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VIA EMAIL AND U.S. MAIL

Board Chairman and President Joe Hurd
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Re: Los Altos School District;
Bullis Charter School

Dear Board President Hurd and Interim Superintendent Köhn:

Per your letter dated June 19, 2019, the Los Altos School District ("LASD") understands that Bullis Charter School ("BCS") intends to reinstate an enrollment/lottery preference for students residing within the former Bullis Purissima Elementary School attendance area of Los Altos Hills and Los Altos ("Exclusionary Los Altos Hills Preference") beginning with enrollment for the 2020/21 school year. As you know, LASD and BCS previously agreed to phase out this preference as reflected in the Five Year Agreement and BCS's charter renewal terms. This was one of many attempts by our District to help you fulfill your school's obligation to mirror the demographics of the rest of our school district community. Instead, BCS lottery practices continue to create an exclusionary school contrary to the mission and responsibility of a public school. If BCS moves forward with the Exclusionary Los Altos Hills preference, it will only continue and further exacerbate an already discriminatory enrollment system at the charter school.

As we have repeatedly indicated, the District is concerned with the failure of BCS to enroll and serve students reflective of the diversity in our District boundaries including socio-economically disadvantaged students, ELL students, students with disabilities, or to enroll a racially or ethnically diverse student population. In fact, as the State of California data demonstrates, the policies and practices of BCS discriminate against these protected classes of students. The District, the SCCBOE, the SCCOE, and the community have recognized this problem yet neither BCS nor its authorizer has taken any corrective action. The Exclusionary Los Altos Hills Preference for students residing within one of the wealthiest zip codes in the nation will only serve to exacerbate the longstanding failure of BCS to enroll protected classes of students. It cannot be lost on BCS that this preference not only has a disparate impact on these students but is also

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arguably discriminatory on its face and finds no support in the law.

LASD cannot sit idly by in the face of such discriminatory action by BCS, especially as the enrollment cycle for the 2020-21 school year begins imminently. To this end, the Board will be sending a letter to SCCBOE and Dr. Dewan demanding action including rejection of the Exclusionary Los Altos Hills Preference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Speiser', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jessica Speiser
Board President
Los Altos School District Board of Trustees