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Dear BCS Families,

We are writing to update you regarding recent developments in the Proposition 39 facilities request for the 2019-2020 school year.

Today, the Los Altos School District (LASD) submitted a Preliminary Facilities Offer to house BCS students for the upcoming school year. **LASD is proposing to split BCS students across three sites: Egan Junior High, Blach Intermediate, and Loyola Elementary.**

As we enter this next phase of the process, it's worth repeating a few facts to clear up any confusion:

- BCS did not request to be placed at Loyola, and we certainly did not request to be placed on three sites. LASD Trustees make all of the decisions about facilities.
- BCS told LASD about the growth for 2019-2020 early in 2018. Our 2019-2020 enrollment should not have surprised any LASD Trustee. There has been plenty of time to prepare for a larger BCS.
- Proposition 39 requires that LASD provide facilities sufficient to accommodate BCS students in conditions *reasonably equivalent to those they would enjoy by attending a district school.*

During February, the BCS Board will review the preliminary offer and discuss it with the BCS community. I encourage each of you to review the preliminary offer as well and consider the following questions:

1. Do BCS students at Loyola – like their peers at LASD schools – have exclusive, shared (or any) access to computer lab facilities, a science lab, art/music space, or a server?y?
2. Do BCS students at Loyola – like their peers at LASD schools – have exclusive access to rooms for a school nurse or counselor (that hold sensitive student information)? Has LASD provided duplicative staff, resources and facilities on each site?
3. Do BCS students at Loyola, Blach, and/or Egan – unlike their peers at LASD schools – need to travel to another campus to participate in school- or grade-wide events like plays, concerts and assemblies? Will they have to travel during class time?
4. Has LASD really demonstrated the impossibility of providing BCS students with reasonably equivalent facilities on fewer than three LASD sites?

The BCS Board will be adding the Preliminary Facilities Offer to the meeting agenda on **Monday, February 4th at 7pm** at the BCS North Campus MPR. Please join us to share your thoughts about LASD's proposal.

Additionally, LASD's next board meeting is on **Monday, February 11th at 7pm** at the LASD Board of Trustees' offices. We encourage you to attend and share your thoughts, concerns, and feedback. If you cannot attend in person, free to email your elected LASD trustees with any questions, comments or concerns at [trustees@lasdschools.org](mailto:trustees@lasdschools.org).

The next step in the process is BCS's formal response to the Preliminary Facilities Offer, due on March 1st. LASD will deliver the final facilities offer to BCS on April 1st. We will keep you informed as the process moves forward and will continue to update [the BCS website](#) with important documents.

Warm Regards,

**Joe Hurd**, BCS Board Chair and President

