

**GLENDALE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**RESOLUTION NO. 21**

**REAFFIRM OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED TRANSFER OF TERRITORY  
TO THE LA CAÑADA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS**, a group of residents in our District and the City of La Cañada Flintridge have proposed the transfer to the La Cañada Unified School District of that portion of the Glendale Unified School District located within the western city limits of La Cañada Flintridge; and

**WHEREAS**, the attendance boundaries have existed since the inception of the two districts in the late 1800's; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 235 students now attending Glendale public schools reside in the affected area, including 84 at Mountain Avenue Elementary, 37 at Rosemont Middle School, and 68 at Crescenta Valley High School, and 46 at other campuses in the District; and

**WHEREAS**, in matters of proposed transfer of territory, the Board of Education not only considers the potential impact on those students affected directly but on all current and future students within the District; and

**WHEREAS**, if approved, the transfer would create a number of negative and permanent impacts for the District including: (1) A loss of student population at Mountain Avenue Elementary School, Rosemont Middle School, and Crescenta Valley High School and the resulting loss of Average Daily Attendance revenue generated by the loss of student population; (2) Negative fiscal impact on the District as a whole; (3) Unfair bonded indebtedness increase of \$11.6 million to be shouldered by the remaining District residents; and (4) Decreased tax capacity and bonding capacity due to the loss of parcels.

**WHEREAS**, if the transfer of the above-mentioned territory were to occur, the Glendale Unified School District could face a potential net financial loss in per-student income of approximately \$2.7 million annually at a time when GUSD is working to resolve its current budget deficit and at a time when projected school funding under the LCFF will experience certain slow down, based upon economic predictors; and

**WHEREAS**, the District's diversity and strength of parent and student leadership are invaluable resources and should the transfer of the above-mentioned territory occur, the Glendale Unified School District would permanently lose an important portion of the District's community that has previously provided GUSD school board members, Council and school site Parent-Teacher Association leaders, student board members, and student leaders to the benefit of the District as a whole.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Glendale Unified School District goes on public record as opposing the proposed transfer of territory to the La Cañada Unified School District, as having significant negative impacts upon the current and future students of the Glendale Unified Schools and the School District; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that there is no educational reason for the territory transfer. The Board is justly proud of the achievements of Mountain Avenue Elementary School, Rosemont Middle School, and Crescenta Valley High School—all recognized as National Blue Ribbon Schools, California Distinguished Schools, and California Gold Ribbon Schools—and believes strongly that the quality of education, student services, and community involvement supporting these three campuses are among the finest quality anywhere in California.

Adopted this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2019 by the Governing Board of the Glendale Unified School District.

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