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RE : Transition to a New System of Electing Governing Board Members

February 27, 2019

Dear Parents:

I am writing to encourage your participation in an important process led by the South Whittier School District Governing Board.

Starting on February 19, 2019, the District initiated the process of transitioning the method by which Governing Board members are elected. Under the current "at-large" system, all registered voters in the District's boundaries can vote for candidates for Board member seats. Under the new proposed system, candidates will be elected by "trustee areas." This means only voters within a given trustee area can vote for candidates who reside within that same area. The intent of this proposed system is to offer greater opportunities for Board representation for candidates that might not otherwise be elected under an at-large system.

Transitioning to this new system requires the Board to hold public hearings on proposed trustee area boundaries (or maps) prior to asking the Los Angeles County Committee on School District Organization to approve the change. If the Committee approves the change, "by-trustee" area voting would be held starting with the 2020 general election, on *Tuesday, November 3, 2020*.

Before the District prepares and presents draft map options, the law requires the District to hold two public hearings to solicit comments and feedback regarding potential trustee areas. Thereafter, the District will be hosting a series of public hearings regarding the map options, once created. **The dates/times and locations of the upcoming public hearings are shown on the reverse side of this letter.** You are invited to attend as many as you would like. If you cannot attend a hearing or meeting and wish to review and/or comment regarding potential trustee areas as well as on the proposed "trustee area" maps, once created, please do not hesitate to submit your comments and feedback to the email address below. Following the initial public hearings, the proposed maps will be created and posted on the District's web site, www.swhittier.k12.ca.us

You may email any comments or questions to the CVRA Hotline at CVRA@swhittier.net
You may also comment by telephone at (562) 248-3926. I look forward to your participation.

Sincerely,

Dr. Gary Gonzales
Superintendent

Public Hearings (Prior to Creation of Map Options)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>
Tuesday, March 12, 2019 <i>Public Hearing</i>	District Office - Board Room 11200 Telechron Ave. Whittier, CA 90605	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 19, 2019 <i>Public Hearing</i>	District Office - Board Room 11200 Telechron Ave. Whittier, CA 90605	6:00 p.m.

Public Hearings (After Creation of Map Options)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>
Tuesday, April 16, 2019 <i>Public Hearing</i>	District Office - Board Room 11200 Telechron Ave. Whittier, CA 90605	6:00 p.m.
Friday, April 26, 2019 <i>Public Hearing</i>	District Office - Board Room 11200 Telechron Ave. Whittier, CA 90605	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 7, 2019 <i>Public Hearing</i>	District Office - Board Room 11200 Telechron Ave. Whittier, CA 90605	6:00 p.m.

NOTE: Board vote on trustee area boundaries to follow third Public Hearing: On May 7, 2019, in the District Office - Board Room located at 11200 Telechron Avenue, Whittier, CA 90605 at 6:00 p.m.