

# **Middle School Enrollment Policy Review & Community Engagement Process**

**Report to the School Board: June 23, 2021**

# BUSD: A Commitment to Integrated Learning

- In 1968, BUSD became the first major public school system to voluntarily integrate its schools
- The commitment to diverse, integrated school communities is a core district value

# **The Middle School Enrollment Policy has not been reviewed since 1994.**

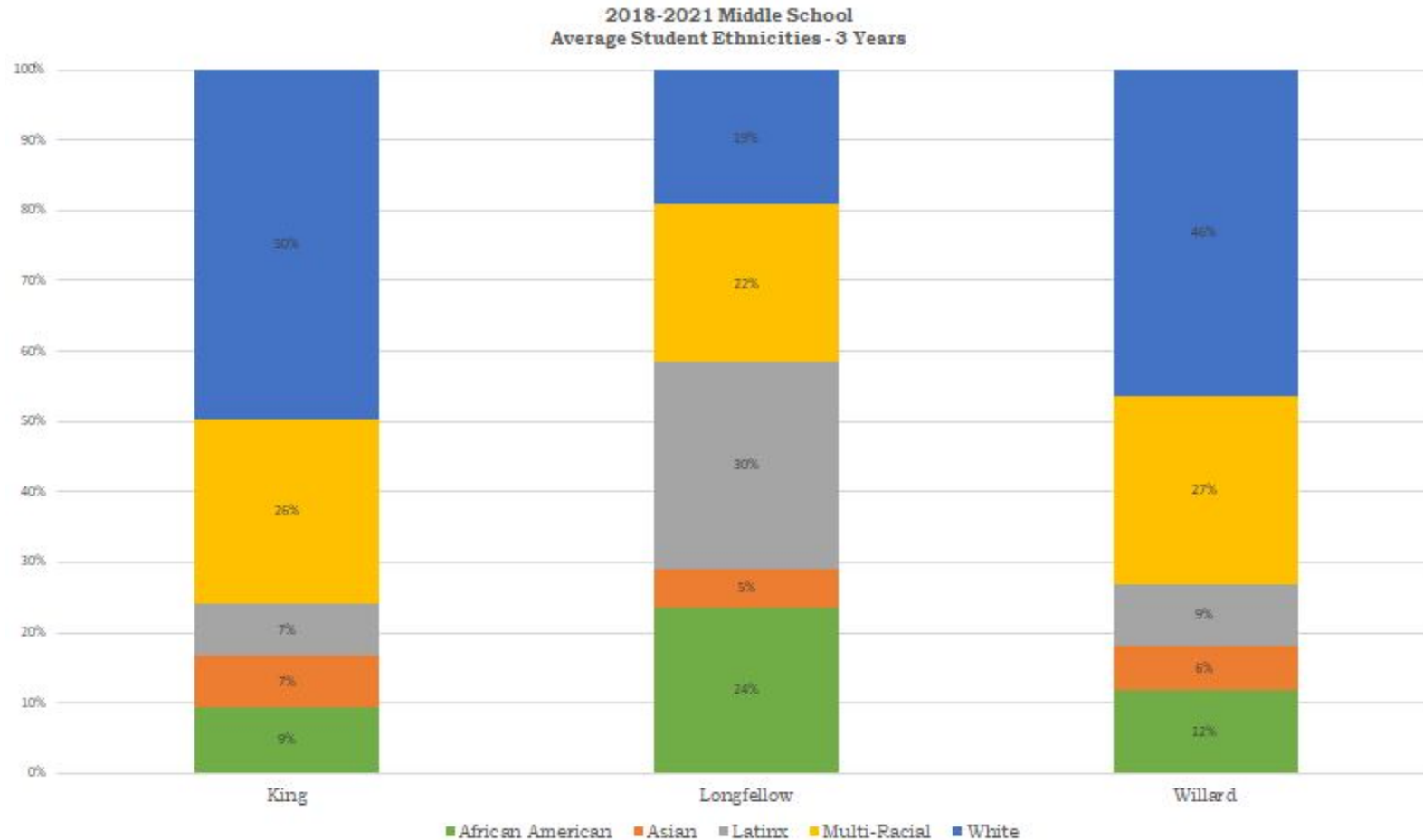
**Demographics and enrollment trends have changed since then.**

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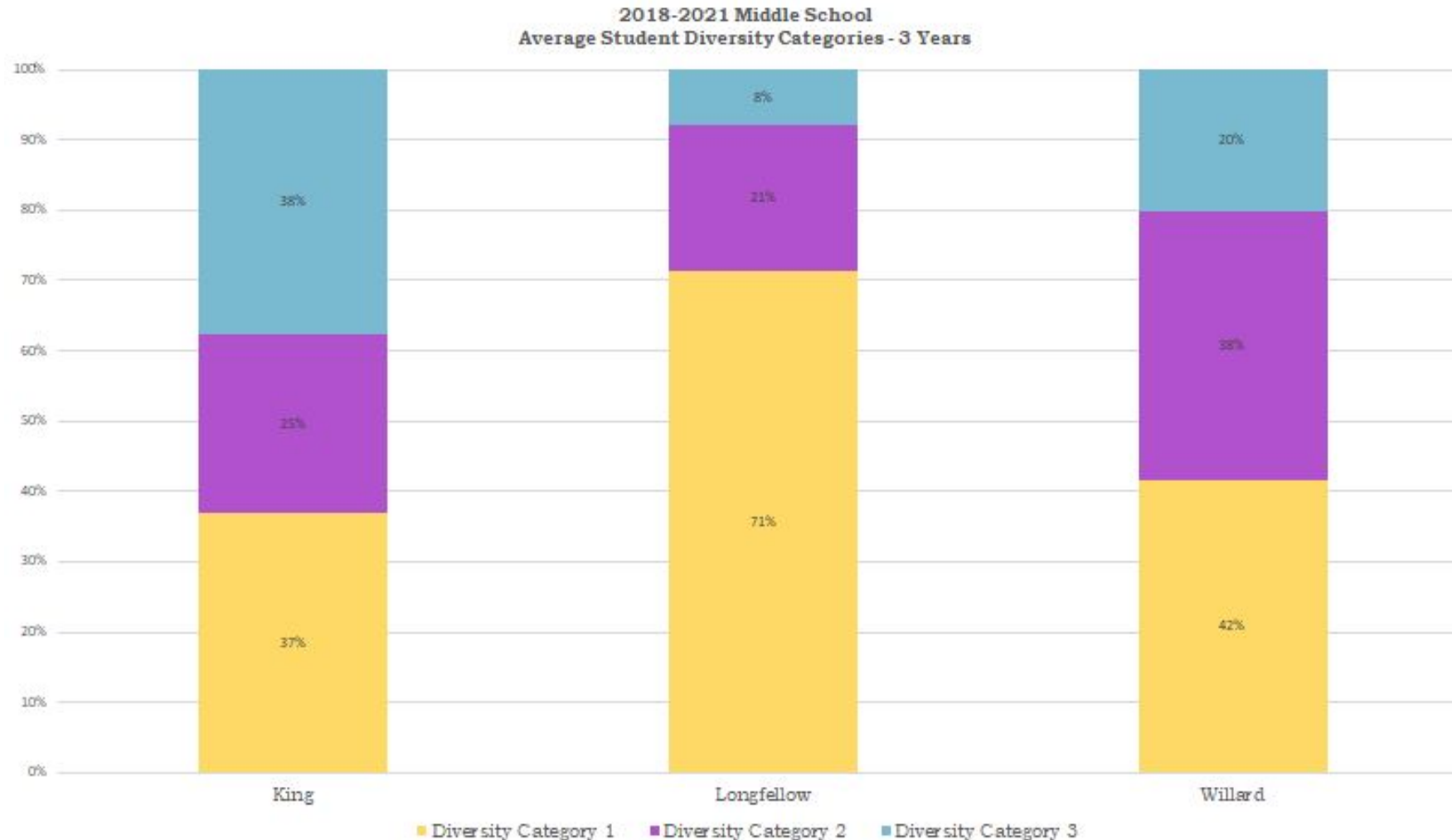
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- **BUSD middle schools are segregated.**
- None of the middle schools reflect the racial and socio-economic diversity BUSD seeks to achieve in its schools.
- **All three BUSD middle schools are impacted by this segregation.**
- The trend is expected to continue if current enrollment practices do not change.

# Middle School Populations by Race/Ethnicity



# Middle School Populations by Diversity Categories



# Enrollment Policy Alternatives

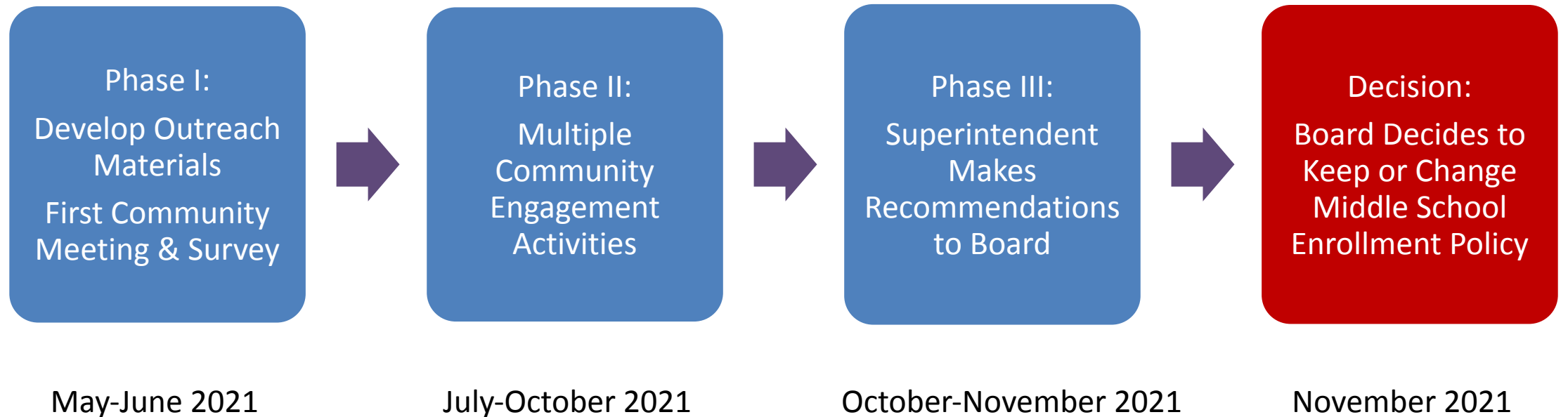
- Leave the current assignment plan in place.
- Create three new middle school zones that integrate BUSD middle schools socio-economically and racially.
- Create clusters of elementary “feeder schools” linked to a designated middle school.
- A newer, better idea that comes from the community engagement process.

# Community Input is Critical.

We want to hear every voice!



# Middle School Enrollment Policy Community Engagement Process: May-November 2021



# June 2021 Kick-Off Activities

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- **Launched community resource page on BUSD website**
  - Provides information & updates
  - Will be regularly updated
- **Elementary & middle school families survey**
  - Spanish & English Language Versions
  - Runs Thursday, June 10th to Thursday, June 24th
- **Two Community Informational Meetings**
  - Tuesday, June 29th from 6-7pm (English-language)
  - Wednesday, June 30th from 6-7pm (Spanish-language)
- **Community outreach activities**
  - A+ News, flyers, REMIND, news feed & more

# Planned August-November Activities:

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- Multiple community-wide meetings
- Small focus groups
- Educator engagement meetings
- Community survey
- Affinity-based meetings
- Ongoing communication & outreach

# Questions?