

Department of Justice Response to Proposed Grade Configuration Changes

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Subject: RE: Grade Reconfiguration Proposals

Sam –

The Department of Justice does not object to any of the current grade configuration proposals because we have seen no evidence that they materially negatively impact the District's desegregation efforts or otherwise violate the USP.

The Department of Justice will expect, should the grade configuration proposals lead to more students attending TUSD as intended, TUSD to explore ways of using the addition of these students to increase desegregation and otherwise support implementation of the USP.

The United States will also expect the District to continue to examine the possibility of changing Cavett Elementary School from K-5 to K-6 and adding a junior high to Catalina HS and to make a decision on this possible grade configuration change giving due weight to the prospect of such a change advancing TUSD's desegregation efforts.

Please let me know if you have any questions about this.

Jim