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From: The Hillcrest Enrollment Planning Committee

Date: April 5, 2007

The deliberations of the Hillcrest School Enrollment Planning Committee on April 4, 2007, have led to the following recommendations to the Oakland Unified School District. This committee followed a methodical and informed process that included representatives from existing parents at the school, 2007-08 incoming parents, future incoming parents, teachers, the school principal, and senior OUSD staff.

- 1) The Committee recommends that all children within the catchment area who have filed an appeal for the 2007-08 school year for a kindergarten spot, be allocated a spot at Hillcrest. The Committee understands, although not likely, this could lead to a maximum K enrollment of 60.
- 2) The Committee recommends that OUSD allow Hillcrest the flexibility to implement half-day kindergarten in 2007-08 and 2008-09 as a way to accommodate additional kindergarten students within the existing facility.
- 3) The Committee is greatly concerned about real constraints of capacity and space at the Hillcrest site and recommends that they continue to partner with OUSD to begin work immediately, to undertake a long term planning project that will include an assessment of future incoming demand for spots, the identification of creative ways to utilize the physical space, and alternative classroom configurations that would maximize the use of current facilities.
- 4) The Committee will work with OUSD to insure that enrollment rules for the 2008-09 year are transparent and communicated unambiguously throughout the community by November 1, 2007. These rules may require difficult choices, tradeoffs and limits to enrollment spaces in 2008-09 and beyond.
- 5) The Committee is wholeheartedly committed to maintaining a comprehensive K-8 when considering the impact of student enrollment. The Committee also recognizes the importance outdoor space on the campus.