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# Memo

**To** Board of Education

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

**Board Meeting Date** October 23, 2019

**Subject** Resolution No. 1920-0164 - Redrawing Kaiser Attendance Boundary (Revised)

**Action** Adoption by the Board of Education of Resolution No. Resolution No. 1920-0164 - Redrawing Kaiser Attendance Boundary (Revised)

**Background** On September 11, 2019, the Board voted to merge the Kaiser and Sankofa programs on the Sankofa campus as part of the Citywide Plan. Because the Kaiser campus will no longer be a neighborhood OUSD school in the 2020-21 school year, families who reside in the Kaiser attendance boundary (the Hiller Highland neighborhood) need a new neighborhood school.

On October 10, 2019, the Board heard a first read of the proposal to redraw the Kaiser attendance boundary. The proposal that was discussed was for the Thornhill attendance boundary to expand to include the entire Kaiser attendance boundary, so that families who would have been zoned to Kaiser would be zoned to Thornhill Elementary starting with the 2020-21 school year.

Based on feedback from the Board and public, staff is providing an updated recommendation for the Board to vote upon.

**Discussion** **We recommend that families living in the Kaiser attendance boundary receive neighborhood priority at both Thornhill Elementary and Chabot Elementary** starting with the 2020-21 school year. We further recommend that this boundary change be re-evaluated within two years of the date this proposal is adopted.

The rationale for amending the proposal is as follows:

- Both Thornhill and Chabot have adjacent boundaries to Kaiser.
- Some families from the Hiller Highland neighborhood expressed concern that Thornhill is located quite far from where they reside and requires families to take a congested freeway to get there.
- We see that several families currently living in the Kaiser boundary have already been choosing both Chabot and Thornhill
- If most of the 21 K-4 Kaiser students who live in the neighborhood choose to apply to their neighborhood school, the shared zone allows for some flexibility in that neither school would likely be able to accommodate all students on its own.
- The temporary, two-year time frame for this boundary update allows staff, the public, and the Board to reconsider and re-evaluate the boundaries with additional data from 1 or 2 more years.

Given the low density of housing in the Kaiser attendance area, and no major plans for new housing on the horizon, we believe this could be a sustainable solution but also are building into the proposal that the boundaries are revisited within two years.

**Fiscal Impact**

The fiscal impact of this boundary change is minimal, estimated as a potential loss or gain of fewer than 5 families per year. In 2019-20, fewer than 5 families who live in the Kaiser attendance boundary chose to send their children to their neighborhood school (Kaiser) for Kindergarten. We anticipate that families in the Kaiser attendance boundary will continue to pursue the same wide range of options that they have previously considered.

**Attachment**

Resolution No. 1920-0164 - Redrawing Kaiser Attendance Boundary (Revised)  
Kaiser Attendance Area Analysis

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
OF THE OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION NO. 1920-0164  
(Revised)**

Redrawing Kaiser Attendance Boundary

~~Expansion of Thornhill Attendance Boundary Incorporating or Absorbing the Kaiser Attendance~~  
~~Boundary~~

**WHEREAS**, on March 20, 2019, the Governing Board passed Resolution No. 1819-0150 relating to the Citywide Plan;

**WHEREAS**, the Citywide Plan provides that a key strategy is to Implement the Blueprint for Quality Schools Action Plan which identifies 4 Cohorts of School Changes focused on increasing quality and sustainability across all OUSD schools (2018-2023);

**WHEREAS**, on September 11, 2019, the Governing Board passed Resolution No. 1920-0156C to merge the Kaiser and Sankofa programs at the Sankofa campus for the 2020-21 school year;

**WHEREAS**, due to the merger of Kaiser and Sankofa at the Sankofa campus, the Kaiser attendance boundary shall be redrawn starting with the 2020-21 school year;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Board hereby adopts the proposal to redesignate the Kaiser attendance boundary to provide neighborhood preference to both Thornhill Elementary and Chabot Elementary, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Kaiser attendance boundary shall be re-evaluated by staff and Board within two years of the date this resolution is adopted.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 23rd day of October, 2019, at a Regular Meeting of the Governing Board by the following vote:

Passed by the following vote:

PREFERENTIAL AYE:                      None

PREFERENTIAL NOE:                      None

PREFERENTIAL ABSTENTION:              None

PREFERENTIAL RECUSE: None  
AYES: Shanthy Gonzales, Gary Yee, James Harris, Roseann Torres, Jumoke Hinton  
Hodge, Vice President Jody London, President Aimee Eng  
NOES: None  
ABSTAINED: None  
RECUSED: None  
ABSENT: Student Director Garibo, Student Director Smith-Dahl

Date: 10/24/19



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Kyla Johnson-Trammell  
Secretary, Governing Board  
Oakland Unified School District

**What percent of enrolled families are from the neighborhood?**

	3yr Avg: Kindergarten	2019-20: Kindergarten	2019-20: TK+K
Chabot	65.2%	79.6%	79.6%
Thornhill	57.4%	63.9%	57.7%
Difference	7.8%	15.7%	21.8%
Hillcrest	77.5%	81.5%	81.5%

**CHABOT**

Year	Grade	# Enrolled from Chabot Neighborhood	# Total Enrolled	% Neighbor
2019-20	K	74	93	80%
2019-20	1	59	103	57%
2019-20	2	49	99	49%
2019-20	3	43	89	48%
2019-20	4	53	87	61%
2019-20	5	38	92	41%
2019-20	K-5	316	563	56%

Year	Grade	# Enrolled from Chabot Neighborhood	# Total Enrolled	% Neighbor
2018-19	K	57	103	55%
2018-19	1	49	96	51%
2018-19	2	49	95	52%
2018-19	3	55	90	61%
2018-19	4	40	98	41%
2018-19	5	51	88	58%
2018-19	K-5	301	570	53%

Year	Grade	# Enrolled from Chabot Neighborhood	# Total Enrolled	% Neighbor
2017-18	K	57	94	61%
2017-18	1	47	98	48%
2017-18	2	54	91	59%
2017-18	3	43	101	43%
2017-18	4	51	92	55%
2017-18	5	55	91	60%
2017-18	K-5	307	567	54%

**THORNHILL**

Year	Grade	# Enrolled from Thornhill Neighborhood	# Total Enrolled	% Neighbor
2019-20	TK	10	25	40%
2019-20	K	46	72	64%
2019-20	TK+K			58%
2019-20	1	42	74	57%
2019-20	2	30	58	52%
2019-20	3	29	50	58%
2019-20	4	32	61	52%
2019-20	5	36	61	59%
2019-20	TK-5	225	401	56%

Year	Grade	# Enrolled from Thornhill Neighborhood	# Total Enrolled	% Neighbor
2018-19	TK	15	25	60%
2018-19	K	42	74	57%
2018-19	TK+K			58%
2018-19	1	32	62	52%
2018-19	2	33	54	61%
2018-19	3	38	71	54%
2018-19	4	43	71	61%
2018-19	5	38	53	72%
2018-19	TK-5	241	410	59%

Year	Grade	# Enrolled from Thornhill Neighborhood	# Total Enrolled	% Neighbor
2017-18	TK	15	25	60%
2017-18	K	34	66	52%
2017-18	TK+K			54%
2017-18	1	34	54	63%
2017-18	2	39	72	54%
2017-18	3	47	70	67%
2017-18	4	40	56	71%
2017-18	5	25	47	53%
2017-18	TK-5	234	390	60%

**HILLCREST**

Year	Grade	# Enrolled from Hillcrest Neighborhood	# Total Enrolled	% Neighbor
2019-20	K	53	65	82%
2019-20	1	29	48	60%
2019-20	2	40	52	77%
2019-20	3	38	47	81%
2019-20	4	39	42	93%
2019-20	5	27	44	61%
2019-20	K-5	226	298	76%

Year	Grade	# Enrolled from Hillcrest Neighborhood	# Total Enrolled	% Neighbor
2018-19	K	31	44	70%
2018-19	1	42	55	76%
2018-19	2	41	48	85%
2018-19	3	40	45	89%
2018-19	4	28	46	61%
2018-19	5	38	48	79%
2018-19	K-5	220	286	77%

Year	Grade	# Enrolled from Hillcrest Neighborhood	# Total Enrolled	% Neighbor
2017-18	K	41	51	80%
2017-18	1	41	47	87%
2017-18	2	46	48	96%
2017-18	3	32	47	68%
2017-18	4	41	51	80%
2017-18	5	42	48	88%
2017-18	K-5	243	292	83%

**What percent of offers in the application lottery went to families with neighborhood and/or sibling priority?**

Year	School	# Offers for K	# Offers for TK+K	# Offers with Neighborhood Priority for K	# Offers with Neighborhood Priority for TK+K	% Offers to Neighborhood for K	% Offers to Neighborhood for TK+K	# Offers with Neighborhood or Sibling Priority for K	# Offers with Neighborhood or Sibling Priority for TK+K	% Offers to Neighborhood or Siblings for K	% Offers to Neighborhood or Siblings for TK+K
2018-19	Chabot	85	85	56	56	65.9%	65.9%	70	70	82.4%	82.4%
2019-20	Chabot	92	92	80	80	87.0%	87.0%	91	91	98.9%	98.9%
2018-19	Thornhill	37	58	25	41	67.6%	70.7%	35	56	94.6%	96.6%
2019-20	Thornhill	47	70	36	48	76.6%	68.6%	42	60	89.4%	85.7%