

GLENDALE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

May 20, 2014

DISCUSSION REPORT NO. 1

TO: Board of Education

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SUBJECT: Glendale Unified/La Canada Unified Potential Territory Transfer

In May 2013, a group of citizens from the City of La Canada requested the City of La Canada to support and endorse the realignment of the western areas of the City of La Canada into the La Canada Unified School District's jurisdiction. Subsequently, La Canada City Council adopted a resolution on June 3, 2013 in support of the territory transfer of the Sagebrush area into the La Canada Unified School District boundaries. This was followed by La Canada Unified School District adopting a resolution, a revised resolution, and re-adopting the revised resolution on August 6, 2013, October 15, 2013, and January 7, 2014 respectively. In accordance with Education Code Section 4000 et seq., this would commence the process for initiating consideration by the Los Angeles County Committee on School District Organization of the transfer of the territory.

On March 25, 2014, a town hall meeting was held at Crescenta Valley High School auditorium. Residents of the proposed transfer area voiced and expressed their opinions concerning the families/students that would be impacted by the shift in boundaries. Additionally, Glendale Unified School District (GUSD) and La Canada Unified School District (LCUSD) addressed questions regarding the process of the potential territory transfer impacting students, school facilities, and financial implications relating to bond and tax obligations.

The Glendale Unified School District is still in the process of evaluating community input with the potential territory transfer. In light of this, the District has contracted with True North Research, an independent survey research firm, to conduct a survey of residents that will be impacted by the proposed change in order to make a fully-informed decision on this matter.

The results of the survey will be shared at the May 20, 2014 Board of Education meeting.

To Support 2013-14 Board Priority No. 2 - "Use Board adopted budgetary principles to maintain District fiscal integrity and stability of instruction and programs."