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Memo (Revised)

To Board of Education

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Board Meeting Date March 31, 2020

Subject Findings that Charter Schools Could Not Be Accommodated at a Single Site

and Written Statement of Reasons Explaining the Finding

Action Requested

Approval of one of three attached resolutions.

Background

California regulations require findings and written statement of reasons by the Board of Education in the event a charter school, eligible for Proposition 39 facilities, makes a timely request and the District is not able to accommodate the charter school's request at a single school site.

For the 2020-21 school year, the District received Proposition 39 facility requests from 14 charter schools. The District identified an inventory of facility spaces to fulfill these requests. In matching the District's space with charter school requests, the District considered many factors, including prioritizing minimal displacement of existing OUSD or charter school programs, safety, instructional and social implications as well as compatibility of the following features:

- The quantity of classroom space the school is entitled to;
- The grades served by the charter school;
- The grades served by other schools, if co-located; and
- The location requested.

As provided in the Staff Report, the District cannot accommodate single site offers for the following charter school:

Francophone Charter School.

Discussion

On January 22, 2020, the Board approved Resolution No. 1920-0075 ("Finding that Charter Schools Could Not Be Accommodated at a Single Site and Written Statement of Reasons Explaining the Finding") and the



associated Staff Report "Process for Determining Charter Schools Which Cannot Be Accommodated at a Single Site For 2020-21 School Year." Those documents made a preliminary multisite offer to Francophone of the former Toler Heights Elementary School campus and a portion of Brookfield Elementary School.

On March 25, 2020, the Board considered but did not approve the same offer. Instead, the Board directed the Superintendent to (i) confer with Francophone regarding how it might mitigate certain impacts on the Brookfield Elementary School community (e.g., different start times to mitigate drop-off traffic) and (ii) bring back other site options in addition to Brookfield. In response, the Superintendent and staff has conferred with Francophone and have brought back two other options in addition to Brookfield for the Board to consider.

Attached, for the Board's consideration, are the resolutions (with each appropriate staff report incorporated therein) for the three different options:

- Resolution No. 1920-0220A is for Brookfield
- Resolution No. 1920-0220B is for Howard
- Resolution No. 1920-0220C is for Markham

Adoption of one of these resolutions is necessary because the District is making a multisite offer to Francophone.

Fiscal Impact

N/A

Attachments

Resolution No. 1920-0220A - Finding that Charter Schools Could Not Be Accommodated at a Single Site and Written Statement of Reasons Explaining the Finding (Brookfield)

Resolution No. 1920-0220B - Finding that Charter Schools Could Not Be Accommodated at a Single Site and Written Statement of Reasons Explaining the Finding (Howard)

Resolution No. 1920-0220C - Finding that Charter Schools Could Not Be Accommodated at a Single Site and Written Statement of Reasons Explaining the Finding (Markham)