



LUTHER BURBANK SCHOOL DISTRICT

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August 27, 2010

Members of the 2009-10 Civil Grand Jury
Santa Clara County Superior Court
191 North First Street
San Jose, CA 95113

Dear Members of the Grand Jury,

Please find the District Responses to the Grand Jury's Final Report "Achieving School District Efficiency Through Consolidation." These responses are filed with the Office of the Honorable Jamie Jacobs-May, Presiding Judge, Santa Clara Superior Court on behalf of the Governing Board for the Luther Burbank School District.

LUTHER BURBANK SCHOOL DISTRICT
Response to Grand Jury Findings and Recommendations
"Achieving School District Efficiency Through Consolidation"
August 24, 2010

Finding 1

Education and financial benefits can be achieved by consolidation and unification of certain county school districts.

Luther Burbank School District (LBSD) partially agrees with this finding. The District would need to see research and data before issuing a statement of support or opposition to this finding. While there may be some research to support the financial benefit to consolidation of some districts, there is no research to substantiate that there is an educational benefit to consolidation and unification.

Recommendation 1A

The Boards of Trustees should unify Cambrian School District, Campbell Union School District, Moreland School District, Union School district, and Luther Burbank School District with Campbell Union High School district.

This recommendation requires further analysis. There has been no attempt to unify the five partner districts with Campbell Union High School District in the past 20+ years. In 1999 Moreland voters voted to remain in separate elementary and high school districts. There is no indication that an attempt to unify the districts would garner community

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support. It is unknown, given the limited resources of the District as to when such an investigation will be undertaken.

Recommendations 1B

The Boards of Trustees should unify Lakeside Joint School District, Loma Prieta Joint Union School District, Los Gatos Union School District and Saratoga Union School District with Los Gatos-Saratoga High School District.

LBSD will not implement this recommendation because it is not reasonable. The Board of Education of the Luther Burbank School District has no jurisdiction over these districts.

Recommendation 1C

The Boards of Trustees should unify Cupertino Union School District and Sunnyvale School District with Fremont Union High School District.

LBSD will not implement this recommendation because it is not reasonable. The Board of Education of the Luther Burbank School District has no jurisdiction over these districts.

Recommendation 1D

The Boards of Trustees should unify Los Altos School district and Mountain View Whisman School district with Mountain View-Los Altos High School District.

LBSD will not implement this recommendation because it is not reasonable. The Board of Education of the Luther Burbank School District has no jurisdiction over these districts.

Recommendation 1E

The Boards of Trustees should consolidate Alum Rock Union School district and Mount Pleasant School District to form a new elementary/middle school district.

LBSD will not implement this recommendation because it is not reasonable. The Board of Education of the Luther Burbank School District has no jurisdiction over these districts.

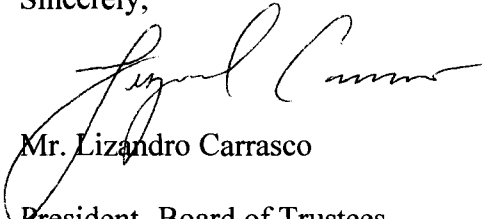
Recommendation 1F

The Boards of Trustees should consolidate Berryessa Union School district and Orchard School District to form a new elementary/middle school district.

LBSD will not implement this recommendation because it is not reasonable. The Board of Education of the Luther Burbank School District has no jurisdiction over these districts.

Please contact us with any further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lizandro Carrasco". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L".

Mr. Lizandro Carrasco

President- Board of Trustees
Luther Burbank School District