

To: Denise Saddler, Executive Officer, OUSD

From: The Hillcrest PTA

Date: April 5, 2007

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1) The Hillcrest PTA believes that the basis of a Hillcrest education is a comprehensive K-8 school. Student enrollment decisions should be made with this guiding principle in mind.

2) The Hillcrest PTA will work with OUSD and the Hillcrest School Enrollment Planning Committee to insure that enrollment rules for the 2008-09 year are transparent and communicated unambiguously throughout the community by November 1, 2007. These rules will require difficult choices, tradeoffs and limits to enrollment spaces in 2008-09 and beyond.

3) The Hillcrest PTA is greatly concerned about real constraints of capacity and space at the Hillcrest site and recommends that all parties 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. The Hillcrest PTA also recognizes the importance of outdoor space on the campus.

4) The Hillcrest PTA recognizes that all children within the catchment area who have filed an appeal for the 2007-08 school year for a kindergarten spot will be allocated a spot at Hillcrest. The Hillcrest PTA understands, that although it is not likely, that this could lead to a maximum K enrollment of 60. The Hillcrest PTA concurs with the Hillcrest Enrollment Planning Committee recommendation 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. However, the Hillcrest PTA would *not* recommend 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 if the school is not given the flexibility to implement half-day kindergarten in 2007-08 and 2008-09.

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These recommendations are the Hillcrest PTA's suggested changes in emphasis of the points drafted by the Hillcrest School Enrollment Planning Committee on April 4, 2007 and subsequently submitted to OUSD representatives on April 5. Approximately 50 members of the Hillcrest PTA – understanding the time urgency and wishing (like all members of the community) that they would have had more time to deliberate – unanimously approved the language – and emphasis – contained herein.