SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 8.3

Meeting Date: December 16, 2021

Subject: **Trustee Area Redistricting – Full Demographic Presentation with Map Options**

- ☒ Information Item Only
- ☐ Approval on Consent Agenda
- ☐ Conference (for discussion only)
- ☐ Conference/First Reading (Action Anticipated: _____)
- ☐ Conference/Action
- ☐ Action
- ☐ Public Hearing

Division: Legal

Recommendation: Information item.

Background/Rationale: The law requires that trustee areas be population balanced using the 2020 Census Data. Legal Counsel and a demographer will assist the District in this redistricting process, including drafting and revising maps for consideration by the public and the Trustees.

The District has held three community meetings regarding redistricting on November 30, 2021 (for Trustee Areas 2, 4, and 7); December 6, 2021 (for Trustee Areas 2 and 3); and December 8, 2021 (for Trustee Areas 1, 5, and 6).

Financial Considerations: Costs associated with hiring professional demographers, SchoolWorks, Inc., for analysis.

LCAP Goal(s): Board governance

Documents Attached:
1. Executive Summary

Estimated Time of Presentation: 15 minutes
Submitted by: Raoul Bozio, General Counsel
Approved by: Jorge A. Aguilar, Superintendent

Board of Education Executive Summary

Legal Department

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I. Overview/History of Department or Program

Sacramento City Unified School District (SCUSD) completed the process to transition from at-large to by-trustee area elections following voter approval in November 2006. SCUSD has seven (7) trustee areas. Each of the trustees is required to reside within a defined trustee area and each trustee is elected only by voters in that trustee area. This type of voting is referred to as by-trustee area or by-district voting.

Every ten years, after the U.S. Census data is released, school districts are required to evaluate whether their current trustee areas have approximately equal populations using the new census data. The variation in total population among trustee areas cannot exceed 10%. If the total peak variation is less than 10%, no changes are needed. If the total peak variation exceeds 10%, trustee area boundaries need to be adjusted. This process is referred to as *redistricting*. Trustee areas must be made as equal in population as possible and practicable to provide equal access to political representation consistent with the one person, one vote constitutional principle.

The redistricting process is governed by the U.S. Constitution, federal law, and California law. Please note that redistricting applies to voting areas only and does not impact school attendance boundaries.

SCUSD hired professional demographers, SchoolWorks, Inc., to draft and revise maps for consideration by the public and the Trustees. Proposed "revised maps" will ensure appropriate population balance and will incorporate feedback received by the Trustees and the community. Members of the public will be able to provide input about boundaries, as well as possible revisions of maps, assuming new maps will be required.

The districting process will be transparent, and everyone will have the opportunity to provide their input on the proposed revised maps. The Board of Trustees will adopt a resolution establishing election district boundaries by February 28, 2022, the deadline established by law. After adoption of a new map, it will be sent to the County Superintendent of Schools and the County Registrar of Voters. The County Registrars of Voters will then adjust precinct boundaries before the filing deadline for the November 2022 trustee election. The new map will be used for the first time for the November 2022 election, when three SCUSD trustees will stand for election.

The proposed timeline, below, includes multiple Board meetings and dedicated time for community input to meet statutory deadlines for map adjustments following the delayed release of 2020 Census Data. These deadlines and the procedures outlined below are subject to change.

Trustees, Trustee areas, and terms of office:

- Area 1: Lisa Murawski (2022)
- Area 2: Letica Garcia (2022)
- Area 3: Christina Pritchett (2024)
- Area 4: Jamee Villa (2024)
- Area 5: Chinua Rhodes (2024)
- Area 6: Darell Woo (2022)
- Area 7: Lavinia Phillips (2024)

Proposed Timeline*

- **October 21, 2021**: Board Meeting No. 1. Announce Redistricting Issue to Board/Community, along with a proposed timeline for completion of the process.
- **November 4, 2021:** Board meeting No. 2. Full demographic presentation, including 3 map options.
- **November 5-11, 2021**: Community meetings (in-person and virtual).
- **November 18, 2021**: Board meeting No. 3. Staff presents a summary of community input. Demographer presentation.
- **November 30, 2021**: Community meeting. Demographer presentation.
- **December 6 and 8, 2021**: Community meeting. Demographer presentation.
- ***December 16, 2021**: Board meeting No. 4. Review summary of community input.*
- **January 13, 2022**: Board meeting No. 5. Possible adoption of an updated map.
- **January/February 2022 (upon map adoption)**: Send notice to the County Superintendent and the County Registrar of Voters with the adopted resolution and map.
- **February 28, 2022:** Deadline for adoption of a new map. (Education Code section 5019.5)
- **July 6, 2022**: Deadline for the Registrar to implement the new maps.
- **November 8, 2022.** Initial election of trustees using the new map approved by the board. (3 trustees up for election).
- **November 5, 2024**. Second election of trustees using the new map approved by the board. (4 trustees up for election).

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III. Budget:

Costs associated with hiring professional demographers, SchoolWorks, Inc., for analysis.

IV. Goals, Objectives and Measures:

Pursuant to District Board Bylaw 9005 (Governance Standards), the Board "believes that its primary responsibility is to act in the best interests of every student in the district. The Board also has major commitments to parents, guardians, all members of the community, employees, the state of California, laws pertaining to public education, and established policies of the

district. To maximize Board effectiveness and public confidence in district governance, Board Members are expected to govern responsibly and hold themselves to the highest standards of ethical conduct." As such, the goal is for the District to evaluate whether its current trustee areas have approximately equal populations using the new census data and determine whether the redistricting process is required by the U.S. Constitution, federal law, and California law. If the redistricting process is necessary, everyone will have the opportunity to provide their input on the proposed revised maps.

V. Major Initiatives:

This redistricting process is necessary because the law requires that trustee areas be population balanced using the 2020 Census Data.

VI. Results:

The new trustee areas will be in effect for November 2022 elections. The deadline for adoption of revised districting maps (February 28, 2022) allows time for county Registrars of Voters to adjust precinct boundaries before the filing deadline for the November election.

VII. Lessons Learned/Next Steps:

SCUSD hired professional demographers, SchoolWorks, Inc., to draft and revise maps for consideration by the public and the Trustees. Proposed "revised maps" will ensure appropriate population balance and will incorporate feedback received by the Trustees and the community. Members of the public will be able to provide input about boundaries, as well as possible revisions of maps, assuming new maps will be required. Indeed, the District has held three community meetings regarding redistricting on November 30, 2021 (for Trustee Areas 2, 4, and 7); December 6, 2021 (for Trustee Areas 2 and 3); and December 8, 2021 (for Trustee Areas 1, 5, and 6).