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Memo

To Board of Education

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

Board Meeting Date October 10, 2019

Subject Expansion of Thornhill Attendance Boundary Incorporating or Absorbing the Kaiser Attendance Boundary (Redrawn Kaiser Attendance Boundary)

Action First Read

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 need a new neighborhood school.

Discussion **We recommend that the Thornhill attendance boundary expands to include the entire Kaiser attendance boundary**, so that families who would have been zoned to Kaiser will be zoned to Thornhill starting with the 2020-21 school year.

The rationale is twofold: (1) Thornhill is nearby as it is one of the attendance boundaries adjacent to the Kaiser attendance boundaries, and (2) Thornhill does not currently fill with neighborhood families in the Round 1 lottery, so there should be space for Thornhill to serve additional neighborhood families.

Given the low density of housing in the Kaiser and Thornhill attendance areas, and no major plans for new housing on the horizon, we believe this will be a sustainable solution for years to come.

One consideration for this proposal is that, for a subset of families in the Kaiser attendance area, Thornhill will be fairly far away (2.5-3.0 miles). Looking at our current data, about 13 OUSD families in the

Kaiser attendance area live this far from Thornhill. However, note that half of these families already do not currently send their children to their neighborhood school (Kaiser).

Fiscal Impact

The fiscal impact of this boundary change is minimal, estimated as a loss of 0-5 families per year to non-OUSD schools. 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 - Expansion of Thornhill Attendance Boundary Incorporating or Absorbing the Kaiser Attendance Boundary

RESOLUTION
OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE
OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
NO. 1920-0164

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 for the 2020-21 school year;

WHEREAS, the proposal for the redrawn Kaiser attendance boundary is hereby submitted to the Board for a first reading;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board hereby adopts the proposal to expand the Thornhill attendance boundary to encompass the Kaiser attendance boundary;

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

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Date: _____

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