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City of Malibu / SMMUSD Joint Statement on School District Separation Negotiations

(Malibu, CA) – The City of Malibu and the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District released the following joint statement on May 15, 2023:

Negotiations between the City of Malibu and the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD), initiated in October 2022, led to agreement on a “Term Sheet,” which outlined a framework to accomplish formation of an independent Malibu Unified School District and Santa Monica Unified School District. The Term Sheet identified a goal of finalizing three agreements by April 15, 2023, but clarification of additional details will be required to accurately reflect the agreement between the parties.

Most importantly, the parties have reached an agreement that all students will benefit from the creation of independent school districts. Hence, the parties will continue to finalize key terms for the three agreements that will define the separation.

The next mediation session is scheduled for August 8, 2023. Meanwhile, an update on the negotiations was given to the Los Angeles County Committee on School District Organization on May 3 and was provided to the Malibu City Council on May 8.

For more information about the City's efforts to separate from the SMMUSD and create a locally controlled, independent Malibu Unified School District, [visit the City's MUSD webpage](#).

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