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# Memo

**To** Board of Education

**From** Kyla Johnson-Trammell, Superintendent  
Sonali Murarka, Executive Director of Enrollment

**Board Meeting Date** October 10, 2019

**Subject** Opportunity Ticket: Update on “Intra-district Open Enrollment” procedures

**Action** Discussion

**Background**

It is the mission of OUSD to become a Full Service Community District focused on high academic achievement while serving the whole child, eliminating inequity, and providing each child with excellent teachers, every day. During the next several years, we will undergo several changes to reduce our footprint in the city and increase academic achievement and excellence. As a result, there may be a need to consolidate, merge, and move programs and expand school sites and programs throughout the city. We must ensure throughout the process that our students have a welcoming school equipped to support every child in attaining an excellent education. We know this will take time and we need to commit to keeping our students at the center, especially those who will be directly impacted.

The Opportunity Ticket provides these most impacted families with an opportunity that prioritizes their placement at the schools they deem most suitable for their children.

The inclusion of the Opportunity Ticket in Board Policy 5116.1 was approved by the Board on March 4, 2019. The following language was added to BP 5116.1:

*Opportunity Ticket Priority: Previously, prioritization in the enrollment process was limited to siblings and neighborhood residents. There was an absence in prioritization for families impacted by closing schools and schools where families will need to*

*move to a new location. The Opportunity Ticket will be granted enrollment priority in selecting a new school that they deem suitable for their children. Details regarding the implementation of the Opportunity Ticket can be found in Administrative Regulation 5116.1.*

At that time, the Board also approved the creation of a working group that would make recommendations to the Superintendent for implementation in future years.

## **Discussion**

The Opportunity Ticket Working Group was charged with providing recommendations on the following three questions:

- Q1: What percent of seats should be allocated at receiving schools for students who receive an Opportunity Ticket?
- Q2: Does the Opportunity Ticket apply to all students at moving/closing sites AND receiving sites?
- Q3: Should students from closing charter schools receive an Opportunity Ticket?

The presentation shows the Working Group's recommendations that were approved by the Superintendent. After Board discussion, the final recommendations will be codified in Administrative Regulation 5116.1.

Based on the Cohort 2 votes to move Kaiser and SOL, there will be an estimated 325 students eligible for an Opportunity Ticket for the lottery to be held in March 2020 for enrollment in the 2020-21 school year.

## **Fiscal Impact**

There is the potential for a negative fiscal impact if families who might otherwise have received an offer at a District school choose to enroll in a school outside the District.

There is the potential for a positive fiscal impact if families from a closing Charter school are more likely to accept an offer to a District school because of the Opportunity Ticket.

## **Attachment**

- Board Policy – BP 5116.1 – Open enrollment
- Opportunity Ticket Working Group Recommendations