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Re: **Crocker Highlands Elementary School Kindergarten Seat Subscription**

Legislative Action Requested

Approval of motion to direct the Superintendent to report to the Board of Education at its regular meeting on December 12, 2012, for its deliberation and possible action, recommended remedies to effectively mitigate the incidence of over-subscription of available kindergarten seats by children residing within the Crocker Highlands Elementary School attendance area including, but not limited to, consideration of moving the school's western boundary from Grand Avenue to Lakeshore Avenue as an effective remedy.

Rationale

In March 2012, Crocker Highlands Elementary School experienced a significant over-subscription of available 2012-2013 Kindergarten seats:

1. 75 Kindergarten seats in three classrooms were available for enrollment.
2. Crocker Highlands Elementary School typically experiences approximately a 24% drop in the number of children accepted for Kindergarten in March to their actual enrollment and attendance in September.
3. By close of the Options process in January 2012, OUSD Student Assignment Office received 113 Kindergarten applications, of which:
 - * 94 children reside in the old attendance area.
 - * 15 children reside in the expanded section of the new attendance area.
 - * 4 children are siblings of current Crocker Highlands Elementary School students and reside outside the new attendance area.
4. OUSD Student Assignment Office accepted 91 of the 113 applications, of which:
 - * 77 children reside in the old attendance area.
 - * 10 children reside in the expanded section of the new attendance area.
 - * 4 children are siblings of current Crocker Highlands Elementary School students and reside outside the new attendance area.

5. 22 children who reside in the new Crocker Highlands Elementary School attendance area were not initially accepted for enrollment in Kindergarten.
6. A fourth Kindergarten class was established at Crocker Highlands Elementary School, and today, the school is serving 86 Kindergarten students.

The Board of Education's approval to expand the attendance area of Crocker Highlands Elementary School, as well as several other schools to address attendance area gaps resulting from the closing of five elementary schools, was predicated on the planning assumption that such expanded attendance areas will not create significant over-subscription or over-enrollment challenges for schools and for families residing in the new attendance areas.

OUSD's expansion of the Crocker Highlands Elementary School attendance area has resulted in one incident of over-subscription, and in all probability, will generate a chronic pattern of Kindergarten seat over-subscription by children residing in the school's attendance area.

The creation of the fourth Kindergarten class poses seat capacity challenges in subsequent grade-levels, and does not serve as a sustainable remedy to address such increased demand.