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**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Meeting Location: 1231 Addison Street, Berkeley CA 94702**

**SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

Wednesday, May 25, 2016

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**Call to Order**

The Presiding Officer will call the Special Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**Public Testimony**

Persons wishing to address the Board should fill out a green speaker card. **Cards turned in by 9:45 a.m. will be given priority.** Speakers will be randomly selected based on topic and position, with BUSD students generally given priority. Public Testimony is limited to **15 minutes with a 3-minute limit per speaker per topic** although the time allotted per speaker may be reduced to 2 minutes at the discretion of the President.

1. Berkeley High School Program Redesign

## **BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**TO:** Donald Evans, Ed.D, Superintendent  
**FROM:** Sam Pasarow, Principal, Berkeley High School  
**DATE:** May 25, 2016  
**SUBJECT:** Berkeley High School Program Redesign

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Beginning in 2014-2015, BHS leadership began giving substantial thought to structural and programmatic changes at Berkeley High School. Noting that the current structure of BHS does not fully align to what current research says is best for all students in terms of high school structure and programming, the efforts deepened this year with the formation of a design team that has been hard at work analyzing research and developing proposals for changes to the structure and student assignment system at Berkeley High School.

The purpose for Wednesday's Board Meeting is to review the Berkeley High School Redesign proposal that has gained the most traction at this point over a year-long redesign process. Members of the Design Team will present the purpose of the redesign, features of the research used to inform the process and feedback from the BHS community including teachers, parents and students.

We will discuss the decision-making and research process in depth and we will analyze financial implications of the redesign proposal that is being put forward by the BHS Design Team. The Berkeley High Design Team members will also seek input on critical design elements as well as key policy decisions regarding the implementation of the redesign in the 2017-2018 school year.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Receive the report and update from BHS Design Team.