

# Berkeley Unified School District

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**SUPERINTENDENT**  
LaVoneia C. Steele, Ed.D.

March 23, 1993

Dear BUSD Parents and Staff:

This letter is to let you know the schedule of meetings and deadlines which the District plans to follow this spring regarding the issues involved in school organization.

At the Board meeting on Wednesday, April 14, 1993, I plan to present at least three scenarios or options on school organization to the Board of Education. One of these options will be retaining our current system with some modifications. The educational planning consultants, Management Analysis and Planning Associates of Berkeley, who have been meeting with and advising the District on these issues, are researching and preparing the various options to be presented.

All of the scenarios will include a desegregation plan, options on grade configuration, options on the concept of "choice," cost estimates, and options on the next steps to be taken.

There will be opportunities for parents, staff, and community members to voice their opinions regarding those proposals during the Board of Education meetings on April 21, May 5, and May 19, 1993. There may be additional public hearings scheduled as well. A random sampling survey of parents will also be taken during this period of time.

My goal is to present my final recommendation on school organization to the Board of Education on Wednesday, June 2, 1993. There will be further opportunity for community reaction and input on these issues at a Board Workshop on Saturday, June 5, 1993, at the Board meeting on Wednesday, June 9, 1993, and at an additional Board Workshop on Tuesday, June 15, 1993. It is hoped that the Board will make its final decision on these issues on June 15, 1993.

I strongly urge you to attend these meetings and let the staff and Board members know your opinions regarding these most important issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "LaVoneia C. Steele".

LaVoneia C. Steele, Ed.D.  
Superintendent

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