

To: Members of the School Board &  
Superintendent Michelle Lawrence

Per our agreement, we are writing to update the members of the BUSD School Board and Superintendent Lawrence of the Committee's consensus on our current standing and next steps. We have thus far met twice this academic year with () committee members present for the first meeting, and () members present for the second. Attached please find the minutes for our meetings, as recorded by Francisco Martinez, attached hereto. The following are the points that we would like to present:

1. The Charge for our committee, as given to us in September of 2000, has not been updated and is thus outdated. The Committee feels that this charge outlines unrealistic goals and expectations, as evidenced by the two presentations made to the Board in December, 2000 and June 2001. The Committee members consistently found themselves unable to process data and statistics provided to them as no professional guidance was offered. The work of actually creating a new student assignment plan, while preserving the goals of diversity as defined by the BUSD mission statement, has continued to allude us.
2. The Committee would like to propose that it prepare a statement and a platform from which the staff and administration of BUSD can begin its work in refining the student assignment plan and aligning it with current laws and practices. We feel that our appropriate role is to serve as a voice for the concerns and goals of the greater Berkeley Public School community and to serve as a watchdog to assure that the changes to the plan that are made align with those concerns and goals.
3. The Committee proposes that another public forum be held in the next 6 weeks, so the Committee can gather information from community members from which to establish this platform. Secondly, the Committee would like to solicit advice from public school diversity experts who have offered their services to BUSD, namely ().

We are writing to give you an update on our progress. We have met twice this academic year with () committee members present for the first meeting, and () members present for the second. Four more weekly meetings have been scheduled. Attached please find the minutes for our meetings, as recorded by Francisco Martinez.

We would like to present the following proposals:

1. We propose that the Charge for our committee be updated. The Charge, as given to us in September of 2000, is now outdated. In our presentations to the Board in December 2000 and June 2001, we attempted to meet the goals of the Charge. We find, however, that we lack the expertise and professional guidance required to process the data and statistics necessary to create a new student assignment plan. The work of actually creating a new student assignment plan, while preserving the goals of diversity as defined by the BUSD mission statement, has therefore continued to elude us.

2. The Committee would like to propose that it prepare a statement and a platform from which the staff and administration of BUSD can begin its work in refining the student assignment plan and aligning it with current laws and practices. We feel that our appropriate role is to serve as a voice for the concerns and goals of the greater Berkeley Public School community and to serve as a watchdog to assure that the changes to the plan that are made align with those concerns and goals. In this role we propose:

- a. that another public forum be held in the next 6 weeks [month?], so the Committee can gather information from community members from which to establish this platform; and
- b. that we be provided the resources necessary to solicit advice from public school diversity experts who have offered their services to BUSD, namely ().