

## Elementary Task Force Recommendation May 2, 2019

On Monday, May 20, the School Board will host the Elementary Task Force to hear and discuss their draft recommendation. To manage urgent capacity issues, the administration will also present their seven interim recommendations (listed below) during a Board work session. The work session will be located in the boardroom at Central Office at 6:00 p.m. Board members will review the recommendations, ask questions, solicit input, and refer the information to the Long Range Facilities Planning Committee and administration for further investigation. The administration will then be tasked with creating a strategy, in partnership with the community, on how best to move forward with task force draft recommendations.

"This was a thoughtful process that included representatives from every elementary school and a great cross-section of the community," said Rachel Shafer, River Grove parent and task force member. "The committee's draft recommendations make positive strides to solving a number of key issues, including one of the biggest -- capacity. Above all, they're a starting point that require further refinement by our community. It's exciting to launch a process that will advance our elementary schools."

All visitors are welcome to hear about the task force process at the May 9, 2019, district-wide SAC meeting, among other things.

Details on the task force charter, meeting minutes, and findings are posted on the District website at the following link: <https://www.losdschools.org/Page/5800>

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The Board's Elementary Task Force was formed in December 2018 to study the capacity issues at each of the elementary schools. The task force was facilitated by Karina Ruiz and Elisa Warner of BRIC Architecture. The task force's draft recommendations can be found in the April 4, 2019, minutes located on the website here: <https://www.losdschools.org/Page/7160>. That evening, the Elementary Task Force recommended opening another elementary school.

The administration's recommendations, presented below, address pressing short-term and long-term issues that the Committee took into consideration:

1. Current Oak Creek students (and siblings) may transfer for 2019-20 to Lake Grove or Forest Hills and may remain in that school throughout their elementary tenure without having to reapply.
2. LOSD will support the vertical articulation of DELTA students by providing two (2) K-5 programs at Westridge and Hallinan.
3. LOSD shall investigate new elementary boundary changes to be implemented in fall 2020 to alleviate overcrowding at Oak Creek, River Grove, Westridge, and Hallinan.
4. Staffing ratios shall be utilized when assigning student support personnel to ensure larger schools receive appropriate supports.
5. Consider forming a Superintendent's task force to research magnet options.
6. Determine long-term use of Uplands.
7. LOSD shall continue to engage the Bond Team and Long Range Facilities Committee in discussions on the feasibility of meeting educational specifications through the Long Range Facility Planning Committee processes.

This represents a first step in an ongoing community conversation. You are encouraged to engage in the process by:

Attending the May 9 SAC meeting (Lakeridge High School Library, 7:00 p.m.)  
Attending the May 20 School Board meeting (Central Office Boardroom, 5:00 p.m.)  
Contacting your Elementary Task Force school representative listed below  
Reading the minutes from the Elementary Task Force's six public meetings  
December 13, 2019 <https://www.losdschools.org/Page/6057>  
January 31, 2019 <https://www.losdschools.org/Page/6058>  
February 6, 2019 <https://www.losdschools.org/Page/6059>  
February 26, 2019 <https://www.losdschools.org/Page/6073>  
March 7, 2019 <https://www.losdschools.org/Page/6074>  
April 4, 2019 <https://www.losdschools.org/Page/7160>

Please contact your local elementary school representative or committee member if you have further questions:

Gina Johnston – Forest Hills Elementary  
Nancy Wakefield – Hallinan Elementary  
Jennifer Dale – Lake Grove Elementary  
Laura Coyle – Oak Creek Elementary  
Rachel Shafer – River Grove Elementary  
Jennifer Harvey – Westridge Elementary  
Kirsten Aird – Palisades Neighborhood  
Carey Blem – Uplands Neighborhood  
Neelam Gupta – Diversity, Equity & Inclusion  
Cyndi Spear – SSPAC  
Mini Zhang – Pre-school/Pre-K  
Mike Musick – Superintendent  
Dan Draper – Principal, River Grove Elementary  
Lilian Sarlos – Principal, Oak Creek Elementary  
Frank Luzaich – Executive Director of Elementary Programs  
Morgan Rauch – Director of Community Schools