

**CONTRA COSTA COUNTY COMMITTEE
ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION**

**PROPOSED FORMATION OF NORTHGATE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
INFORMATION REQUIRED UNDER EDUCATION CODE (EC) §35705.5(B)**

Pursuant to EC §35705.5(b), at least ten days before the public hearing(s) on the noted proposal, the Contra Costa County Committee on School District Organization is making the following information available to the public, the petitioners, and the governing boards of the Mt. Diablo Unified School District.

1. THE RIGHTS OF THE EMPLOYEES IN THE AFFECTED DISTRICTS TO CONTINUED EMPLOYMENT PURSUANT TO EC §35555, *et seq.*

Certificated Employees

The reorganization will not affect the classification of certificated employees already employed by any school district affected. In general, certificated employees may choose to continue their employment with the existing district or become employed by the proposed district.

For further information on the rights of certificated employees, please refer to EC §35555.

Classified Employees

The reorganization will not affect the rights of classified employees to retain their salary, leaves, and other benefits. In general, classified employees in the proposed Northgate Unified School District would become employees of the proposed district unless they met specified conditions to allow them to continue their employment with the existing district.

For further information on the rights of certificated employees, please refer to EC §35556.

2. THE LOCAL CONTROL FUNDING FORMULA ALLOCATION PURSUANT TO EC § 42238.02, AS IMPLEMENTED BY SECTION 42238.03, PER PUPIL FOR THE MT. DIABLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND PROPOSED NORTHGATE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND THE EFFECT OF THE PETITION, IF APPROVED, ON THAT ALLOCATION

The per pupil funding as determined using an estimate based on the Local Control Funding Formula for the Mt. Diablo Unified School District is \$ 8,836 per student. The estimated per pupil funding for the proposed Northgate Unified School District is \$8,150 per student. The effect of the petition on the Mt. Diablo Unified School District changes the current estimated per pupil funding from \$8,836 to \$8,969, an increase of \$133 per student.

3. WHETHER THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS INVOLVED WOULD BE GOVERNED, IN PART, BY PROVISIONS OF A CITY CHARTER, AND IF SO, IN WHAT WAY

The provisions of city charters do not govern the Mt. Diablo Unified School District and would not govern the proposed Northgate Unified School District.

4. WHETHER THE GOVERNING BOARD OF ANY PROPOSED NEW DISTRICT WILL HAVE FIVE OR SEVEN MEMBERS

The petition does not address this matter. If the Contra Costa County Committee on School District Organization recommends approval of the petition to form Northgate Unified School District, the Committee also may make a recommendation regarding whether the proposed district would have a five or seven member governing board. Recommended action: If approval is recommended, the Committee should specify that the governing board of the proposed Northgate Unified School District have five members. Please refer to EC § 35731.

5. A DESCRIPTION OF THE TERRITORY OR SCHOOL DISTRICT IN WHICH THE ELECTION, IF ANY, WOULD BE HELD

The petition does not address this matter. If the Contra Costa County Committee on School District Organization recommends approval of the petition to form Northgate Unified School District, the Committee also may make a recommendation regarding the territory in which an election would be called. Recommended action: If approval is recommended, the Committee should specify that the election be held in the entire territory of the existing Mt. Diablo Unified School District. Please refer to EC § 35732.

6. WHERE THE PROPOSAL IS TO CREATE TWO OR MORE NEW DISTRICTS, WHETHER THE PROPOSAL WILL BE VOTED ON AS A SINGLE PROPOSITION

The petition does not address this matter. The petition submitted under EC §35700(a) proposes that the territory of the Mt. Diablo Unified School District be divided and that a new Northgate Unified School District be formed. This petition proposes reduction of the size of an existing school district and the formation of one new school district. Therefore, the Committee would specify that the proposal be voted on as a single proposition. Please refer to EC §§ 35511 (a) 2), 35514 (a), 35733.

7. WHETHER THE GOVERNING BOARD OF ANY NEW DISTRICT WILL HAVE TRUSTEE AREAS, AND IF SO, WHETHER THE TRUSTEES WILL BE ELECTED BY ONLY THE VOTERS OF THAT TRUSTEE AREA OR BY THE VOTERS OF THE ENTIRE SCHOOL DISTRICT

The petition does not address this matter. If the Committee recommends approval of the petition to form the Northgate Unified School District, the Committee may also make a

recommendation regarding whether the trustees of the proposed district will be elected by trustee area or district wide. Recommended action: If approval is recommended, the Committee should specify that the trustees of the proposed new district be elected by trustee area. Please refer to EC § 35734.

8. A DESCRIPTION OF HOW THE PROPERTY, OBLIGATIONS, AND BONDED INDEBTEDNESS OF THE ORIGINAL DISTRICT WILL BE DIVIDED

All real property, and the personal property and fixtures located thereat, within the boundaries of the proposed Northgate Unified School District territory would become the property of the proposed district. All other property, funds, and obligations, and bonded indebtedness would be divided between the Mt. Diablo Unified School District and the proposed district in accordance with applicable provisions of the Education Code. Please refer to EC § 35560, 35576, 35736, 35738.

9. A DESCRIPTION OF WHEN THE FIRST GOVERNING BOARD OF ANY NEW DISTRICT WILL BE ELECTED AND HOW THE TERMS OF OFFICE WILL BE DETERMINED

The petition does not address this matter. If the Committee recommends approval of the petition to form the Northgate Unified School District, the Committee may also make a recommendation regarding whether or not the election for the first governing board should be held at the same time as the election on the reorganization of the Mt. Diablo Unified School District. If the Committee were to make such a recommendation, it would also specify the method for staggering terms for the trustee areas. Please refer to EC § 35737.