



December 5, 2018

Dear BCS Families,

As 2018 closes and the winter holiday approaches, I wanted to share some updates with you on our Proposition 39 facilities request and the Bullis Mountain View charter petition.

Proposition 39:

Last month, BCS submitted a formal request to the Los Altos School District (LASD) for facilities for the 2019 – 2020 school year. As we expected, consistent with previous practice, LASD responded with [a letter on November 30th](#) questioning our enrollment numbers. To be clear: *Our enrollment numbers are solid, and our growth is encouraged and supported by California's Charter Schools Act. No revision to the BCS Charter is necessary to allow our growth.*

At a recent board meeting, an LASD Trustee optimistically stated that "I think the [BCS enrollment] numbers are solid. They've already done their lottery, I wouldn't question those." LASD's Assistant Superintendent offered a similar endorsement. Based on those public comments, I had high hopes that the District would accept our numbers. It is difficult to negotiate with a counterparty who says one thing in a public meeting, and then takes the completely opposite approach in a letter.

We have been through the Prop 39 process many times before, and each negotiation takes on its own tenor. Despite our disappointment at the District's response, which appears confusing, misleading, and divisive to us, we will continue to work collaboratively with LASD over the next few months, and we look forward to securing facilities for the upcoming school year. The next major step in the process is LASD's preliminary facilities offer, which we should receive by February 1st. We will keep you informed as the process moves forward, and continue to update [our website](#) with important documents. Remember: *Our community's public school resources should benefit all students.*

Bullis Mountain View:

We are excited for the opportunity to bring our internationally recognized model and unique curriculum to new students and families in Mountain View. On **Thursday, December 6th**, the Mountain View Whisman School District (MVWSD) Board will be discussing the Bullis Mountain View (BMV) charter petition in a public session. The BMV leadership team asks that members of the community come to the hearing to show support for the new school. *The hearing will take place in the Graham Middle School MUR, 1175 Castro Street, Mountain View at 6:15 p.m. ([agenda here](#)).* If you are interested in speaking in support of BMV at this meeting, please contact Jennifer Anderson-Rosse, who is leading the efforts, at newschool@bullischarterschool.com. Two weeks later, on **Thursday, December 20th**, the MVWSD Board will share its decision on the petition at a hearing. We look forward to a positive outcome.

On behalf of the entire BCS Board, staff, and leadership, thank you for your support this year as we grow to serve additional students and new communities. If you have any questions for the Board, please contact me or any BCS Board Member.

Warm Regards,

Joe Hurd, BCS Board Chair and President

