

BOARD OF EDUCATION
LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

SUBJECT: Alignment of Governing Board Member
Districts with Schools and Attendance Areas

Attachment: None

CATEGORY: New Business

Reason for Board

Consideration: Information

Date: September 2, 2003

Background:

The Charter of the City of Long Beach provides in section 2202 that the school district may at the direction of the Governing Board ascertain the numbers of inhabitants in school board districts and that recommendations may be made to the City Council to maintain balance among the various Governing Board Districts.

The school district has for a number of years sought out and acquired properties for new school sites to serve local students and their families. One of the sites proposed for a new school is the Richard D. Browning school site at Redondo and Hill. The planning process for each proposed new school includes the establishment of an attendance area for the school. Given the location of the Redondo and Hill campus, the attendance area for the school will very likely affect Governing Board Member Districts 3 and 4. Whenever possible, effort is made to include the entire attendance area of a school, and the school itself, in the area of only one member of the Governing Board.

Elsewhere in the areas served by the Governing Board members for Districts 3 and 4, staff have become aware of concerns related to attendance areas for Lee Elementary School and Burbank Elementary School. It appears that, while each such school site is located in a particular Governing Board District, the attendance area for each is largely included within another Governing Board District.

In order to facilitate establishment of an effective attendance area for the proposed Browning School, and in order to obtain unity of school site and attendance area within a given Governing Board District for Lee and Burbank, adjustment of the boundaries of Governing Board Districts 3 and 4 must be considered.

Proposal:

It is proposed that the boundary between Governing Board Member Districts 3 and 4 be modified in part to provide that the boundary proceed north on Cherry Avenue from the Pacific Ocean to 3rd Street, then east along 3rd Street to Molino Avenue, then north on Molino Avenue to 7th Street, and then continue east on 7th Street to Temple Avenue, and then proceed north on Temple Avenue to Pacific Coast Highway.

This matter is included as an information item for consideration at today's meeting, and to provide the members of the public with an opportunity to comment regarding this matter before any final proposal is considered for possible approval by the Governing Board.

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