

**SAN DIEGUITO UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
ADDENDUM**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2011
6:30 PM**

**DISTRICT OFFICE BOARD ROOM 101
710 ENCINITAS BLVD., ENCINITAS, CA. 92024**

The following is an addendum to the April 7, 2011 Board Meeting, and will be added after Item 19 under the Discussion / Action Items on the Board Agenda.

DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS(ITEMS 16 – 19)

**** After Item 19**

RECONSIDERATION OF BOARD POLICY & AR'S #5116.1, HIGH SCHOOL SELECTION AND HIGH SCHOOL SELECTION PROCESS

San Dieguito Union High School District

INFORMATION REGARDING BOARD AGENDA ITEM

TO: BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE OF REPORT: April 5, 2011

BOARD MEETING DATE: April 7, 2011

**PREPARED &
SUBMITTED BY:** Ken Noah
Superintendent

SUBJECT: RECONSIDERATION OF BOARD POLICY
AND AR's #5116.1, HIGH SCHOOL
SELECTION AND HIGH SCHOOL
SELECTION PROCESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A parent of a San Dieguito District student has requested that the Board reconsider Policy #5116.1, High School Selection and the high school selection process with respect to the following:

1. Establish a guaranteed number of slots at the 9th grade level so as to establish equal class sizes for 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grades, respectively;
2. Change the lottery process to ensure that random selection occurs; and,
3. Abolish the sibling exception in Board Policy.

BACKGROUND:

Over the years, the Academies have accepted a number of students approximating 25% of capacity in order maximize enrollment. Given fluctuations in annual class sizes, however, the actual number of students admitted has varied. Establishing a fixed number of "guaranteed" seats at the 9th grade level would reduce flexibility over time to meet the goal of maximizing enrollment in those schools.

The lottery process employed in the district has been fully vetted, is transparent and random. A review of the videotape of the process for the current lottery establishes proof that it is, indeed, a random selection process.

The sibling preference is established in Policy and has been reaffirmed by the Board since the establishment of the high school selection process. The creation of this policy was the result of a thoughtful and deliberate decision process reflecting the best interests of students and families.

RECOMMENDATION:

I am recommending that the Board affirms Board Policy #5116.1 and administrative regulations which include the lottery selection process as stated, and reject the establishment of a guaranteed number of seats at the 9th grade level.