

SAN MATEO-FOSTER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

June 8, 2009

Board Meeting: June 18, 2009

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE DISTRICT'S LONG-TERM GOAL OF BUILDING A FOURTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN THE CITY OF FOSTER CITY

GOAL:

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COMMITMENT:

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BACKGROUND:

Since May 2007, the San Mateo-Foster City School District (District) and the City of Foster City (City) have been in communication regarding the projected Foster City student enrollment growth. In order to plan for and address the projected enrollment growth, the District and City of Foster City formed a Committee comprised of the following representatives:

- *District Representatives:* Two (2) District Board of Trustees, Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources (formerly Assistant Superintendent of Student Services), and Chief Business Official
- *City Representatives:* Two (2) City Council members, City Manager, Assistant City Manager, and Director of Community Development

This ten (10) member District-City Committee (Committee) has met regularly over the past six (6) months. The purpose of the Committee is to review and discuss the enrollment projections and the District's long-term goal of building a fourth elementary school in Foster City.

The Committee's next meeting is scheduled to take place on June 23, 2009.

By September, 2009, the District plans to present recommendations to the Board of Trustees regarding a potential school site and plans for financing the construction of a fourth elementary school.

DESCRIPTION/DETAILS:

On June 18th, the Administration would like to present to the Board of Trustees an update on two (2) items:

1. The four (4) City sites that have been identified by the City for public use, and
2. The District's funding options for securing land on which to build a fourth school.

Item 1. The four (4) City sites identified for public use that the District is interested in pursuing and that have been discussed with the City include the following:

- i. Portions of the 15-acre site adjacent to City Hall
- ii. Boothbay Park
- iii. Port Royal Park
- iv. 3.9 acres at terminus of Halibut and Beach Park Boulevard

Item 2. The four (4) options that District representatives have presented to the City representatives during our Committee meetings include the following:

- i. City donating the land to the District
- ii. District leasing the property from the City
- iii. District/City developing a Joint Use Agreement (JUA) between the District and the City, similar to the agreement currently in effect at some of our Foster City schools. Currently, the City jointly uses specified school facilities for City programs provided to City residents, as a result of the District/City existing JUA
- iv. Using General Obligation Bond (GOB) funds to purchase the land

Once it is determined that land will be available, the District will then develop plans for constructing the fourth elementary school by using either (a) existing bond funds or (b) passing a new bond measure. Using existing Measure L bond proceeds to build the fourth Foster City school would result in a reduction of available funds and resources for already planned Measure L projects.

FISCAL IMPACT:

As discussed.

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PROPOSED FOR:

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