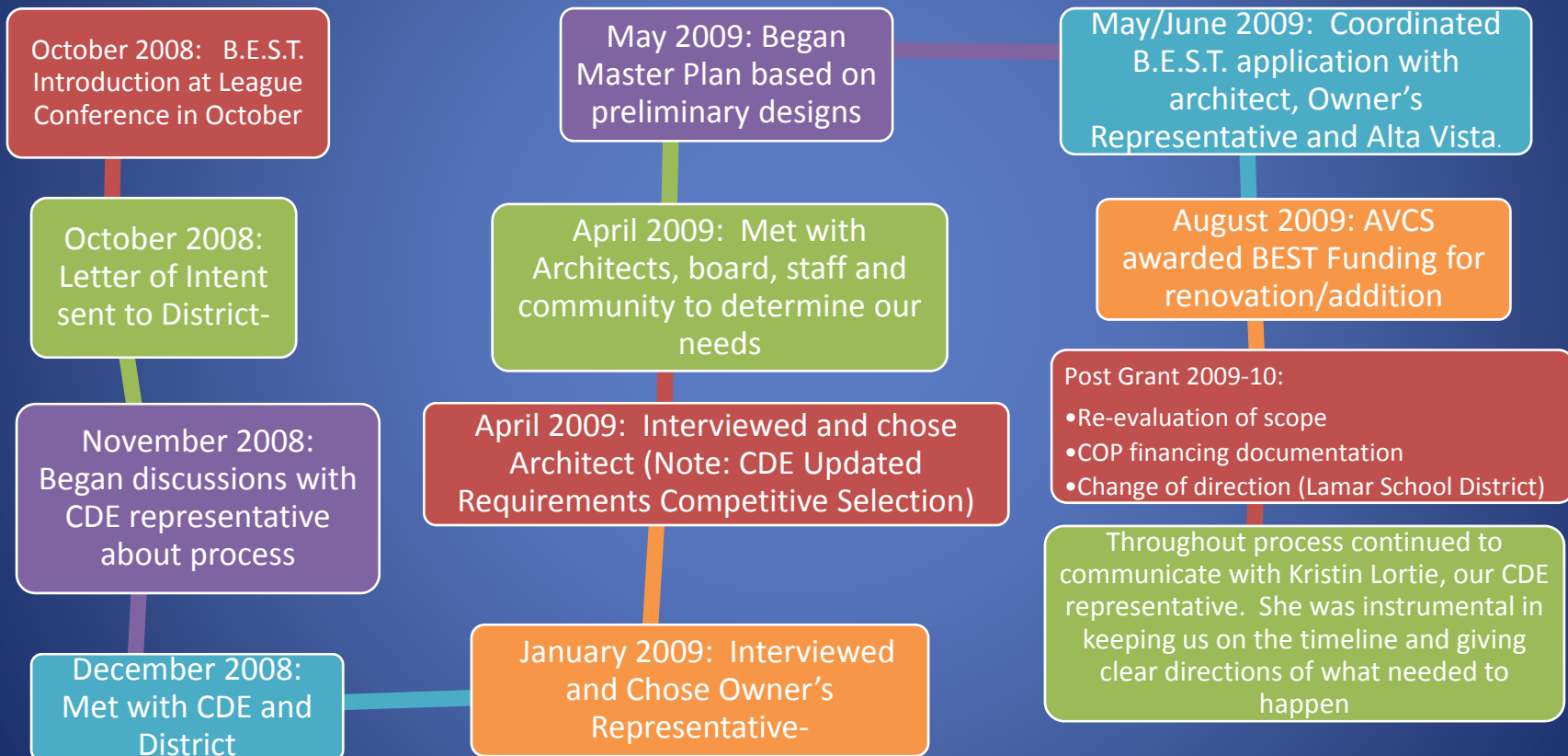


Academic/Staff Viability

- In the past 10 years, academic achievement has been viable. Growth is above the 50%ile this past year in every grade. On the School Accountability Reports we were recognized as “high” for six years. Accredited as “high” by the District Accountability the last six years.
- Staff and Teacher retention is good. 70% have been at Alta Vista for over 5 years and 41% for over 10 years.



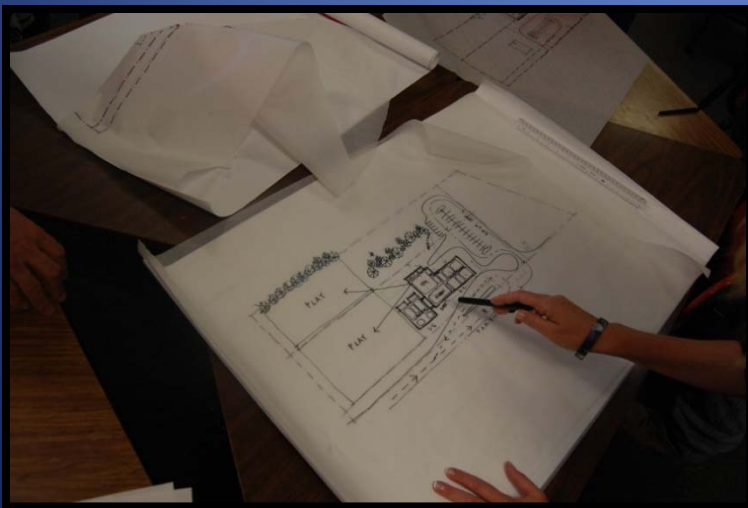
AVCS Timeline for B.E.S.T. Grant



AVCS Grant-Building Steps

AVCS :

1. Started with metal building concept. The planning & grant application process has resulted in an improved project due to the BEST programs goal of providing: *1st class, high-performing, 21st century facilities*
2. Made regular contact with CDE Staff throughout grant process
3. Followed up on all recommendations from CDE Staff
4. Saved and put money aside toward matching funds for the project



AVCS Grant-Building Steps

AVCS :

5. Used competitive process for Owner's Representative & Master Planner
6. Reviewed multiple options for renovation/replacement of school campus prior to selecting an option
7. Project team has responded promptly to requests from CDE for more information during the grant process and post-grant follow-up
8. Lamar School District supported AVCS and AVCS' emphasis that the building had health and safety problems that needed to be corrected

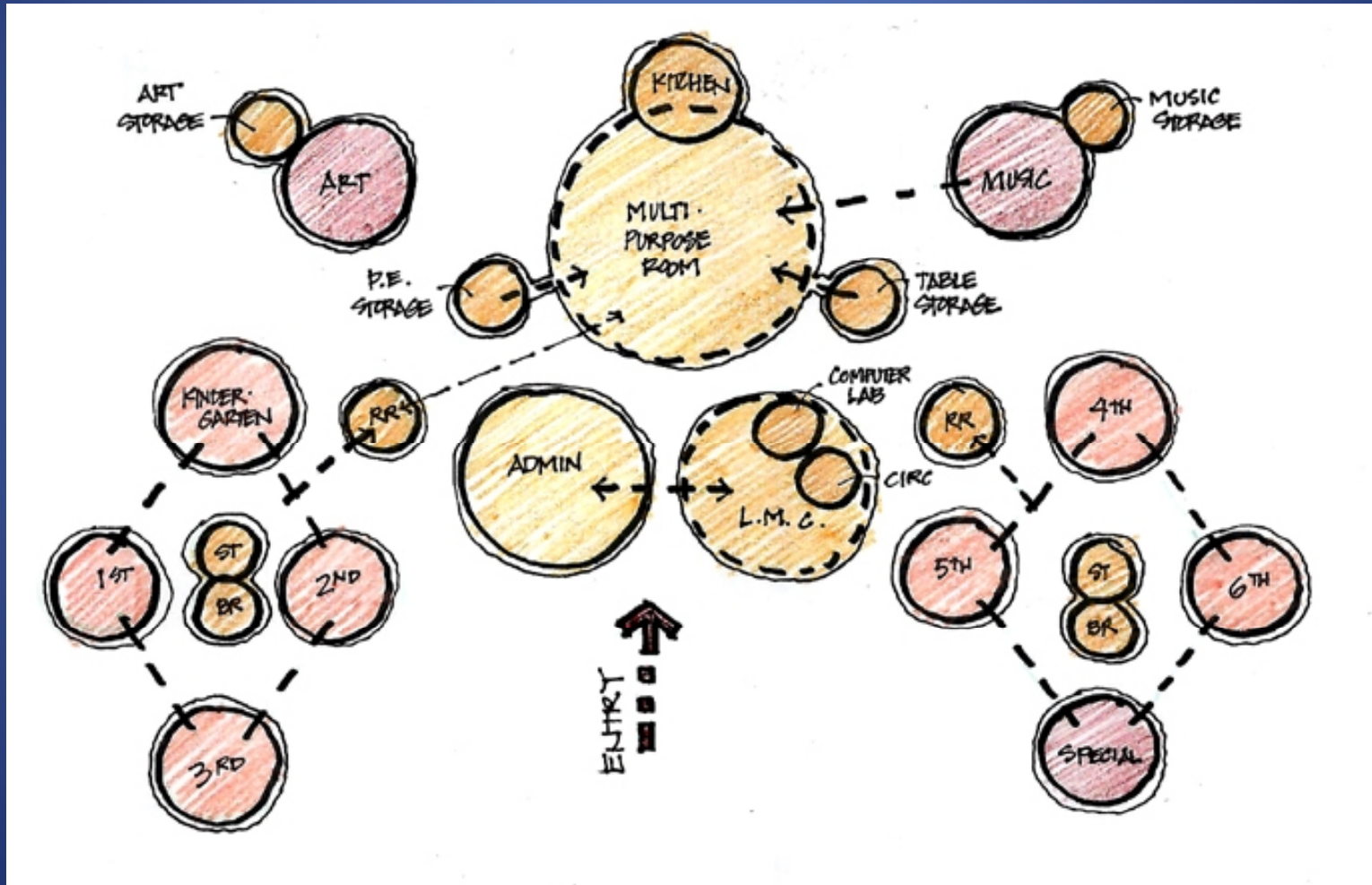


AVCS Matching Funds

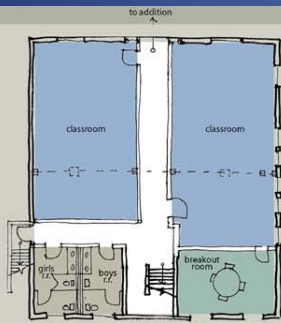
- AVCS Total Grant Award = \$6,169,766
- AVCS Matching Fund Contribution = \$246,790.64 (4%)
- AVCS Matching Fund Percentage = 15% = \$925,464.90
- AVCS submitted a waiver request to reduce matching funds (acceptable per BEST bill)
- The Capital Construction Assistance Board (CCAB) reviews each waiver letter and favors projects that meet their matching percentage.



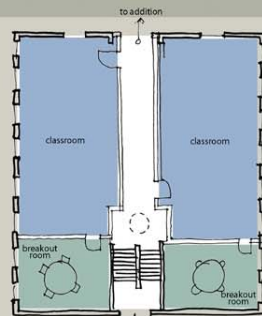
AVCS Master Planning (Concept)



AVCS Renovation/Addition



lower level:
historic school renovation



upper level:
historic school renovation

pros:
preserves historic building
creates wind-protected south court
south entry
separate bus and parent drop-off
good connection to historic building

CONS:
less visible from street
greater land acquisition

scope, option 1B:

new building area: 17,971sf
renovated building area: 6,240sf
total building area: 24,211sf

total site area: +/- 5 acres

estimated costs, option 1B:

= baseline option 2a (new construction) +2%

code, option 1B:

construction type : III B
(masonry with some wood)



ALTA VISTA CHARTER SCHOOL

conceptual master planning
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recommended option: northern
addition to existing school building



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option 1B

Health & Safety Hazards

Current Building:

- Modular Trailers
- ADA Access Issues
- Inadequate Electrical, HVAC, Plumbing
- No monitoring of main entrance
- Inadequate number of restrooms/location



Classroom Space Difference

Current Building:

- 7 classrooms
- 1 trailer for music
- Using stage and closets for intervention and Special Education.
- No additional space for conferences, art, or Science
- Total: 5,719 sq.ft

Proposed Building (still in discussion with BEST Division):

- 7 classrooms
- Music will be on stage in Gymnasium
- 2 breakout rooms for Intervention/Special Ed
- 1 extra room for Art, Projects, Conferences
- Total: 8,380 sq. ft (difference of 2,661)

Non-Instructional Space

Current:

- No waiting space for visitors
- No Staff work room or restrooms
- No Sick Room or toilet

Proposed:

- Reception space
- Staff Work Room and Lounge
- Sick Room
- Total of 1,535 sq. footage



What's Next?

- **Current Status**

1. Waiting for confirmation of COP financing to begin design.
2. Charter School has submitted their application to have the land platted to combine 4 pieces of property into one.
3. Charter School is applying for a special use zoning permit to allow for the addition.

- **What's Next?**

1. SLATERPAULL Architects will begin design work.
2. Architect will coordinate/review design with the Colorado Historical Society.

- **Schedule/Timeline for Completion**

1. Project anticipated duration is 4 months design + 8 months construction = 12 months total.
2. If project COP financing is complete in March, project is anticipated to be complete by March/April 2011.

