TO : ICEF Board of Trustees

CC: LAUSD Superintendent Ramon Cortines, LAUSD Council Member Steve Zimmer, Principle James Stapleton, LA City Council member Mike Bonnin, Del Rey Neighborhood Council

As a Stoner Avenue Elementary School PARENT, I am highly concerned about the proposed co-location of ICEF Vista on campus and I am urging ICEF to withdraw its request for space at Stoner Elementary campus.

A co-location at Stoner ES will create many problems for our neighborhood, students and both schools:

1. The co-location would take set aside classrooms that are currently being used by Stoner, but are considered "empty" by Prop. 39 standards. This would result in reduced resources for my child.
    a. These "empty" rooms are currently being used for special education, a music program, art classes, dance, theater, LA's Best (afterschool program), Speech therapist, virtual dental clinic, counselor, psychologist, teaching & learning PD, AP office, parent's center and adult English education for the community.
    b. Only 1 of the "empty" classrooms is truly unused by the school this year. Next year, Stoner will be adding a STEM lab and 2 class of K for the new Spanish Bilingual program, meaning all the rooms would be in use.
    c. Taking any of these rooms would be devastating to Stoner. If ICEF moves in, it would mean canceling or reducing resources and programs for our children.
2. Since ICEF and Stoner serve the same community, this co-location puts neighbors in direct competition for resources in our own community.
3. ICEF's core values include community and its mission says music, dance and art are not extras. Shouldn't everyone in the community matter? Our children deserve space for music, dance and art.
4. A co-location creates separate and thus unequal conditions on campus that put my child at a disadvantage.
5. Stoner has made many improvements over the past few years. The co-location will derail the progress that Stoner has worked so hard to achieve.

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