



Dear Meadow Park Community,

Last Wednesday evening, I held a parent information meeting to discuss plans for the implementation of Measure E upgrades at Meadow Park. Although we are in the early planning stages and have not finalized all of the details, I felt it was important to share the information we have to date and to hear your questions and concerns, so we can incorporate your feedback in the process.

During the meeting, we discussed the following:

- Meadow Park is scheduled to receive significant and much needed work using Measure E Funds.
- The IUSD Facilities and Meadow Park leadership teams are still finalizing the planned Measure E upgrades, which will be a combination of repairing our aging school and adding enhancements, such as doors on classrooms, among other improvements. Once the details are finalized in the coming months, I will share them with our school community.
- The reasoning for temporarily relocating our school site:
  - Student and staff safety – Meadow Park will be an active construction site with several work crews, construction equipment and vehicles. In addition, there will also be debris, dust and noise that generally accompanies such projects.
  - Minimal disruption to the learning environment for our students. Our students will be in a learning space that is comparable to Meadow Park, without the disruption and safety concerns of heavy construction on campus.
  - Rather than spreading the work out over multiple years, which would make our school an ongoing and active construction site, the work will be done within a one-year timeframe. This means, our students and families will experience the benefits of Measure E upgrades in the 2019-2020 school year.
- The timeframe for the relocation:
  - Summer 2018 – Teachers and school will relocate to El Camino
  - August 2018 – Meadow Park students will attend school for the 2018-19 school year
  - Summer 2019 – Teachers and school will move back into Meadow Park
  - August 2019 – Students will return to the upgraded Meadow Park campus
- Information about El Camino Elementary School:
  - El Camino has been in use as a functioning site for an adult education program, a Japanese school and IUSD professional development programs. In recent years, it was also used to temporarily house students from Deerfield Elementary School.
  - During the 2018-19 school year, Meadow Park students will be the only students attending El Camino. All other programs will be relocated to other facilities.
  - Although the site is in good condition, over the course of the next year, IUSD will make some improvements to the campus to ready it for our arrival. Meadow Park staff, along with the Facilities team will work to ensure El Camino feels like a special home for our students and families.



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- Transportation:
  - IUSD will make bussing available, at no cost, to all Meadow Park families.
  - IUSD is working with our team to determine the safest drop off/pick up zones.
  - More details will follow on bussing in the months ahead.
- Rainbow Rising:
  - Rainbow Rising will be available on the El Camino school campus.
  - It will also be available in the summer of 2018.
- Next Steps:
  - The Meadow Park team will continue to meet with the District's Facilities and Construction team, taking into account feedback from the parent meeting and subsequent feedback. We will continue to provide ongoing updates to the Meadow Park Community.
  - The District has launched a Meadow Park Measure E webpage [iusd.org/MeasureEmp](http://iusd.org/MeasureEmp), which hosts the latest news and information about Measure E implementation at Meadow Park.
  - The District has developed a frequently asked questions (FAQ) document that includes questions from our parent community. This is located on our Measure E webpage [iusd.org/MeasureEmp](http://iusd.org/MeasureEmp). In addition, if you have questions, please email them to [MeasureE@iusd.org](mailto:MeasureE@iusd.org) so they can be included in the FAQ.
  - The District will continue to work closely with me and our staff to address questions and/or concerns.

As I initially communicated with you, we are still in the early planning process and as a result, we do not have all of the details finalized. However, the purpose of the parent meeting and these early communications is to keep you informed at every step of the process and for us to hear your feedback, so that as our partners, we can incorporate that feedback into the process. I understand that it may be disconcerting for some that we don't have all of the answers at this time but as we move through this process we will have answers and we will provide frequent updates. If you are hearing information in the community that concerns you or if you have questions, please reach out to me directly.

I understand that this temporary relocation may cause anxiety or raise questions – we are here to support our students and families through this process. I also want us to remain focused on the tremendous benefits our students will receive from this vital work on our campus. I am already hearing excitement from students and hope we can continue to make this a positive experience for them.

Thank you in advance for your support and engagement. I will be communicating with you frequently and look forward to working with you to make our school an even better learning environment for our students.

Sincerely,

Thomas Potwora  
Principal