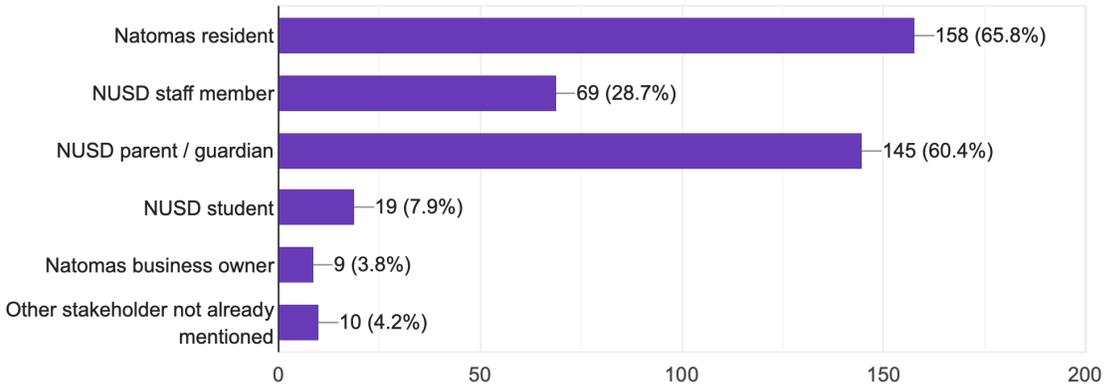


### 3rd Community Survey

#### Additional Stakeholder Engagement Survey - Upcoming Transition to By-Trustee Areas September 2021

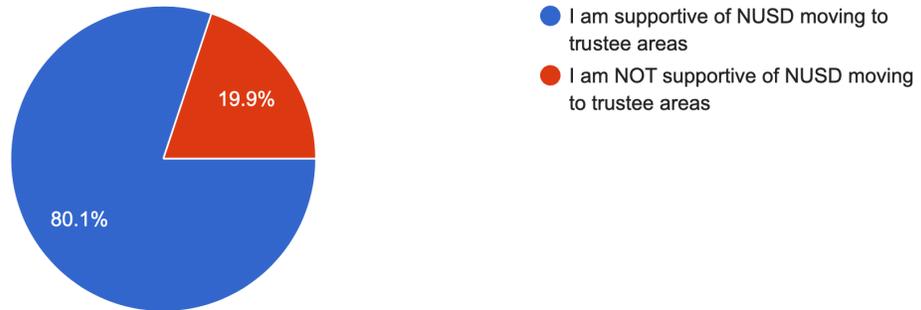
I am a member of the following stakeholder group(s) in Natomas Unified (please check all that apply):

240 responses

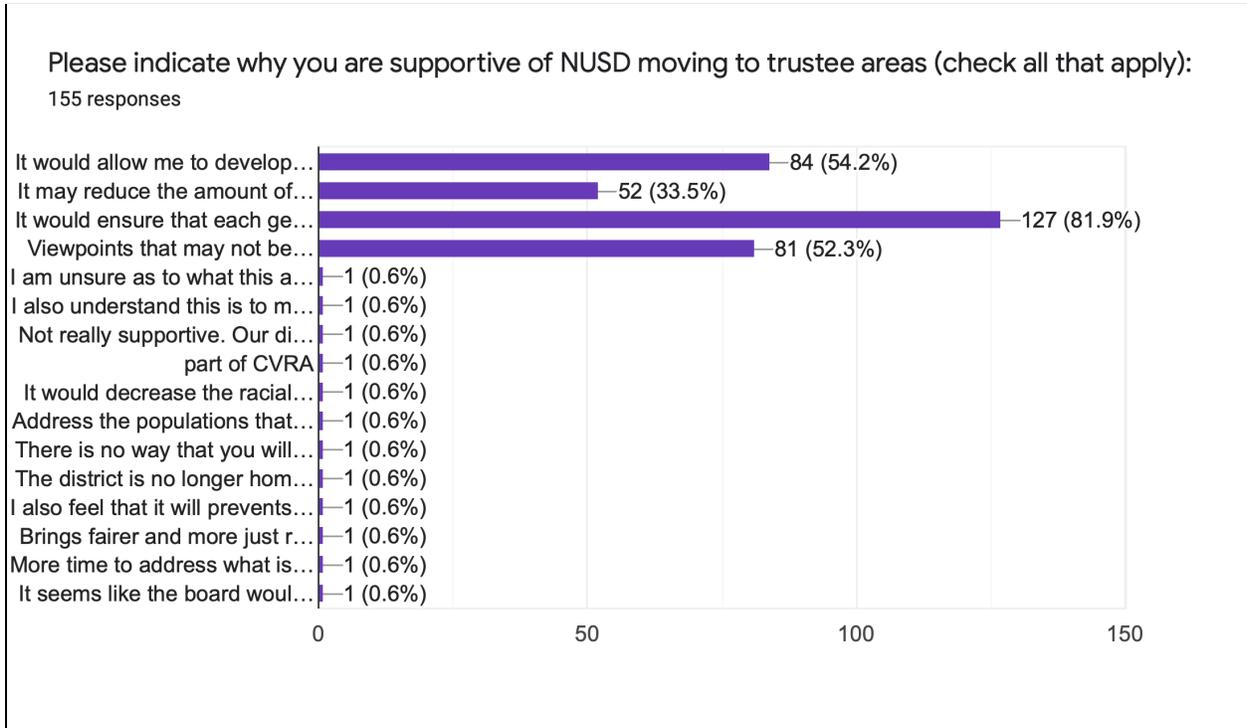


Please select one of the following options below:

191 responses



**[If you are supportive question]**



**[If you are not supportive question]**

**Please briefly explain why you are NOT supportive of NUSD moving to trustee areas:**

26 responses

Dishonest board members

I don't have enough information. Not sure if this will increase the inequities of the education system. Representation should be determined across all district areas on an at-large platform. I'm concerned that fragmented elective procedures (electing officials by designated sections of the district) will create inequality in representing the diverse needs across the district. However, a subcommittee of voices, advocates, and reps from each section could identify potential areas/pockets of need unique to certain area. For instance, rural-living students may require more access to internet or technology, while students living in highly populated areas of the district may express need for expanded transportation options to and from school. Segmenting the elective procedures designed to represent the diversity in population across the district may risk inequality in representation overall.

This is what we've always trusted and changing it doesn't seem to make anything "better"

Natomas is two places, South and North. North has all the money they don't also need all the power.

All Trustees should represent interests students of the whole district

There are not five recognizable regions with five high schools or middle schools or even two elementary schools in each area to designate for each trustee. Separate areas will lead trustees to focus on and favor their local schools instead of the entire community.

I think it's important our Trustees are prioritizing the needs of all students when making decisions, and not just those in their area. I have seen boards that represent trustee areas become very divisive.

Sometimes it feels and appears that the public or faculty members' presence and input are not in place due to the limited number of people allowed to attend meetings. There should be other ways people may attend virtually if not physically to have their feedback/responses.

I think as long as the trustee lives in the area of Natomas, that's enough for me.

I think it's best to leave things alone

Throughout history, having smaller areas in which an individual is elected as cases and never works as it is supposed to.

It is gerrymandering. I do not agree.

I don't know what a trustee area is.

Significant concern about equity based on potential demographic mapping

I don't understand the need to make the change, our trustees are already diverse. Why can't we keep things as is - we have already elected them.

Reasoning doesn't matter since this will proceed forward

Parental oversight is gone.

No comment

If there are multiple qualified people from one neighborhood, I am supportive of that.

I do not have any trust in the board, or local government, so any changes that occur can not be trusted either. This seems like another power grab to further allow unions to dictate the education system. Clean your house first. Remove any far left or far right educators who openly promote their personal politics to their students. Allow the kids to be kids, get back to basic education standards not Covid obsessed standards. Open more charter schools.

I want to be able to vote for the best candidates in the district rather than be incumbered by choosing someone based off of where they live. Location does not make you the best suited for a position.

I support the concept, but am concerned about the timing. After the recent targeting by Project Veritas and taking over of NUSD Board Meeting, I am concerned that, at this time, the move to By-Trustee Areas will be a political power grab. Individuals at the board meeting made claims about doing a better job than existing board members with little knowledge of the actual role. Few realize the dedication, diplomacy and knowledge required to be a member of a school board. Individuals taking the role for political purposes can have long term, negative impacts on our children, families and communities. We can't afford that right now. Again, I support the eventual shift, just think there is too much influence from outside our community right now.

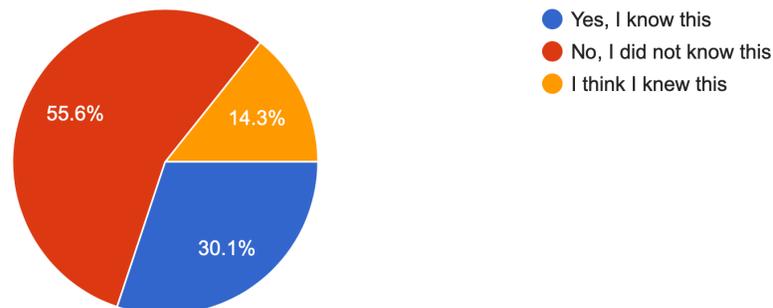
I believe that a trustee board needs to work together. I'm concerned that if only a few people choose the candidate that the candidate won't be able to work with other candidates and nothing will get done. Natomas residents move around Natomas, and should be represented by a trustee of their choosing. We are not big enough to break the Natomas area down into sections. I feel this divides our community into North and South, which what has happened with our city council. We then have problems in one area and not the other, like homelessness. The south has more homeless people than the North. We don't want any more of this disparity. My children go to different schools in the community, and thus could create different types of changes in one school area and not another school area. I would prefer all of the children to have one full trustee board, of all of us electing together. I like voting on all candidates. Keeping Natomas as a whole community is better for Natomas.

I think it is just going to make more restrictions that make governing even harder.

Costs. We need the money in our schools

Do you know that the Board of Trustees will be viewing proposed Trustee area maps during the October 27 and November 17 Regular Board Meeti... two meetings based on specific proposed maps?

196 responses



**If you have any other strong opinions or any other comments or questions about by-trustee area elections please feel free to share with us below:**

27 responses

I have no opinion, because I lack an understanding of what this is about

Please think about all the people in an area not just the most seen

Areas should represent many schools and not just be drawn along school boundary lines, keep incumbents, try and keep diversity on board.

I do not.

Try as much as possible to keep families going to the same elementary school with the same trustee,

None

Listen to parents

I think it will be helpful as I generally don't know much about all the different candidates before an election.

It seems like a great idea.

If the District were to use this there could be potential to also increase certain things when it comes to statistics, such as minority pass rate. Because for whatever reason specifically african americans have one of the lowest pass rates. I feel this would motivate students to try their best and could show them the "a black man or woman could do it then so can I" mentality. This is crucial in today's society and african americans in particular are severely underrated and tossed aside then to top it off teachers and others don't really care about it. I feel this is the first step to create a new beginning is by changing our school system

Kindly inform staff and public exactly what Trustee area maps are and what /how specific proposed maps would impact current status quo of proposed changes in Trustee and responsibilities if applicable. Thank you

The district does not have a chance at beating this. Save the money and change to Trustee areas.

Term limits would be another good issue to consider.

This is a bad idea that doesn't appear on paper, however in practice these often cause disproportionate representation that only helps the minority of people.

I do not agree with this. It is essentially just changing the will of the voters to remove a board member the board doesn't agree with.

I feel very strongly about this as the board has no representation from people that live in South Natomas and whose children attend South Natomas schools.

Not sure why this is needed since we can now go to any Trustee. Limits my options to go to one person.

Because Natomas is ethnically diverse and currently most of the trustees representing all of Natomas live in North Natomas, the residents of South Natomas do not get a fair voice of their concerns and I believe having a By-Trustee Area election would allow for easier resolution of concerns and issues that South Natomas students and their families have.

The only concern I have about the new By-Trustee elections is having vacancies due to not having candidates run in an area.

This seems like an equitable option to have all our communities represented.

This effort is not needed and should stop. Our board is already diverse and this is a waste of time and resources.

Fine with it as is system as well

I'm ready to do this!!

What election year would new districts go into effect?

Is there a way you could require all prospective candidates to shadow an existing board member for 1 month, ideally during a busy period such as when they are attending Back to School Nights at several campuses on one evening, reading through legal documents about policy and reviewing complex, multi-year budgets?

Irrelevant to this issue please take a closer look At each school parking and after school pick up situations are horrible for parents including charters . Why does the city or district allow this

Thank you for keeping us informed!