

**MONTEREY PENINSULA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

TO: Board of Education  
DATE: March 19, 2007  
ITEM: **PUBLIC HEARING:** La Mesa/Foothill Boundary Change

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**INTRODUCTION:**

Staff recommends that a permanent boundary change occur for the 2007-2008 school year between La Mesa and Foothill Elementary schools. On February 20, 2007 staff provided history, rationale, proposed changes, and the procedures for instituting the boundary change.

The area currently in La Mesa's boundaries that is being recommended for change to Foothill can be described as: *"all students residing west of Highway 1 freeway between the Naval Postgraduate School's boundary fence bordered by Palos Verde Road and Canyon del Rey Boulevard, including areas on the beach side of Del Monte Boulevard between a line extended west of Palo Verde and Canyon del Rey, plus area inland of the freeway bounded by North Fremont Street, Ramona Avenue, and the Freeway."*

Staff provided a time line of events intended to inform all parties affected by this proposal and has allowed approximately one month of small meetings and information dispersal prior to the March 19 Public Hearing and subsequent Action by the Board on April 9<sup>th</sup>. An updated timeline is attached. Parent concerns have been addressed in meetings and by telephone. Most of the concerns have been related to clarification of the process and timelines, and they have been minimal (3 through the Office of Support Services). Because of the unknown number of students that will come from the new housing, current students affected by the boundary change who have requested to return to La Mesa will be considered first but will not be notified until this summer when it is anticipated that the housing will fill. Current transfers attending La Mesa will be considered for returning after the affected students have been notified. The greatest concern is being voiced by this group because of their notification timeline (5 through Pupil Support and Office of Support Services).

**BACKGROUND:**

In 2002, Del Monte Elementary School was closed. At that time, attendance boundaries were redrawn to redistribute students who were in that attendance area to Foothill and La Mesa Elementary Schools. In the 2006-2007 school year, a "soft" boundary change was instituted sending all kindergartners in the affected area to Foothill. Due to a major renovation of La Mesa Village housing, La Mesa School is poised to experience a significant increase in enrollment. Staff has determined that Foothill has the capacity to absorb the students affected by the boundary change which will alleviate La Mesa's increase in enrollment.

**OBJECTIVE:**

The purpose of the public hearing is to inform parents, staff, and community members of the proposed attendance boundary change between La Mesa and Foothill Elementary Schools and provide an opportunity for public comment and input.

**COST/FUNDING SOURCE/FISCAL IMPACT:**

Not applicable

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

That the Board holds a Public Hearing regarding the proposed La Mesa/Foothill boundary change.

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February 23, 2007

**Notice of Public Hearing**

A public hearing will be held on Monday, March 19, 2007 at 7:00 p.m., Instructional Materials Center, 540 Canyon Del Rey, Monterey, California.

The purpose of the public hearing is to inform parents, staff, and community members of the proposed attendance boundary change between La Mesa and Foothill Elementary Schools and provide an opportunity for public comment and input.

Due to additional housing being added to La Mesa Village, La Mesa School will experience a significant increase in enrollment for the 2007-2008 school year. Staff has determined that Foothill School has the capacity to absorb the students affected by the boundary change which will alleviate La Mesa's increase.

The area currently in La Mesa School's attendance boundary that is being recommended for change to Foothill School's attendance area can be described as: *"all students residing west of Highway 1 freeway between the Naval Postgraduate School's boundary fence bordered by Palos Verde Road and Canyon del Rey Boulevard, including areas on the beach side of Del Monte Boulevard between a line extended west of Palo Verde and Canyon del Rey, plus area inland of the freeway bounded by North Fremont Street, Ramona Avenue, and the Freeway."*

Please call the Director of Support Services Office, 831-645-1217, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. for further information. Maps of the proposed area to be changed are also available.

Foothill/La Mesa Attendance Boundary Change  
Timeline  
For the 2007-2008 School Year

Monday, February 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Board Meeting: Information Item</i></b>	
Wed., February 21st	Military housing meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information Shared</li> </ul>
Friday, February 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Post Notice of Public Hearing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ All District Sites</li> <li>❖ School Newsletters</li> <li>❖ District Website</li> <li>❖ The Herald</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completed 2/23/07</li> <li>• Completed 2/23/07</li> <li>• Completed 2/23/07</li> <li>• Printed 3/5/07</li> </ul>
Friday, February 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Mailing home to <u>all La Mesa families</u> in affected attendance are <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Notification of Public Hearing</li> <li>❖ Description of new boundaries</li> <li>❖ Process for remaining at La Mesa</li> <li>❖ Process for transferring to Foothill</li> <li>❖ Notification of school meeting times</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mailing of documents completed 2/23/07</li> </ul>
March 5, 2007	Mailing to all current intra and inter district transfers at La Mesa informing them that there may not be room for them next year.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Katherine Ruiz, Pupil Support</li> </ul>
March 9, 2007	Contact Monterey City Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Fred Meuer - letter mailed</li> </ul>
March 9, 2007	Contact Del Rey Oaks City Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Ron Langford - letter mailed</li> </ul>
February 23, 2007	Contact Military officials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cindy Rothstein</li> </ul>

March 9, 2007	Notify established neighborhood associations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Villa Del Monte Neighborhood Association - Representative contacted by telephone with follow up information mailed</li> <li>• Del Monte Beach Neighborhood Association - Representative contacted by telephone</li> </ul>
March 9, 2007		
Tuesday, March 6 <sup>th</sup>	2:30 pm Foothill School Site Council presentation 6:15 pm Foothill PTA presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7 in attendance</li> <li>• 10 in attendance</li> </ul>
Wednesday, March 7 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm Community Meeting at Del Monte School (Room 2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Nelson, Mr. Miller and 1 family</li> </ul>
Week of March 12 <sup>th</sup>	Follow up phone calls to all current La Mesa students affected by the boundary change who have not returned their survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Office of Support Services</li> </ul>
Thursday, March 15 <sup>th</sup>	La Mesa School PTA and School Site Council presentation	
Monday, March 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Board Meeting: Public Hearing</i></b>	
	Follow up meetings as needed	
Monday, April 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>Board Meeting: Action Item</i></b>	