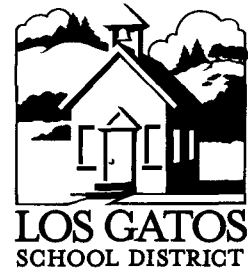


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Dear Ms. Cardoza:

Thank you for your report, "Achieving School District Efficiency Through Consolidation." Our response follows.

Recommendation 1. The Boards of Trustees should unify Lakeside Joint Union School District, Loma Prieta Joint Union School District, Los Gatos Union School District, and Saratoga Union School District with Los Gatos Saratoga [Union] High School District.

The Board disagrees with this finding. Our governing board has no singular statutory authority to initiate such a transfer. If there is a citizen or citizen's group that chooses to pursue such an option we will devote appropriate time to the proposal on our agenda. However, we have no immediate plans to place such an item on our agenda for approval.

Furthermore, the putative savings from such a consolidation may be overstated by the Grand Jury. If the districts were consolidated, the job titles and responsibilities may shift in a larger central office function, but the workload is not likely to diminish overall, so only a very few positions may actually be realized as savings. The impact of consolidating salary schedules in these particular districts may also have a negative effect on a consolidated budget.

Please feel free to contact me at 408-335-2001, care of the district office, if I can answer additional questions.

Sincerely,

  
Tina Orsi-Hartigan  
President Board of Trustees