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Dear Parents, Staff and Community,

The size of Albany Unified School District has been the topic of many staff room conversations. Staff has seen multiple cycles of the District accepting inter-district permits throughout our history. We have encouraged and accepted transfer students to bolster our revenues and expand electives at the secondary level. Many families have been legally accepted into our schools. The Board of Education has made it very clear that once we accept a transfer student, our intention is to keep that student through their K-12 school career.

Over the years there have been reports from school sites that some students, who attend Albany Schools, do so illegally. From a budget and facilities planning perspective, we need to know who lives in Albany and who does not. In these lean budget times, it is very important that we accurately plan for growth, decline or stable enrollment. Last year the District began a process of re-verifying the address of every family attending Albany Schools. We simultaneously began to actively investigate any reports of students illegally attending AUSD. To that end, we have exited 73 students over the last twelve months. These students did not live in the District and did not have inter-district permits.

Our 2011-12 student enrollment is 3803. Last year our enrollment was 3882. We have declined by 79 students. We currently have 493 inter-district transfer students.

2011-12 Total Enrollment 2011-12 Inter-district

Grade	Total	Grade	Total
KN	272	KN	9
1	278	1	6
2	295	2	16
3	291	3	12
4	248	4	29
5	272	5	37
6	294	6	42
7	313	7	36
8	295	8	57
9	309	9	49
10	289	10	54
11	326	11	68
12	321	12	78
Grand Total	3803	Grand Total	493

There are 25 students who have transferred to nearby districts. These students leave Albany for various reasons but mainly to be closer to where a parent works.

Transfer Out	Requested School District						Grand Total
	Alameda	Berkeley	Oakland	Piedmont	San Francisco	WCCUSD	
K		2				1	3
1		1					1
2							
3		1					1
4							
5		2					2
6							
7		2		1		1	4
8							
9		4					4
10	1		1			1	3
11		2			1		3
12		1		1		1	3
Not Stated				1			1
Grand Total	1	15	1	3	1	4	25

We will continue to annually re-verify all AUSD families. Inter-District students must annually re-new their permits. We will continue to investigate reports of students who do not live in the district and do not possess an inter-district permit. This way we have accurate information to plan our District's future.

Sincerely,

Marla Stephenson

Superintendent