

# Glendale Unified /La Canada Unified Potential Territory Transfer

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## Background

- June 3, 2013, La Canada City Council adopted a resolution in support of a transfer of territory to the La Canada Unified School District boundaries
  - The “Territory” comprises the portion of the City of La Canada Flintridge west of Rosebank Dr. to the LCF westernmost boundary of Pickens Canyon and generally north of Foothill Blvd.
  - Discussions regarding a potential Territory transfer have been on-going between GUSD and LCUSD throughout the 2013-2014 school year.

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## Background- Cont.

- La Canada Unified School District Resolution Adoption:
  - August 6, 2013 - Original Resolution Adoption
  - October 15, 2013 - Revised Resolution Adoption
  - January 7, 2014 – Re-adoption of Revised Resolution due to new board members
  
- Schools affected by the proposed transfer area:
  - Mountain Avenue Elementary School (current enrollment 552)
  - Rosemont Middle School (current enrollment 1,213)
  - Crescenta Valley High School (current enrollment 2,775)

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## Impacts and Interests

- If a potential Territory transfer is to move forward, the following impacts and interests need to be reconciled:
  - Student Phase-In Over Six Years (July 1, 2015)
  - School Facilities – Capacity and Enrollment Issues
  - GUSD General Obligation Bonds – Mitigate Impacts
  - Revenue and Expenditure Effects

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## Student Phase-In Over Six Years (July 1, 2015)

- Student phase-in plan includes:
  - Incoming TK (transitional kindergarten students) and students entering kindergarten (20 to 25 students)
  - Students entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade (16 students)
  - Students entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade (35 students)
  - All siblings of eligible students who choose to attend LCUSD schools

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## School Facilities – Capacity and Enrollment Issues

- Minimize dramatic shifts in enrollment at Palm Crest and Mountain Avenue elementary schools:
  - Six year student phase-in
  - Option for TK/Kindergarten (20-25 students) to attend LCUSD schools in the first year of the phase-in
  - Special programs/permissive boundaries with Monte Vista Elementary School

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## GUSD General Obligation Bonds – Mitigate Impacts

- Territory transfer area assessed valuation is approximately 1.85% (\$505 million) of GUSD's total tax base.
- Residents of territory transfer area:
  - Relief of all current and future property tax obligations to GUSD (April 2015)\*
  - Assume property and parcel taxes to LCUSD in 2015/16 (December 2015)\*

\*Assuming July 1, 2015 formalization of the territory transfer

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## GUSD General Obligation Bonds – Mitigate Impacts – Cont.

- Loss of property taxes to GUSD in the territory transfer area:
  - LCUSD to pay GUSD approximately \$4.45 million over 13 years\*
  - Annual payments to commence in 2015/16 at approximately \$255,000 (4.75% annual growth assumption)\*

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## Other Revenue and Expenditure Effects

- GUSD-owned lot used for drop-off/pick-up:
  - Conveyance of lot to City of La Canada Flintridge
  - Remuneration of \$1.4 million to GUSD on the effective date of the territory transfer
  - Additional \$100,000 annually for six years
  - Access to pedestrian bridge for at least six years



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## Next

- Further discussion at the May 6, 2014 Board meeting
- Determination to support the territory transfer