



FEEDER RELATIONSHIP FOR LEE ACADEMY AND YOUNG ACHIEVERS

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Problem Statement

If we do not modify the enrollment patterns at Lee Academy (LA) and Young Achievers (YA), current first grade students at LA cannot move together as a cohort in SY1617.

- YA does not have the physical space to absorb four rising 2nd grade classrooms from LA next year.
- Absent a change at the two schools, those LA students would be disbursed across multiple schools in SY1617.

Recommendation

Convert LA to a K-3 school over the course of the next two school years by expanding to grade 2 in SY1617 and to grade 3 in SY1718. LA will ultimately have four K0/K1 classrooms narrowing into two-strands for K2-3, and will maintain the feeder relationship with YA.

- This allows LA students to remain at that school through grade 3 and to transition to YA in grade 4.
- YA would remain a K-8 school and preserve early childhood seats.
- YA is able to absorb the two rising 4th grade classes from LA each year; YA would not be able to absorb four rising 2nd grade classes in SY1617.
- This change may ultimately be altered by the FMP, but this is the least disruptive option in the interim.

This Modification Request is Different from Others

- Although all school/grade reconfigurations are currently on hold due to the Facilities Master Plan (FMP), **this situation requires a change for SY1617.**
- As a feeder pattern that creates a continuous K-8 experience, **the proposed shift would only affect the two schools in question;** it will neither draw students from nor otherwise negatively affect enrollment at other nearby schools.

There is School Community Support for this Proposal

The school principals and their communities strongly support this proposal. They believe that this configuration would allow them to provide their students and families with the best possible experience.

- The Governing Board and Family Council at LA unanimously voted in support of the plan. Additionally, a survey went home to all LA families and of 81 respondents, 89% endorsed the current proposal to keep students at LA through grade 2 and up to grade 3.