October 2, 2019

Dear Glendale Unified Students, Staff, Families, and Community:

On October 2, 2019, the Los Angeles County Committee on School District Organization voted to approve a petition to transfer a portion of land referred to as the "Sagebrush territory" from Glendale Unified to La Cañada Unified School District. This decision went against the recommendation from the LA County Office of Education staff to deny the petition.

The decision today is only one step in a very long process. Glendale Unified has 30 days to decide if we want to appeal the County Committee's decision to the California Department of Education. Over the coming weeks, the Glendale Unified Board of Education will consider all options and make a decision that is in the best interest of our students.

Ultimately, the territory transfer must be approved by a community vote in order to be finalized. The LA County Committee will determine which members of the Glendale and La Cañada communities will be eligible to vote on the territory transfer at a later date.

Regardless of the eventual outcome of the territory transfer, we remain committed to providing an exceptional education that prepares our youth for success in college, career, and life. We want every student to find their passion and feel a sense of belonging in our schools. In addition to rigorous instruction, we proudly offer a wide range of dual immersion, visual and performing arts, athletics, science and technology, and Career and Technical Education programs, many of which are open to students living in- and outside our district boundaries.

Every student and family is welcome in Glendale Unified schools. We are exceling together to provide students with endless pathways for success.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools

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