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To: Silke Bradford
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RE: Response to District ADA Objection
Leadership Public Schools
Proposition 39 2017-2018

Dear Ms. Bradford,

Leadership Public Schools ("LPS") is in receipt of the Oakland Unified School District's ("District") November 30, 2016 letter, in which the District objects to LPS' projections of average daily attendance ("ADA") as stated in its November 1, 2016 request for Proposition 39 facilities for the 2017-2018 school year ("Request"). In its letter, the District objects to LPS' projected in-District classroom ADA of 412 and asserts its own counter-projection of 368.89. Pursuant to 5 CCR Section 11969.9(e), slightly adjusts its in-District classroom ADA projection to 414.78.

Projected Increase in 9th Grade Enrollment

The District has objected to LPS Oakland in-District ADA projection of 150 9th graders for fall 2017. While this is a significant increase from the prior two years, it is not unprecedented. In 2014-15, after a major gain in academic performance, LPS Oakland made a concerted enrollment effort towards recruiting new 9th graders, resulting in an increase of 47 additional 9th grade students above and beyond our prior year class size of 73, substantially more than the projected increase of 34 for 2017-18. While our recruitment efforts for 2016-17 were intentionally limited as a result of programmatic and administrative changes taking place, LPS began a partnership with Parker Elementary School's 7th grade, the top grade-level at the time, in anticipation of forming a K-14 pipeline with an early high school and early college (Merritt) component. We have continued the early high school program with the current Parker 8th graders and anticipate a significant enrollment from that school. We are also ramping up the same kinds of outreach for 2017-18 that were so successful in 2015-16, bolstered by the very strong SBAC results for both 2015-16 and 2016-17, where LPS had the highest ELA achievement among 9-12 charter and district high schools. Given our history, our partnership and our current academic standing, we believe that our projection is accurate

and attainable. Below are the CBEDs enrollment numbers for the last four years and the 2017-18 projection.

GRADE LEVELS	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018
	# Students	# Students	# Students	# Students	# Students
9th	85	73	120	116	150

Failure to Submit Documentation for a Significant Increase in Projected ADA. The District response to LPS Oakland R & D's enrollment projection cited the school for failure to include meaningfully interested students' signature forms. However, most of the increase in our overall student population is due to the graduation of a small senior class and the roll forward of much larger 9th and 10th grades. The only actual projected increase in student population is of 32 ADA in 9th grade. This is only 8% more than current enrollment if the school were to have an incoming 9th grade of 120 (112 ADA). Given that this increase is less than 10%, no additional documentation is needed.

The District also claims that the School has experienced attrition between 2015-16 and 2016-17. While the school has experienced very minimal between-year attrition, this is offset by within-year gains or negative attrition, 7% in 2015-16. LPS already accommodated for a small level of attrition in its projections. In addition, given that its recruitment efforts were somewhat less aggressive for 16-17, these very small drops are to be expected. We anticipate that our attrition rates will be even smaller, and perhaps non-existent for the 2017-18 school year, as our recruitment efforts will ensure that slots left by departing students will be filled by new enrollees.

Variance in Overall Projections

The District provided the following counter projection:

	CS Projection	OUSD Counter projection
9	136.7	106.02
10	113.5	104.28
11	102.3	98.55
12	59.5	60.04
TOTAL	412	368.89

On examination of the OUSD counter projection, we located some errors in our initial submission and in the District counter-projection. Below is our revised submission based on the CBEDs data and including what we believe is an accurate 9th grade projection.

	2016-2017 CBEDS	2016-2017 ADA	2017-2018 CBEDS	2017-2018 ADA
GRADE LEVELS	# Students	# Students	# Students	# Students
9th	116	107.88	150	139.5
10th	114	106.02	116	107.88
11th	66	61.38	114	106.02
12th	57	53.01	66	61.38
Grand Total	353	328.29	446	414.78

Conclusion

LPS Oakland R & D wishes to submit a revised enrollment projection of 414.78 for the 2017-18 Proposition 39 facilities request. Please feel free to contact either myself or Lisa Pitters with any further questions.

Best Regards,

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