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Dear Parents, Staff, and Community Members:

The GUSD Board of Education and administration urge the LA County Office of Education to ***Keep GUSD Whole!***

Several months ago a group of property owners and residents of a Glendale Unified School District neighborhood circulated a petition requesting to “carve out” their residential area from the GUSD and change the boundary lines to La Cañada Unified School District.

While we applaud the LCUSD for its high-performing status, we remind parents, students, teachers, residents and friends that the GUSD also is widely recognized as a high-performing school district with award-winning schools, active parent participation, student pride, and dedicated certified teachers. We believe our schools are second to none!

The GUSD Board of Education and administration believe this attempt to carve out a residential section of our school district to be unnecessary and misguided. Hundreds of students would be forced to change schools, causing a disruption in their academic, athletic, and social lives. This is not necessary. GUSD and LCUSD routinely allow students to transfer to districts in which they do not live to attend school – so any student in the proposed territory transfer area already has the ability to attend LCUSD schools if they chose.

The unintended consequences of taking millions of dollars in ADA money away from GUSD and giving it to LCUSD will have a devastating impact on the remaining students in our district, especially at Mountain Avenue, Rosemont, and Crescenta Valley High Schools. This money is used to pay for teachers, classroom materials and technology, award-winning academics, and extra-curricular activities.

We urge you to make your voices heard. The LA County Committee on School District Organization is holding public hearings on the following dates:

Wednesday, October 26, 2016, beginning at 6 p.m. in the La Cañada Unified School District Office at 4490 Cornishon Avenue, La Cañada.

Wednesday, November 2, 2016, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Crescenta Valley High School Auditorium at 2900 Ramsdell Avenue, La Crescenta.

If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like the LA County Committee to know your thoughts, please email your letter of support to publicinfo@gusd.net, and we will make sure it is delivered to the Committee.

Thank you!