



Dear Community Member,

I am writing to provide you with information regarding a matter under consideration by the Irvine Unified School District (IUSD) Governing Board.

On March 13, 2018, the IUSD Board of Education adopted Resolution No. 17-18-28: Intent to Initiate the Process of Establishing Trustee Areas and Elections By-Trustee Areas. The purpose of this resolution is to commence the process to consider establishing trustee areas for the method of electing members of the IUSD Board of Education. It is important to note, this consideration or process will have no effect on school district or student attendance boundaries.

As background, the IUSD Board of Education members are currently elected by an at-large method. Under an at-large method of election, registered voters within the school district's boundaries can vote for any IUSD Board of Education candidate. To be eligible in an at-large election, candidates are required to reside anywhere within IUSD boundaries. Under a by-trustee area electoral system, eligible IUSD Board of Education candidates would be required to reside within a particular trustee area and IUSD Board of Education members would be elected only by registered voters of that same trustee area.

With the passage of the California Voting Rights Act, many school districts and other municipalities throughout the state have gone through a process to consider their election method systems. As a result of the adoption of Resolution No. 17-18-28, the IUSD Board of Education has initiated the consideration of our election process. As the next step in this process, the District will hold two community information nights and two public hearings in order to collect community comments and feedback prior to the creation of any potential trustee area maps.

Community Information Nights:

Monday, March 26, 2018 – 6:00pm
University High School Theater
4771 Campus Drive, Irvine, CA 92612

Monday, April 9, 2018 – 6:00pm
Irvine High School Theater
4321 Walnut Ave, Irvine, CA 92604

Public Hearings:

Tuesday, March 27, 2018 – 6:30pm
School Board Meeting/Administration Office
5050 Barranca Parkway, Irvine, CA 92604

Wednesday, April 11, 2018 – 6:30pm
School Board Meeting/Administration Office
5050 Barranca Parkway, Irvine, CA 92604

If you are unable to attend a community information night or public hearing but wish to learn more or submit comments/questions regarding the consideration of a by-trustee area electoral system, please visit iusd.org/BoardElectoralProcess or email info@iusd.org.

A subsequent phase of this process includes creation of at least two potential trustee area maps, which will then be submitted to the Board of Education and made available to the public on the District website and at the IUSD Administration Office. The District will then hold two additional public hearings in order to receive community feedback on these potential maps. When available, public meeting dates will be provided to the public and available on our District website.

Sincerely,

Terry L. Walker
Superintendent of Schools
Irvine Unified School District

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