

Hillcrest Long Range Planning Committee

Preview of Report to OUSD

October 11, 2007

Process

- Established elected caucuses of pre-K, K, 1-3, 4-5, and 6-8 parent bands, plus School Site Council, PTA, neighbors, teachers, principal
- 100's of person-hours of research and discussions between May and today
- Monthly meetings and real-time web-based communications with caucuses (May through September).

Report Findings

- **Community demonstrates overwhelming support for Oakland's public schools**
 - There may be 60 or more applicants for kindergarten
 - Hillcrest attrition rates have declined significantly in recent years
- **Hillcrest is full**
 - The target number of students at Hillcrest is 310 (assuming full use of school as currently configured)
 - K-8 model is a driver of increased retention in public schools
- **All families need assurances about where their children will attend school**

Key Recommendations

- **Limit future kindergarten classes to a maximum of 40, starting in fall 2008**
- **Adjust Hillcrest boundaries, to take effect for enrollment in fall 2008**
 - Requires specific policy on grandfathering siblings
- **Develop a redirection policy for oversubscribed schools in fall 2008**
 - Grant priority for involuntarily redirected children to their preferred neighborhood school

Outreach and Next Steps

- Caucuses met on September 24 and report was reviewed with each
- Reached out to district to identify report gaps
- October 11 preview to OUSD
- Develop next steps with OUSD
- Establish outreach to LRPC committees at Chabot, Kaiser, and other neighboring schools.
- Institutionalize Hillcrest LRPC to continue to work with the community, parents, teachers, etc.