

A COMMUNITY PLAN TO ADDRESS ENROLLMENT GROWTH



AN UPDATE FROM PERRIS UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

OUR AREA IS GROWING FAST

Rapid enrollment growth has impacted Perris Union High School District and our local high schools face significant overcrowding as a result. Crowded schools and classrooms are not safe, and mean that students receive less one-on-one instruction, which is critical in preparing all students for future success.

While much has already been done to address these issues, there is more to do. Building additional schools and continuing to expand our existing schools will help us keep pace with this growth and prevent classroom overcrowding.

A LOCAL, COMMUNITY-DRIVEN SOLUTION

We know that we cannot rely on the State to provide the level of funding required to address the needs of local high schools. Last summer, we completed a comprehensive Facilities Master Plan to closely examine facilities needs and study the effect of enrollment growth on local high schools. Since then, we have been working closely with parents, teachers, local businesses and community members to develop a plan for the future of our schools and community. It is clear that a local solution to overcrowding is needed.



SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES

In order to fund these school improvement priorities and relieve school overcrowding, the PUHSD Board of Trustees is examining the possibility of a \$148 million school improvement bond measure. A local funding measure could:



Build a new high school in Menifee to relieve overcrowding at existing schools



Complete the final phase of construction at Perris High School, which includes additional career technical education classrooms, a performing arts center and a single point of entry for student safety



Expand the physical education and athletic facilities needed to support student health, fitness and safety



Upgrade career training facilities that prepare students for careers in healthcare, biomedical science, computer science, agriculture and skilled trades



Provide modern classrooms, facilities and technology needed to support instruction in science, technology, engineering, arts, math and skilled trades

LOCAL FUNDING THAT COULD NOT BE TAKEN BY THE STATE

Funding from a bond measure would be subject to mandatory accountability and transparency provisions, including:

- By law, bond funding could not be taken away by the State or federal government
- A mandatory project list outlining the use of all the funds would be included in the measure
- Annual independent audits and a Citizens' Oversight Committee are required
- Funding could not be used for administrators' salaries or benefits
- The cost must be limited to no more than \$30 per \$100,000 of assessed value (not market value) annually



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WE'RE RELYING ON COMMUNITY INPUT: THANKS FOR YOUR FEEDBACK!

Our area is growing fast and so is enrollment in our schools. For instance, Paloma Valley High School — which was built for 2,200 students and currently educates 3,200 — is expected to grow to over 4,000 students within five years. A local solution to enrollment growth is needed.

For the past year, we have been working closely with our community to develop a long-term plan for our schools and students. We have held community town halls, mailed out a districtwide survey, offered an online survey and conducted informational meetings for every community in our district.

We appreciate your feedback!



It's not too late to make your voice heard! Visit www.bit.ly/KeepingPaceSurvey to take our survey.

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