

December 6, 2017

Dear IUSD Parent,

In October, IUSD sent a letter informing families about possible boundary adjustments under consideration by the District for some neighborhoods that attend Jeffrey Trail, Sierra Vista, and Venado middle schools, as well as Irvine, Northwood, and Portola high schools. The District began the boundary adjustment review process due to extensive new residential growth east of the 5 Freeway, which will result in Portola High School and Jeffrey Trail Middle School significantly exceeding their school capacities by fall 2019.

As part of the comprehensive review process, the Board of Education directed staff to form a representative [Boundary Advisory Committee](#) and to hold parent forums so that families, who may be affected, would have a voice in the District's process. The 36-person Boundary Advisory Committee is comprised of parent representatives, high school students, teachers, principals, and district staff from each of the areas and schools that could be affected.

The Committee has been meeting and working together since August to develop possible boundary options, initially submitting [four options](#) for consideration. After hearing parent concerns from the forums and receiving written feedback, the Committee removed options 2 and 3 during their November 29 meeting. The Committee unanimously agreed on option 1 but did not reach a consensus regarding option 4. Half the group felt option 4 would alleviate student enrollment at Jeffrey Trail and Sierra Vista middle schools, while bolstering Venado's enrollment, ultimately providing a more balanced middle school experience for a larger number of students. Conversely, the second half of the group was concerned about splitting up the Cypress Village community. Therefore, the Committee elected to forward options 1 and 4 to the Superintendent's Cabinet.

Upon further review of options 1 and 4, the Superintendent's Cabinet removed option 4, which would have split the Cypress Village community, sending students, families and friends to different schools. The Cabinet was unanimous in their agreement that this would be too disruptive to the Cypress Village community and their children. In addition, the Superintendent's Cabinet will include recommendations to the Board that the District support Venado Middle School through special programmatic options and/or additional staffing as an alternative to option 4.



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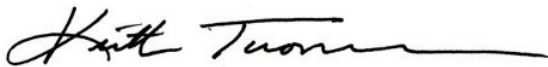
Option 1, which proposes to keep the Stonegate Elementary School community together by changing the attendance areas from Portola High School to Northwood High School and from Jeffrey Trail Middle School to Sierra Vista Middle School will be presented to the Board of Education as the sole recommendation from staff for consideration during the December 12 Board Meeting. The Board Meeting will be held at the District Office (5050 Barranca, Irvine) at 6:30 p.m.

For those who cannot attend the meeting, you may watch it live by visiting iusd.org/livestream or on Cox channel 39 or AT&T U-verse channel 99. The meeting recording will also be available on demand the following day at iusd.tv. If you cannot attend the meeting but would like to provide a comment to the Board, please email info@iusd.org.

For general information about the Boundary Adjustment process and/or for an update following the Board Meeting, visit iusd.org/boundaryadjustments.

The District would like to thank the Boundary Advisory Committee for its diligent work over the last several months and the families who participated in this important process by providing feedback.

Sincerely,



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