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LAUSD REVISITS INTER-DISTRICT TRANSFER APPLICATION PROCESS AND PROMISES NEW ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW SYSTEM *SUPERINTENDENT PLANS A NEW PROCESS FOR BOARD REVIEW IN SEPTEMBER 2010*

LOS ANGELES— During today’s meeting of the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) Board of Education, Superintendent Ramon C. Cortines announced that he is delaying his decision to tighten the LAUSD inter-district transfers application process citing discussions with parents, affected school district superintendents and the county superintendent. As a result, inter-district transfers for 2010-11 will continue to be available with the correct documentation.

Superintendent Cortines discussed how lax the District has been in the past regarding inter-district permits and promised a thorough review. Additional review of the administrative procedures for transfers will be conducted with the intent of introducing a new administrative system for further board review and discussion in September.

“I’d like to make it perfectly clear that LAUSD has made great strides in improving the educational options for students who reside within the boundaries of our school district. We have award-winning magnet programs, a number of California Distinguished schools, and campuses with small learning communities and personalized instruction,” said Superintendent Cortines. “However, to minimize the impact on students, I have asked staff to delay implementation of the new District-wide procedure. This will provide us with ample time to review the reasons for requests for transfers, analyze them and respond with solutions that may cause parents to reexamine the various educational options and opportunities that LAUSD has to offer.

“My hope is that parents and guardians of our District will continue to visit our schools to see those improvements and become our champions of an LAUSD public education,” Cortines continued.

Currently, 12,200 LAUSD students attend schools in other districts. Approximately 80 percent were expected to return to LAUSD schools under the revised policy, which would allow the District to recoup an estimated \$51 million in state funds based on student attendance. That money is allocated based on the district in which the student attends school.

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Parents will still have to apply for the transfer and each will be evaluated on some of the following criteria: parental employment, childcare, space availability, and educational options not offered within the District.

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