

Resolution 21-35

**San Mateo County Board of Education
State of California**

**Establishing and Implementing A Trustee Area Election System for Board Members Pursuant
to Elections Code Section 10010**

Whereas, the San Mateo County Board of Education (“Board”) is aware of the significant role the California Voting Rights Act of 2001 (“CVRA”) plays in election systems and of the importance of maintaining a fair election system; and

Whereas, the Board seeks to ensure that its election system does not result in the dilution of votes and polarized voting patterns; and

Whereas, members of the Board are currently elected at-large; and

Whereas, members of the Board are elected in even numbered years to serve staggered four-year terms such that the next election for three Board Members is scheduled for November 2022, with the remaining four Board members scheduled for election in November 2024; and

Whereas, on March 17, 2021, the Board adopted a Resolution of Intent directing staff to commence the process of moving the Board to a by-trustee area election system, to be implemented in the 2022 and 2024 Board elections; and

Whereas, the Board informed its stakeholders of the Board’s intention to proceed with a by-trustee area election system and sought to obtain public input regarding proposed map options; and

Whereas, on April 7, 2021, the Board held its first open hearing to solicit and provide input regarding the composition of the potential trustee area draft maps; and

Whereas, on April 21, 2021, the Board held its second open hearing to solicit and provide input regarding the composition of the potential trustee area draft maps; and

Whereas, on May 5, 2021, the Board held its first open hearing to solicit and provide input regarding proposed trustee voting area plans; and

Whereas, on May 19, 2021, the Board held its second open hearing to solicit and provide input regarding proposed trustee voting area plans; and

Whereas, the draft map considered by the Board was drawn with all applicable laws and regulations in mind, including the CVRA and federal election law, and posted online and at the San Mateo County Office of Education (“SMCOE”); and

Whereas, the Board has considered the public input received on the draft trustee area plan and applicable state and federal legal criteria, and desires to adopt the trustee area map attached hereto as Exhibit “A” as the final trustee area plan establishing the boundaries for the new trustee areas; and

Whereas, California Education Code section 1000 states that a chartered county, such as San Mateo County, may provide by either its charter or action by the Board of Supervisors the manner of selection of the County Board of Education; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the San Mateo County Board of Education does hereby resolve as follows:

Section 1. The above recitals are true and correct.

Section 2. The Board hereby adopts the trustee area map attached hereto as Exhibit "A" as the final trustee area map for the Board's transition to a by-trustee area election system commencing with the 2022 Board election.

Section 3. The Board will hold by-trustee area elections in three areas (areas 1, 2, and 3) at its November 2022 election, subject to any required trustee area boundary adjustments required pursuant to Education Code section 5019.5 following the release of the decennial federal census. The Board will hold by-trustee area elections in four areas (areas 4, 5, 6, and 7) at its November 2024 election, subject to any required trustee area boundary adjustments required pursuant to Education Code section 5019.5 following the release of the decennial federal census.

Section 4. The Board hereby authorizes and directs SMCOE staff to transmit this resolution, the final trustee area map adopted, and any additional required documentation to the County Board of Supervisors and to take any other necessary action to effectuate the purposes of this resolution and complete the Board's transition to a by-trustee area election system for the 2022 Governing Board elections.

Section 5. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Passed and Adopted this 2nd day of June, 2021, at a regular meeting of the San Mateo County Board of Education.

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