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All.

The survey of parents/families was obviously intended to investigate concerns that implementing a middle school at Sabino or a sixth grade at Collier and Fruchthendler would have adverse effects on integration. Conducting a survey for these reason makes sense—but the questions seem ill-suited for the purpose.

The questions about transportation to Sabino are irrelevant. I assume that the inference to be drawn from the response is that if respondents would choose Sabino HS, they would choose Sabino MS. This does not follow. As a parent, I saw middle school and high school as very different places and felt differently about my children's social development as they progressed through adolescence. Why didn't the survey focus on Sabino MS?

The Magee question asserts that Magee has a strong academic program. Maybe, but why is it a C school? If parents looked into it and they learned that Magee's student performance warranted a C rating, would their answers to the survey be the same?

And why not ask a specific question that is relevant to the situation? Something like:

"If you were offered the opportunity for your student to attend a middle school on the Sabino high school campus (Sabino HS is a National Blue Ribbon school with an A rating) or Magee MS (Magee has an outstanding Odyssey of the Mind competition group and has a C rating), which—if either-- would you choose? Consider that you would have free transportation provided by TUSD to both Magee MS and Sabino MS with the Magee bus ride taking about 45 minutes and the Sabino bus ride taking about an hour.

- 1. We would be interested in enrolling our student at Sabino Middle School
Yes No Don't Know*
- 2. We would be interested in enrolling our student at Magee Middle School
Yes No Don't Know*

The wording needs work. But, the point is that offering the Magee option without accurately comparing it to Sabino MS option, misstates the issue we are considering.

The wording of the November 12 email related to the surveys says that the parents surveyed were those whose students are already eligible for free transportation to Magee (and the other schools mentioned). Maybe some of them already plan to do enroll at Magee. How many students now attending Magee get to school via incentive transportation? Why would the number increase if Sabino MS were an option?

A similar point related to Collier and Fruchthendler applies. What proportion of students at each school now use free TUSD provided transportation?

How many students from the Pueblo HS area now attend Sabino HS?

How long does it take to travel from Pueblo to Sabino?

I look forward to the District's response to the questions I posed so that the results of the survey can be put in perspective.

Thanks,
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Dr. Hawley/Counsel: As you are likely aware, on Tuesday our Governing Board considered grade expansion proposals for study/action and approved all five proposals. Accordingly, the District is currently finalizing the requests to Dr. Hawley and the Court.

Upon receiving our request for an expedited briefing schedule, both the Fisher and Mendoza Plaintiffs' counsel indicated concern about needing the full 20 days to review the NARA/NARAs, and the Mendoza counsel indicated a willingness to respond in less than twenty days depending on the scope of new information. As you are also aware, the Fisher and Mendoza Plaintiffs have raised concerns about various projections related to our mitigation strategies. In particular, the Mendoza Plaintiffs have expressed a concern that the express busing / incentive transportation strategy would only have a negligible impact on integration. Mr. Nodine's initial projection for 26 additional students to Sabino, for example, was based on the current decisions of families using incentive transportation to get to Sabino. In response to the Mendoza and Fisher concerns, and to determine the accuracy of our initial projections, the District developed and communicated a survey to parents of 5th, 6th, and 7th grade students (depending on the question) who would be eligible for USP incentive transportation to Sabino, Magee, Fruchthendler, or Collier (parents of non-Anglo students

in RC boundaries). The surveys were conducted by phone through parentlink (a new feature), and offered parents the opportunity to respond immediately and complete the survey in a matter of minutes using their phone.

The results were quite interesting (see chart below, and attached survey results). 874 parents indicated interest in express busing to Sabino, and many more than expected indicated interest in Collier, Fruchthendler, and Magee. If even a fraction (10-20%) of these students enrolled in the proposal schools through incentive transportation, it would have significant, positive impacts on integration. The Spanish surveys also indicated a not-insignificant level of interest: 243 parents interested in Sabino through express busing; 58 interested in Magee, 51 in Fruchthendler, and 37 in Collier. Although we only used the results of the English survey (results below) to make initial, conservative projections (available in the revised DIAs), it is clear that the DIAs connected to the Sabino, Fruchthendler, and Collier proposals will change significantly in light of this information. Essentially, assuming that a tiny fraction (5-10%) of parents interested in express busing actually enrolled their children, the results would be to **improve** integration at Sabino, Magee, Fruchthendler, and Collier in significant ways (by more 4-5% or more for Anglo and Hispanic populations at each site).

As indicated in our communications re an expedited briefing schedule, we have been taking actions based on your feedback (such as these surveys) that have resulted in new information that have altered our analyses. Rather than wait a few days for you to see this information for the first time in the revised DIAs/NARAs, we are presenting it now to provide full transparency, and to give all parties a little extra time to analyze this new data. **We do not provide this information in any way to surprise you, to limit your ability to analyze it, or to otherwise prejudice you. To the contrary, rather than presenting this information for the first time in the DIA/NARA, we are presenting it prior to the DIA/NARA submission so that you will have some additional time to review it.**

Respondents	Statements / Questions	Yes	No
Parents of 6th and 7th graders who live in the attendance areas of Racially Concentrated middle schools, and who would be eligible for incentive transportation to Sabino (non-Anglo students).	Sabino High School is a National Blue Ribbon School with an A-rating on the northeast side of town.		
	1. Would you be interested in enrolling your child at Sabino if TUSD offered a free one-hour bus ride to Sabino from the vicinity of Pueblo Magnet High School?	349	460
	2. Would you be interested in enrolling your child at Sabino if TUSD offered a free one-hour bus ride to Sabino from the vicinity of Cholla Magnet High School?	266	475
	3. Would you be interested in enrolling your child at Sabino if TUSD offered a free 45-minute bus ride to Sabino from the vicinity of Tucson High Magnet School?	259	420
	Total Sabino	874	

Parents of 5th graders who live in the attendance areas of Racially Concentrated middle schools, and who would be eligible for incentive transportation to Magee, Collier, or Fruchthendler (non-Anglo students).	1. Magee Middle School is an eastside school with strong academics and an outstanding Odyssey of the Mind competition group. Would you be interested in free transportation to Magee Middle School?	140	240
	2. Fruchthendler is a highly performing school on the eastside of Tucson. Would you be interested in free transportation to Fruchthendler Elementary School if sixth grade were added?	99	246
	3. Collier is a tight-knit community of learners on the northeast side of Tucson. Would you be interested in free transportation to Collier if sixth grade were added?	82	244
	Total 5th Graders	321	

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