



SAUSALITO MARIN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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To: Whom It May Concern

Fr: Sausalito Marin City School District

Re: SMCS D Settles Discrimination and Segregation lawsuit with California Attorney General's Office

It is with great anticipation, respect, and reverence that we have reached a settlement with the State Attorney General, Xavier Becerra to address the People's Complaint against the Sausalito Marin City School District. This agreement represents a historic turning point and clear plan to support our healing from a collective community trauma that has its roots in systems and structures that are decades if not centuries old in Sausalito and Marin City, in our county, in our State, and in our Country.

This pivotal moment for the Sausalito Marin City School District presents an opportunity to openly and transparently acknowledge past failures which led to the State Attorney General's Office affirming that Bayside Martin Luther King Jr. Academy is a racially segregated school. The foundational edict and responsibility that we hold as a public school system is to provide an excellent education in a desegregated school.

This settlement now enables the district to move forward and unite our community behind a collaborative vision that meets with both this agreement and our community responsibility. The gravity and seriousness of the settlement agreement allows us to answer the call and mandate to repay the education debt owed to our children and insure that all of our students reach their full potential. We invite all of our community to stand courageously and make an enduring commitment to put an end to inequitable education, to embrace our differences, to work systemically toward change, and to adopt a plan towards desegregation. We are at a critical juncture locally, and nationally, and are excited to move forward in both spirit and action with the highest dedication to the shared ideals of equity, diversity, inclusion, justice, and truth.

We are committed to taking substantive action to manifest equitable educational, economic, and social opportunities and outcomes for all of our children and families. We are looking forward to working in partnership with local government, non-profits, the business community and the Marin County Office of Education to achieve these goals. It is now the time to set aside any past conflicts and work together towards a brighter future.

We want to invite the entire educational community in Sausalito and Marin City to participate in the process of forming a vision, and creating and executing a plan of action, which achieves a reality that aligns closely with the values and goals of our community and that manifests our collective hopes and dreams for our children. We are committed to creating a high performing school, as called for in the settlement agreement, that can serve as an exemplar and a beacon of excellent, equitable education which delivers on the promise of public school for all of our residents and activates the vast potential of all of our students and families, and our Black and Latinx families in particular.

