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Dear Bullis Charter School Community:

As you know, Bullis Charter School ('BCS') has been engaged for many years in disputes with Los Altos School District ('the District') regarding their allocation of facilities to serve our students.

The California Court of Appeals ruled in our favor in October 2011, and as a result, improvement seemed hopeful in May of this year when we finally reached an agreement with the Los Altos School District to resolve this dispute. However, over the summer the District reneged on our tentative agreement and has since filed a lawsuit claiming it does not have to provide BCS with ANY facilities at all.

Earlier this week, we received an order from the trial court relating to three issues that we had raised with respect to the District's conduct. Unfortunately, the trial court ruled in favor of the District. We believe that the trial court got it wrong and we intend to appeal their decision. We did the same thing last year and the appellate court agreed with us in a unanimous ruling.

We continue to be extremely disappointed in the District's conduct regarding public education. To give you an idea about what the District is doing, here are some facts:

- Your children are presently being housed in less space now than the Court of Appeal found to be required in the 2009-10 school year.
- The Los Altos School District is failing to provide equivalent facilities for your children AND withholding previously-offered facilities.
- The Los Altos School District is using taxpayer money to challenge the very existence of your children's school in an effort to deny you the right to attend the public school of your choice.

The Court of Appeal decision in 2011 intended for BCS students to be treated fairly. The trial court responsible for implementing that decision has not granted relief on procedural grounds and we will continue to press on to ensure our students are treated equally and fairly.

You can rest assured that we will continue to take whatever measures are necessary to guarantee our students are provided with facilities that are reasonably equivalent to those provided to other students within the Los Altos School District. We believe firmly that Bullis Charter School offers its students some of the best-qualified teachers in the state, with curriculum that exceeds California standards. Our school consistently scores incredibly well on state and national test score rankings, and our graduates excel in high school, college and beyond, year after year.

It's because of this commitment that BCS is one of the top ten public schools in the state; the highest-performing public charter school in California, and the highest-performing school in the local community.

Please let me know if you have any questions. We want every parent to feel knowledgeable about this situation. If you feel as strongly about it as I do, then I encourage you to make your voice heard to the District. You can email Mark Goines, LASD Board President at mgoines@lasdschools.org or reach him by phone at (650) 947-1152.

Thank you for your support,

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