



## The Alpine High School Citizens Committee

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Fellow Advocates of Fairness,  
Justness, Community Partnership, and the Alpine High School...

As the Chairman of the Alpine HS Citizens Committee (AHSCC), I am grateful for the many positive fronts, and about all the gains we have accomplished towards achieving a local community high school, the dream is becoming a reality. I encourage all of us, and each of you, to remain positive to that end, and to be grateful for where we are in the process. Let's continue to watch the scope of this project, keep an eye on the big picture, and make certain that Alpine gets its due, when determining what a fair share of our bond dollars is to build a new high school, of the scope that provides what the GUHSD (and the AHSCC) guiding principles mandate; A state-of-the-art, 21st Century ready, new 12th GUHSD High School for the Alpine area!

Let's also explore the foremost current issue which is the naming of the future new 12th GUHSD High School, what we refer to as the Alpine High School. Even though the high school property has not yet been fully purchased, the Grossmont Board intends to vote this Thursday night to:

1. **Name the 12th GUHSD High School after President Ronald Reagan.**
2. **Amend a long standing board policy (7310) stipulating;**

**Grossmont Union HSD | Board Policy 7310 Facilities,**

**Except as special exceptions are made by the Governing Board, all new high schools or other Complete sites shall be given a geographical name. No school or other District facility shall be named for any living person who is officially connected with the District.**

**In naming new schools or other complete sites, the Superintendent or designee shall establish a committee to receive suggestions from the public, students, and staff. The committee, which shall include representatives of those three groups, shall screen suggestions and submit a recommendation for Board action.**

The AHSCC is not taking a position on what the name of the high school should be. However, we firmly believe that the name of the high school should be a decision made by the residents of the Alpine community. The GUHSD Governing Board is voting to name the high school, Ronald Reagan High School, without first determining whether Alpine consents to this name. This proposed process is backwards from how it should be approached. The will of the community should be determined first, before a name is selected, and before a Board Policy, standing since 1993 (BP 7310 – attached) is granted a "Special Exception."

We suggest that the Board follow Policy 7310 as it relates to community involvement and that the District hold a vote of the people within the community to determine the new high school name. The original 12 studied potential high school sites were reduced down to 4, by a vote conducted on-line by the GUHSD in 2006. A committee of the people then convened and eliminated one more. Then the top three were studied for environmental Impacts, thus determining the chosen site; The Lazy "A" Ranch site.

Please show yourself at the Thursday, March 11th, 6 PM Board meeting, be heard, and express your opinions and desires, as representatives of the community that this high school is to serve. For more information please go to [www.ahscc.com](http://www.ahscc.com).

Sincerely,

Bill Weaver, AHSCC Chairman

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