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LHCSD Staff,

I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday weekend. The Board of Education met on Thursday, April 13th and discussed The Future of La Habra City School District. It was a productive conversation and we determined that it is time to review the options to change our K-2, 3-5, 6-8 configuration. Our current configuration has served us well since the 1970's to integrate our community and focus on the instructional needs of our primary, upper elementary and middle school students. Yet, as you know, we have declining enrollment at a rate of 175-225 students per year, but declining enrollment cannot be the only reason to make a substantial change that will have an impact on each one of you.

At this time, we need to be more competitive with our surrounding school districts and as educators, it is important to challenge ourselves to create excellent institutions of learning to promote positive change for future generations. Many of you have attended the wonderful schools in our system and your children are either currently enrolled or have completed their education in LHCSD and continued on to phenomenal colleges and career opportunities. We need to celebrate the success we have created in our District. We also need to celebrate the sense of family that exists on each campus and the children who have benefited from your wisdom, expertise, and caring support.

A Task Force consisting of representatives from LHEA, CSEA, teachers, staff, administrators, parents, and community members will be created. Through collaboration, listening, creative thinking, and purpose the Task Force will discuss the “who, what, where, when, and how” of the transformation.



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Students, parents, and teachers will benefit from a collaborative and comprehensive systemic change that will incorporate a new model. This will result in less change/movement for students and allow for a more continuous individualistic analysis of learning trends, data collection across grade levels, targeted interventions for at-risk students, and the building of high-powered academic schools that challenge our students throughout the District.

Together, we are stronger! Let's make La Habra City School District a "Destination District".

Thank you for your support,

Joanne

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