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Transition to a New System of Electing Board of Trustees Members

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Dear Acalanes Union High School District Community:

I am writing to update you and to encourage your participation in an important process led by the Acalanes Union High School District Governing Board.

On July 9, 2025, the District initiated the process of transitioning the method by which the Board of Trustees are elected. Under the current "at-large" system, all registered voters in the District's boundaries can vote for all candidates for the Board, regardless of where, within the District, each candidate and voter resides. Under the new proposed system, candidates will be elected by "trustee areas." This means only voters within a given trustee area can vote for candidates who reside within that same area.

Transitioning to this new system will require the Board to hold public hearings on proposed trustee area boundaries (or maps) prior to asking the County Committee on School District Organization to approve the change. If the Committee approves the change, "by-trustee area" voting would be held starting with the 2026 Board of Trustees election, on *Tuesday, November 3, 2026*.

The District will be utilizing the services of a professional demographer to prepare draft trustee voting area plans for community and Board review. The demographer will work with the District's legal counsel to ensure that all draft trustee area map options are in compliance with the California Voting Rights Act ("CVRA") and other districting requirements. The process of establishing the trustee areas will involve using the demographic data from the 2020 Census, in addition to other, accepted population and demographic information. **Please note, that this process has no impact on student and school attendance boundaries.**

Before draft map options can be prepared and presented to the community, the law requires the District to hold two public hearings to solicit comments and feedback regarding potential trustee areas. Thereafter, the District will be hosting a series of public hearings regarding the map options, once created. **The dates/times and locations of the upcoming public hearings are shown below.** You are invited to attend as many hearings as you would like. If you cannot attend a hearing or meeting and wish to review and/or comment regarding potential trustee areas as well as on the proposed "trustee area" maps, once created, please do not hesitate to submit your comments and feedback to the email address below. Following the initial public hearings, the proposed maps will be created and posted on the District's web site.

You may email any comments or questions to trusteeareafeedback@auhsdschools.org. You may also comment by telephone at 925- 942-9649.

We look forward to your participation in this important process in the coming weeks.

Sincerely,

John Nickerson, Ed.D.
Superintendent

Live Feedback Opportunities (Prior to Creation of Map Options)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place*</u>	<u>Time**</u>
Wednesday, August 6, 2025 <i>Public Hearing</i> <i>Regular Governing Board Meeting</i>	Acalanes Union High School District District Office Community Room 1212 Pleasant Hill Road Lafayette, CA 94549	7:05 p.m.
Wednesday, August 20, 2025 <i>Public Hearing</i> <i>Special Governing Board Meeting</i>	Acalanes Union High School District District Office Community Room 1212 Pleasant Hill Road Lafayette, CA 94549	7:05 p.m.

Live Feedback Opportunities (After Creation of Map Options)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place*</u>	<u>Time**</u>
Wednesday, September 3, 2025 <i>Public Hearing</i> <i>Regular Governing Board Meeting</i>	Acalanes Union High School District District Office Community Room 1212 Pleasant Hill Road Lafayette, CA 94549	7:45 p.m.
Wednesday, September 17, 2025 <i>Public Hearing</i> <i>Regular Governing Board Meeting</i>	Acalanes Union High School District District Office Community Room 1212 Pleasant Hill Road Lafayette, CA 94549	7:20 p.m.
Wednesday, October 15, 2025 <i>Public Hearing and Board Decision</i> <i>Regular Governing Board Meeting</i>	Acalanes Union High School District District Office Community Room 1212 Pleasant Hill Road Lafayette, CA 94549	7:20 p.m.

NOTE: The Governing Board vote on trustee area boundaries will immediately follow the third map Public Hearing on October 15, 2025.

*These Governing Board meetings and public hearings will be video streamed and recorded. The live streaming and subsequent video recordings will be posted on [Board Meeting Video Broadcast page of the District Website](#).

**The public hearing shall begin at the fixed time regardless of its order on the agenda. The Governing Board may first conclude any item being discussed or acted upon at the time posted, including any associated public comment.