VIDEO RESEARCH / COMPANION TO THE PARENT BRIEFING

What the recordings add

Short caption excerpts, context, and links to the relevant moments in VUSD recordings.

28 uploads identified • 24 caption tracks extracted
The extracted tracks represent 23 distinct meetings or episodes; September 8 has an original and corrected upload. Four recordings returned subtitles disabled. This guide contains selected excerpts and findings, not full transcripts.

The clearest recorded geographic argument

> **“because of where it is, it doesn't logistically make sense to bus all those kids out of Oak View”**

September 17 committee; quote begins about 01:02:26 | 01:02:21 / Automatic captions; audio not independently verified.

An unidentified committee participant names Sunset immediately before this passage. The same meeting includes a discussion at 00:58:13 about keeping Sunset outside consideration because of its community location. This records the committee discussion, not a permanent exemption or final board vote.

Three important additions to the parent case

1. **Access was explicitly discussed.** The video record strengthens the request for an explanation of what changed between the committee's earlier treatment of Sunset and the revised ranking. See pages 1 and 3.
2. **Growth and capacity need reconciliation.** A July answer describes Sunset as constrained by facilities. That is relevant to understanding capacity, but it does not establish why TK applicants were waitlisted. See page 2.
3. **Savings need current assumptions.** July discussion acknowledges transportation offsets and utility estimates that had not yet incorporated recent solar upgrades. Ask whether later calculations corrected both. See page 2.

Use the excerpts accurately. Quotation wording was checked against retrieved captions and surrounding text, not independently against audio. Capitalization and punctuation may reflect automatic captions. Speaker names are omitted where identification is uncertain. Review playback before public attribution or publication.

Scope: official closure-committee recordings and related 2026 board uploads, plus the December 2025 introduction. Keyword screening located relevant passages; the whole channel was not listened to end-to-end. The index on pages 5-6 records coverage and gaps.

01 / COSTS, CAPACITY & SAFETY

New questions behind the numbers

July discussion adds context that the summary tables alone do not capture.

Additional routes reduce savings

> **“additional drivers to take up additional routes, that'll also cause these savings to go down.”**

July 16 committee; financial Q&A; | 02:15:06 / Automatic captions; audio not independently verified.

The response discusses retained staff and added transportation as offsets to closure savings. Request the specific Sunset route and staffing costs before relying on the estimated total.

Sunset growth was described as facility-limited

> **“sunset can't grow.”**

July 16 committee; context begins here | 02:37:28 / Automatic captions; audio not independently verified.

In a discussion of TK-8 models, the response says expansion would require facility investment, possibly portables. This does not identify the cause of the TK waitlist. Reconcile usable space by grade with the listed 504-student capacity.

Two other July findings to follow up

Utilities and solar. At 02:16:49, staff says the displayed utility figures did not yet reflect recent solar upgrades and discusses obtaining a full annual cycle. Ask whether the later $105,000 Sunset utility-savings assumption was updated.

Sunset safety map. At 01:16:04 and 01:22:36, the presenter acknowledges the omitted map and discusses county improvements and a possible older map. Request the county assessment; the omission does not establish unsafe routes.

Related October 20 discussion: At 01:46:40, a board member connects transportation access with attendance, household vehicle availability, and family costs. This supports evaluating actual family access, not merely campus distance.

02 / PROCESS & SERVICE CONTINUITY

What these statements establish

Committee discussion, personal trustee views, and formal board actions are different kinds of evidence.

> **“I know that Sunset was removed. It's off”**

October 1 committee; quote begins about 00:54:07 | 00:54:02 / Automatic captions; audio not independently verified.

A member addressed as Tony refers to Sunset's earlier removal while asking about other schools. This supports the chronology of committee treatment, not a binding board decision. At 02:37:33, a group spokesperson also identifies geographic equity and avoiding school deserts as priorities.

> **“this committee gets to decide how much weight you want to put on each criteria”**

May 21 committee; historical-investment discussion | 01:17:34 / Automatic captions; audio not independently verified.

The speaker discusses how the committee could weigh criteria and the age of past projects. The statement concerns the earlier committee process; it does not dictate the revised November board formula.

> **“I had to have child care available on our elementary schools.”**

October 13 board; quote begins about 04:14:18 | 04:14:14 / Automatic captions; audio not independently verified.

A board member describes her family's reliance on childcare. The surrounding discussion addresses after-school capacity and whether consolidation might squeeze existing providers. Earlier, at 04:08:41, staff asks whether capacity assumptions should preserve libraries and wellness spaces.

> **A vote to receive a report is not a vote to close schools.** At 04:22:03, the October 13 board votes 5-0 to receive the committee report. Use that distinction when explaining the process to other parents.

03 / FOLLOW-UP & LIMITS

Keep the argument complete

These recordings strengthen some points and add qualifications to others.

> **“I'm not in a rush to close any schools”**

September 22 board discussion | 03:03:08 / Automatic captions; audio not independently verified.

The speaker favors more information and community dialogue. Later dialogue associates the comment with Trustee Peterson, but playback should confirm identity. At 03:11:55, staff describes the board's continuing discretion. These are reasons to seek a complete record, not assurances that no closures will occur.

Additional findings from earlier board meetings

Oak View representation. On January 13 at 04:41:01, a trustee asks for Oak View and Ventura Avenue representation because the communities have different needs. This reinforces the case for a distinct local-access analysis.

TK and transfer data. On February 24 at 03:21:58, the board discusses differentiating program-driven transfers from other boundary departures. At 03:42:12, the demographer calls for monitoring TK participation. Neither passage verifies Sunset's waiting-list numbers.

Roof condition is a material qualification. February 24 discussion at 04:27:40 describes Sunset's roof as poor, reports no observed active leaks, and contains inconsistent remaining-life figures. An overall “Good” rating is not proof that every component is sound. Obtain the current inspection and repair scope.

Questions to add to the parent checklist

1. **Capacity:** Which rooms and program constraints explain the July growth limitation, and what specifically limited TK admission?
2. **Utilities:** Do projected savings use actual post-solar bills and account for retained or leased campus use?
3. **Services:** Would receiving-site capacity preserve libraries, wellness rooms, childcare, and special education space?
4. **Facilities:** What does the latest Sunset roof assessment say, and how is its cost included in each option?

Two boundaries: No reviewed passage independently confirms the parent-reported TK waitlist. Also, October 1 staff explains that Sheridan Way capacity changes when portables are included (02:53:54). Avoid claiming that no receiving capacity exists under any scenario.

04 / RECORDING INDEX - CORE SOURCES

Open the original recordings

Dates below link to YouTube. “Extracted” means the available English automatic caption track was retrieved.

Meeting / upload	Caption status	Topic or note
Dec 16, 2025	Extracted*	Board introduction. Caption/link timing mismatch; verify playback.
Jan 12, 2026	Extracted	Budget Bites episode 4: closure process, class sizes, bond restrictions.
Mar 5, 2026	Extracted	Family webinar: process, criteria, and questions.
May 21, 2026	Extracted	First recorded committee meeting; facilities and criteria.
Jun 18, 2026	Extracted	Committee: programs, outcomes, and relocation considerations.
Jul 16, 2026	Extracted	Committee: safety, costs, transportation, and Sunset facilities.
Aug 20, 2026	Extracted	Committee: ranking groups and removing Sunset from consideration.
Sep 17, 2026	Extracted	Committee: explicit Sunset geographic-access discussion.
Sep 22, 2026	Extracted*	Board: process, discretion, capacity, and Oak View comments.
Oct 1, 2026	Extracted	Committee: Sunset status, geographic equity, receiving capacity.
Oct 8, 2026	Extracted	Committee: final deliberations and program transport discussion.
Oct 13, 2026	Extracted	Board: receives report; capacity and childcare policy questions.
Oct 15, 2026	Extracted	Closure town hall: criteria and community comments.
Oct 20, 2026	Extracted	Board study session: criteria, costs, and transportation.
Nov 6, 2026**	Disabled	Livestream metadata indicates Nov 6; title still says Oct 20.

* December has an unresolved difference between the district's deep link and caption timing. September 22 has long gaps and a caption track ending before the listed runtime. Preserve native timestamps and verify playback; do not assume continuous or complete transcription.

** November 6 is based on native livestream metadata in Pacific time. UTC-based listings show November 7. No caption quotation from this recording is included.

05 / RECORDING INDEX - ADDITIONAL SCREENING

Coverage, gaps & citation practice

Additional 2026 board uploads were screened to find relevant passages and avoid relying only on committee meetings.

Meeting / upload	Caption status	Topic or note
Jan 13, 2026	Extracted	Committee composition; request for Oak View representation.
Feb 10, 2026	Extracted	Related board discussion screened for closure and Sunset terms.
Feb 24, 2026	Extracted	Demographics, transfer motives, TK, and Sunset roof condition.
Mar 10, 2026	Disabled	No caption track retrieved.
Apr 21, 2026	Extracted	Related board discussion screened for closure and Sunset terms.
May 12, 2026	Extracted	Related board discussion screened for closure and Sunset terms.
Jun 9, 2026	Extracted	Sunset TK-8 praise in a staff-appointment context, not closure analysis.
Jun 23, 2026	Disabled	No caption track retrieved.
Jul 7, 2026	Disabled	No caption track retrieved.
Aug 4, 2026	Extracted	Related board discussion screened for closure and Sunset terms.
Aug 25, 2026	Extracted	Brief closure-process or status references.
Sep 8 original	Extracted	Superseded upload; do not reuse its timings for the corrected video.
Sep 8 corrected	Extracted	Preferred September 8 recording; separate caption timeline.

Before using a quotation publicly

Open the linked recording, listen before and after the passage, confirm the speaker and timestamp, and distinguish a participant's opinion from an adopted decision. Automatic captions can mishear names and omit or duplicate words. The guide does not convert caption text into an official transcript.

Official record hub: VUSD School Closures Advisory Committee. It links the committee videos and identifies May 21 as the first recorded meeting. March 19 and April 23 have written records but no recording links on that page.