



# SAN CARLOS SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents,

I wanted to give you an update with regard to enrollment and potential school boundary changes within the San Carlos School District. As you may be aware, one of our top goals for this year was to look at potential fixes for the current mismatch between the capacity of our K-4 schools and the number of students residing in each respective area.

At the November 3rd School Board meeting, I presented a proposal to the school board that would move the boundaries of our four K-4 schools beginning with the 2010-2011 school year. **Note that only new, incoming students will be affected by these boundary changes. No currently enrolled students nor their soon-to-be-enrolled siblings will be affected.** The affected streets and addresses are listed on the attached sheet, (also see map).

In addition to better balancing enrollment, these changes are consistent with the goal of having neighborhood schools. These shifts will create a net enrollment increase to Heather, a net enrollment decrease at White Oaks, and roughly no changes in enrollment to Arundel and Brittan Acres, but as these changes will only affect new students, they will be effectively phased in over the next five years.

At the current time, there is no proposal to change the boundaries of Central Middle School or Tierra Linda Middle School. Student placements will continue to be based on address (not the "feeder" elementary school). However, we may consider potential changes to middle school enrollment later in the year. Also, please note that Charter Learning Center is not affected by any of these boundary changes as its "preference area" is the entire San Carlos School District.

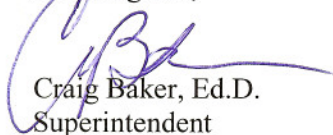
The Board of Trustees of the San Carlos School District will discuss a proposal to clarify "preference items" for groups of students that may enroll in our schools. This proposed policy will continue to give preference to students residing within a school's "boundaries", as well as to siblings of current students and to students generally within the SCSD. At the December 10th School Board meeting, the Board will consider acting on the entire proposal, including the boundary change and the preference policy.

I want to be clear that such changes are not a complete solution for all of our enrollment issues. Regardless of the fact that it will take at least five years to have its full impact, we need to explore ways to increase capacity, particularly at our middle schools. **I will be holding a community town hall meeting on Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 PM at the San Carlos Library Conference Room A, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 610 Elm Street, to answer questions or take any comments you may have. Joining me will be all of our school principals.**

In addition to the above meeting, I invite you to attend both the December 3rd and December 10th School Board meetings. They will be held at 7pm at the Central Middle School library. Agenda and supporting materials will be posted the week of November 30<sup>th</sup> and can be accessed at:  
<http://sancarlos.csbaagendaonline.net>.

I look forward to seeing you then!

Best Regards,



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