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TO: Board of Education
FROM: Mark Burroughs, Superintendent

DATE: January 10, 2020
SUBJECT: Public Hearing Regarding
Trustee Area Map Plans

RECOMMENDATION

Consider public input regarding the trustee area map plan scenarios prepared by the District demographer and vetted by the public at community forums held on September 10, October 8, November 12, November 19, and December 17, 2019.

INFORMATION

At the Board meeting of December 12, 2018, the Board adopted Resolution No. #R18-19-09 directing the Superintendent or his designee, among other things, to initiate the process of changing the method of electing members of the Board, from the current at-large system whereby each member of the Board is elected by the registered voters of the entire District (Education Code section 5030(a)), to a method which provides that Board members residing in each trustee area will be elected by the registered voters of that particular trustee area (Education Code 5030(b)), in sufficient time for the new method of electing members of the Board to be in place for the November 2020 election.

Elections Code section 10010(a)(1) requires the District to hold at least two public hearings to invite community input regarding the composition of the trustee areas over a period not to exceed 30 days. "Composition of the trustee areas" includes factors such as visible natural and man-made geographical and topographical features, communities of interest, jurisdictional boundaries and population growth. The District held these hearings on September 10, and October 8, 2019.

Elections Code section 10010(a)(1) encourages political subdivisions to conduct outreach to the public, including to non-English-speaking communities, to explain the districting process and to encourage public participation. The District accomplished this at recent community forum held on November 19, 2019.

To further encourage public participation, the District has reached out to the public via social media and added a link to its webpage regarding the transition process. Updates and resources regarding the transition process as well as draft maps are posted on the District website.

By law, the District must conduct a minimum of two (2) public hearings on the trustee area map plan scenarios prepared by its demographer before the board may select a final plan. The first two hearings were held at the District Board Meeting held on November 12 and December 17, 2019. Tonight is the third such public hearing.

The board will invite public comment and input on the draft map scenarios, including three map scenarios that have been prepared by the District demographer based upon input from the board and the community. Following the public hearing, the board may choose to adopt a trustee area map, or alternatively, opt to conduct a subsequent public hearing at a subsequent board meeting to

provide further input before making a final map selection with its accompanying sequencing of the trustee area elections that will begin with the conduct of the 2020 governing board election in November of 2020.