



October 10, 2017

RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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On August 17, 2017, the San José Unified School District Board of Education approved the superintendent appointing and convening an advisory committee to gather facts and make a recommendation limited to possible next steps to the Board of Education on the District's current enrollment, enrollment projections, and utilization of District facilities.

The Advisory Committee on Current Enrollment, Enrollment Projections, and Utilization of District Facilities met on September 13, 2017 and October 10, 2017 with committee members representing the following San José Unified groups:

- ◆ BAC ◆ CACSE ◆ CBOC ◆ CSEA ◆ DAC
- ◆ DELAC ◆ PTA ◆ SJAA ◆ SJTA ◆ VIP

Following its gathering and review of facts, the recommendation from the advisory committee to the Board of Education is:

- (a) other than facilities available for high school students, the total amount of District facilities available for students warrants a comprehensive review at this time; and
- (b) the significant enrollment imbalances across schools, both secondary and elementary, especially when site capacity is considered, warrants immediate attention; and
- (c) the District has previously experienced ups and downs in enrollment over the decades, the potential Google project (see below) is a new factor warranting special consideration; and
- (d) based on the preceding, the District should establish the necessary and duly empowered committee(s) to present to the Board of Education recommended actions that would “provide the maximum educational opportunity possible to every student in the District by the prudent, effective, and equitable use of District facilities, resources, faculty, and staff” per the Voluntary Integration Plan, with such recommended actions focused on, but not limited to: school facilities, school attendance boundaries, and school programs.

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On June 20, 2017, the San José City Council adopted a resolution authorizing exclusive negotiation with Google for the acquisition of properties owned by the City of San José and properties owned by the Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency (SARA) in the Diridon Station Area for the potential future construction of a mixed-use, transit-oriented development including office and R&D space. While no development applications have been submitted to the City, none are forthcoming, and a potential groundbreaking is likely five years away, this potential project would transform the northern part of the San José Unified School District by potentially adding tens of thousands of new office workers, a more than 50% increase in Downtown office capacity, retail, entertainment amenities, and 3,000 new residential units. Additionally, the Mayor of San José recently shared a vision to add 25,000 new homes over the next five years, many of which could be located within San José Unified. The District needs to be closely involved in the potential Google and housing projects.