



April 28, 2020

Bullis Charter School Board Chairman Francis LaPoll
Sent via email

Dear Board Chairman LaPoll:

As you know, over the last year we have held a series of meetings, charrettes, and workshops attended by more than a thousand community members as part of a broad community engagement process designed to produce a long-term facilities solution for BCS as part of our broader Facilities Master Plan. After receiving the final consultant report in January, the LASD board has been working, over the course of a number of public meetings, to develop and analyze possible scenarios with the goal of coming to an agreement by the end of the school year.

Unfortunately, that work had to be put on hold due to the COVID-19 outbreak and resulting county order which closed all school campuses and directed all non-essential county residents to shelter in place. The community is now unable to gather and participate fully in board meetings and study sessions. Equally importantly, the uncertainty regarding classroom instruction and facilities use post-shelter-in-place for the 2020-21 school year and beyond, as well as the developing impacts of massive economic disruption on our schools, makes it extremely difficult to do the necessary multi-year planning which is part of such a Facilities Master Plan.

As you are aware, the two-year facilities agreement signed in May 2019 by the LASD and BCS boards expires after the 2020-2021 school year. Absent a further agreement, the first deadline for the Prop 39 process addressing facilities for the 2021-2022 school year is November 1, 2020. Given the latest guidance from the Santa Clara County Public Health Department, it seems likely that even six months from now public gatherings will still be significantly restricted, the financial impacts of the crisis will still be unfolding, and classroom facilities use may still be in flux, including staggered classroom and playground schedules.

Therefore, in order to allow both of our boards to focus all of our resources and energy on delivering educational instruction and support services to our students and families in these difficult times, the LASD Board would like to propose formally extending the existing two-year facilities agreement for an additional two years, to cover the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years.

I look forward to discussing any questions or concerns you might have and hopefully coming to agreement within the next few weeks.

Sincerely,

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