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EXHIBIT 2

ROSKRUGE WITHDRAWAL OF MAGNET STATUS

In a parallel, but separate process, the District is considering removal of the magnet status of Roskruge. By withdrawing magnet status, the District would not be reducing its commitment to academic achievement or integration. The District commits to sustaining the TWDL program, retaining resources and funds provided to other TWDL schools (and more, as Roskruge will receive additional magnet transition funding for a limited time), providing transportation to support the TWDL program, retaining funds for support staff and teaching staff, assessing the viability of express bus service, and retaining its magnet coordinator through the following school year.

The proposed withdrawal is based on the following: TUSD operates 11 magnet schools serving students in grades K-8. Seven of the eleven schools sit within a two-mile radius from the District's central offices in downtown Tucson (Borton ES, Carrillo ES, Davis ES, Drachman K-8, Holladay ES, Mansfeld MS, and Roskruge). The District has successfully moved five of these seven schools from Racially Concentrated in SY2013-14 to Integrated in SY2018-19 (Borton was already Integrated; Roskruge was not then and is not now). During this time, all seven schools have been recruiting from the same pool of non-Latino students in the downtown area (and beyond) to integrate their schools. However, only Roskruge has had another school, Davis ES, offering the same magnet theme only one mile away.

As noted by the Special Master in January 2019, the language requirements of the TWDL model "complicate[] efforts to integrate the school." Each year significant numbers of mostly-Latino students from TWDL elementary schools apply to Roskruge for 6th grade, hoping to continue on the pathway towards earning the Seal of Bi-literacy. Their enrollment works against integrating the school. Although Roskruge has continued its efforts to increase integration, moving from 85% Hispanic in 2012-13 to 77% in 2017-18, it has been unable to approach the 70% threshold, and its Hispanic population grew to 79% in 2018-19.