November 29, 2016

Dear FUHSD community member,

Over the last year, the Fremont Union High School District (FUHSD) has been working diligently to address the issue of declining enrollment at Lynbrook High School (LHS).

After enrollment projections in 2015 indicated that LHS would see a significant decline in students by the year 2020, District and school site staff began to look for solutions that would allow LHS to maintain its robust course offerings and extracurricular options for students, which are the standard for all five comprehensive high schools in our District.

In January 2016, the FUHSD Board of Trustees proposed the formation of a district-wide citizens advisory committee to look at FUHSD's enrollment needs, with the goal of the committee presenting its findings and recommendations to the Board for their consideration and approval for implementation in the 2017-2018 school year.

In April 2016, an independent facilitator was hired to bring together and work with the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC). In June 2016, the 37 community members (including five students and two District staff as non-voting members) began the work of studying district-wide enrollment and all its aspects, particularly as related to the issue of declining enrollment at Lynbrook.

Over the course of several months, the CAC studied many administrative and operational aspects of the District, the enrollment projections from the District's demographer and the various methods available to the District in stabilizing enrollment, culminating in the presentation of their final report, findings and recommendations to the Board of Trustees, Superintendent and the community at large during a special board study session on Nov. 9. For more information on the CAC, please visit www.fuhsd.org/CitizensAdvisoryCommittee.

Subsequently, at the Nov. 15 board meeting, the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to approve the CAC's recommended solution to declining enrollment at Lynbrook via Resolution No. 1617-08: Approving a Supplemental School Assignment Plan for Lynbrook High School, as follows:

1. that all 8th Graders attending Miller Middle School and McAuliffe School who reside in the FUHSD attendance area, but not within the Lynbrook attendance area, have the option to choose to attend Lynbrook for high school; and
2. that all 8th Graders who reside in the Hyde Middle School attendance area, as such attendance area is defined as of November 1, 2016, have the option to apply to attend Lynbrook for high school, and if there are more Hyde Middle School applicants than available slots at Lynbrook, a lottery system will be used to (randomly) select students from among the applications received.

Additional information will be mailed this month to families in the Fremont Union High School District with qualifying 8th graders to advise them of their options and the transfer application process.

Please note that the boundaries of the Fremont Union High School District remain the same. Residences in other local school districts are not included in or affected by Resolution No. 1617-08.

Should you have any questions about the Board of Trustees’ decision or the implementation of the Supplemental School Assignment Plan, please contact the Enrollment and Residency Office at (408) 522-2280 or via email at enrollment_residency@fuhsd.org.

Sincerely,

Polly Bove
Superintendent