

# Brywood Elementary School

Irvine Unified School District

Dear Brywood Community,

Last night, I held a parent meeting to discuss plans for the implementation of Measure E upgrades at Brywood. There are exciting changes in Brywood's immediate future. Brywood is scheduled to have significant and much needed work completed using Measure E Funds. Rather than having the work spread out over multiple years, our students and families will experience the benefits of Measure E upgrades in the 2019-2020 school year.

Due to the large volume of work on the Brywood campus, our school will be relocated to Westwood Basics (1 Liberty, Irvine) for the 2018-19 school year. Westwood Basics is located next to Sierra Vista Middle School.

The decision to temporarily relocate our school was made for the following reasons:

- Student and staff safety – Brywood will be an active construction site with several work crews, construction equipment and vehicles. There would also be debris, dust and noise that accompanies such projects.
- Minimal disruption to the learning environment for our students. Our students will be in a learning space and environment that is comparable to Brywood, in the same neighborhood, without the disruption and safety concerns of heavy construction on campus.
- This is the most efficient way to complete the work within a year timeframe. If we remained on campus, it would delay the project and extend the construction timeframe over several years.

The timeline for the relocation is as follows:

- Summer 2018 – School staff will pack and be moved to Westwood Basics
- August 2018 – Brywood students will attend school at the Westwood Basics campus for the 2018-19 school year
- Summer 2019 – School staff will pack and be moved back into Brywood
- August 2019 – Brywood students will return to the newly upgraded Brywood campus

Although, in recent years, Westwood Basics has been used as a training facility for IUSD staff and a site for Portola Springs Elementary students, the District will upgrade the facility over the next year to prepare the school site for our arrival. We will have the same number of classrooms, facility, and playground space as the Brywood campus with the added bonus of doors on the classrooms. The Brywood team, along with District staff, are committed to making this temporary campus feel like home to our students.

In terms of next steps, the District's Facilities and Construction team is in the very early planning process and will have more details about the move and the planned project work for our school site in the coming months. In the meantime, if you would like general Measure E information, including preliminary proposed Brywood projects, visit [iusd.org/MeasureE](http://iusd.org/MeasureE).

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In addition, I am working with the District staff to develop a Brywood-specific Measure E webpage that will provide you with ongoing updates about the Measure E projects and timeframes on our campus. Included on the site will be a frequently asked questions section, news, a photo and video gallery section, with project renderings and before and after images, so you can see the work that is being done throughout the 2018-19 school year. This webpage will be launched in the coming week.

In the meantime, District staff are collecting questions and concerns for the FAQ to help the Facilities and Construction team work with our school community through this process. If you have questions or concerns, please email them to the District Measure E team at [MeasureE@iusd.org](mailto:MeasureE@iusd.org) and copy me as well.

As our partners, I feel it is important to communicate this relocation with you well in advance, so that our staff and the District could hear your questions and concerns to better incorporate this feedback into our planning. I understand that this 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. When discussing the move with your children, please emphasize the positive changes this will bring for our school.

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,

Astrid Ramirez  
Principal