



Superintendent's Board Highlights

The Board Highlights are being disseminated in order to provide the community with a brief update on decisions made during our most recent School Board meeting. You can access the agenda and handouts at <http://brssd.org>.

Date of Board Meeting: SEPTEMBER 16, 2010

INFORMATION ITEMS

SCHOOL FORCE DONATION UPDATE

School Force donated an additional \$100,000 due to the Matching Grant Program, which brings the donation total to 1.6M for 2010-2011. After Board discussion, staff was directed to decrease furlough days from 4 to 3, based on negotiated commitments to reducing furlough days in the event the District receives additional funding.

COMMUNITY MEETING

The Board agreed to have a community meeting where the Superintendent will provide an update on the district and have a question and answer session. This meeting is scheduled for October 28, 2010.

OPEN ENROLLMENT ACT

Ms. Weaver stated that the Open Enrollment Act, governed by California Education Code was signed into law on January 7, 2010 and became effective on April 14, 2010. The legislation requires the California Department of Education to create a list of 1,000 "low-achieving" schools (now referred to as "open enrollment" schools).

Districts with schools on the list must notify parents of students attending the identified school by September 15. Parents of children attending a school on the list can apply for a transfer for their child to another school either within or outside of their district of residence as long as that school has a higher score on the Academic Performance Index than the school in which the student was previously enrolled.

Board Policy and Administrative Regulations will need to be adopted this Fall to provide specific written standards for dealing with transfer requests under the Open Enrollment Act. No schools from Belmont-Redwood Shores School District are on the currently published list.

There is some confusion regarding the implementation of this legislation, however, we are informed that the emergency regulations adopted in July by the State Board of Education, do not require school districts to accept Open Enrollment Act transfer applications for the 2010/2011 school year. The regulations make it optional for districts to accept applications this year. We have not received any interdistrict transfer requests under the Open Enrollment Act to date.

As Nesbit Elementary is currently designated the only "open enrollment" school, Ms. Weaver recommended converting the term "open enrollment school" to "school of choice" when making the annual declaration of school/s within the District that may accept intradistrict transfer requests. The term "open enrollment school" is now associated with a school on the "low achieving" school list published by CDE. Nesbit is a high performing California Distinguished School with an API well over 800. The Board agreed.

2009-2010 API SCORES

The API scores for the 2009-2010 school year were as follows for schools in the BRSSD district:

Central = 934	Fox = 906	Sandpiper = 947
Cipriani = 895	Nesbit = 838	Ralston = 893



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