



January 31, 2018

Dear Parent or Guardian of a Student residing in the Los Olivos Residential Community:

**Please carefully review the following letter, which provides important information about the school your son or daughter is assigned to, beginning in the fall of 2019.** If you have a child currently enrolled in 8<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, this letter does not impact that child. This letter does impact future students or students currently in Kindergarten through 7<sup>th</sup> grade attending Irvine Unified School District schools who reside in the Los Olivos Community.

As you are aware, the children in the Los Olivos Community are currently assigned to Cypress Village Elementary School, Rancho San Joaquin Middle School, and Portola High School. Last fall, IUSD convened a Boundary Advisory Committee to review school boundaries and balance enrollment for middle schools and high schools serving students east of the Santa Ana Freeway. The Committee also looked at the Los Olivos middle and high school assignments and recommended the high school assignment for your community to be University High School, beginning in the fall 2019. This allows students who reside in Los Olivos to attend University High School with the other middle school students who attend Rancho San Joaquin Middle School.

At its December 12, 2017 meeting, the IUSD Board of Education approved staff-recommended boundary adjustments that may affect your student's school of attendance for high school. The following boundary change will begin in the fall of 2019:

1. The Los Olivos community will change their high school attendance assignment from Portola High School to University High School beginning with the incoming 9<sup>th</sup> grade class in the fall of 2019.
2. Future IUSD students and students currently enrolled in Kindergarten through 7<sup>th</sup> grade from the Los Olivos Community will have their high school assignment changed to University High School when they enter 9<sup>th</sup> grade.
3. Students who are enrolled in 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> grades for the 2018-19 school year will not have their high school attendance area affected.

In addition, at their January meeting, the IUSD School Board approved the staff recommended boundary adjustment for elementary students residing in the Los Olivos community. Elementary assignments, beginning in 2019-20 will be adjusted from Cypress Village to Alderwood Elementary School.

4. The Los Olivos community will change their elementary school attendance assignment from Cypress Village to Alderwood Elementary School in the fall of 2019.

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5. Students currently attending Cypress Village will be able to continue enrollment there if they so choose.

Beginning in the fall of 2019, this boundary adjustment will help to align the feeder system as follows:

- Elementary: Alderwood Elementary School
- Middle: Rancho San Joaquin Middle School
- High: University High School

In the interest of keeping families together, younger siblings of students concurrently enrolled in a school may apply to attend the same school as their older sibling. A sibling request for a change in an assigned school can be submitted to the district as part of the Intra-district School Choice process in January prior to the year a student is transitioning levels of schooling.

**Intra-district Transfers:** Additional information for intra-district transfers is available at the IUSD webpage by clicking on this link or typing this link into your web browser:

<https://iusd.org/about/iusd-enrollment/intradistrict-school-choice>

Our staff and Board of Education recognize that altering school boundaries impacts our families. However, adjustments are necessary from time to time to manage enrollment shifts that create capacity issues and unbalanced campuses, which can have a negative effect on students in all of our schools. The boundary changes created for the 2019-20 school year were vetted through an extensive process, which involved a Boundary Adjustment Committee composed of parents, students, teachers, and administrators, a Board Study Session, and community meetings. Most importantly, we believe these changes will create stability for our families and communities as a whole.

You can reference new attendance boundary maps from the IUSD website under Enrollment at <https://iusd.org/about/iusd-enrollment/school-boundaries-assignments>. For more information about this detailed boundary adjustment process, visit [iusd.org/boundaryadjustments](https://iusd.org/boundaryadjustments). If you have any questions regarding these changes, please contact the principal of your assigned school.

Thank you,

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