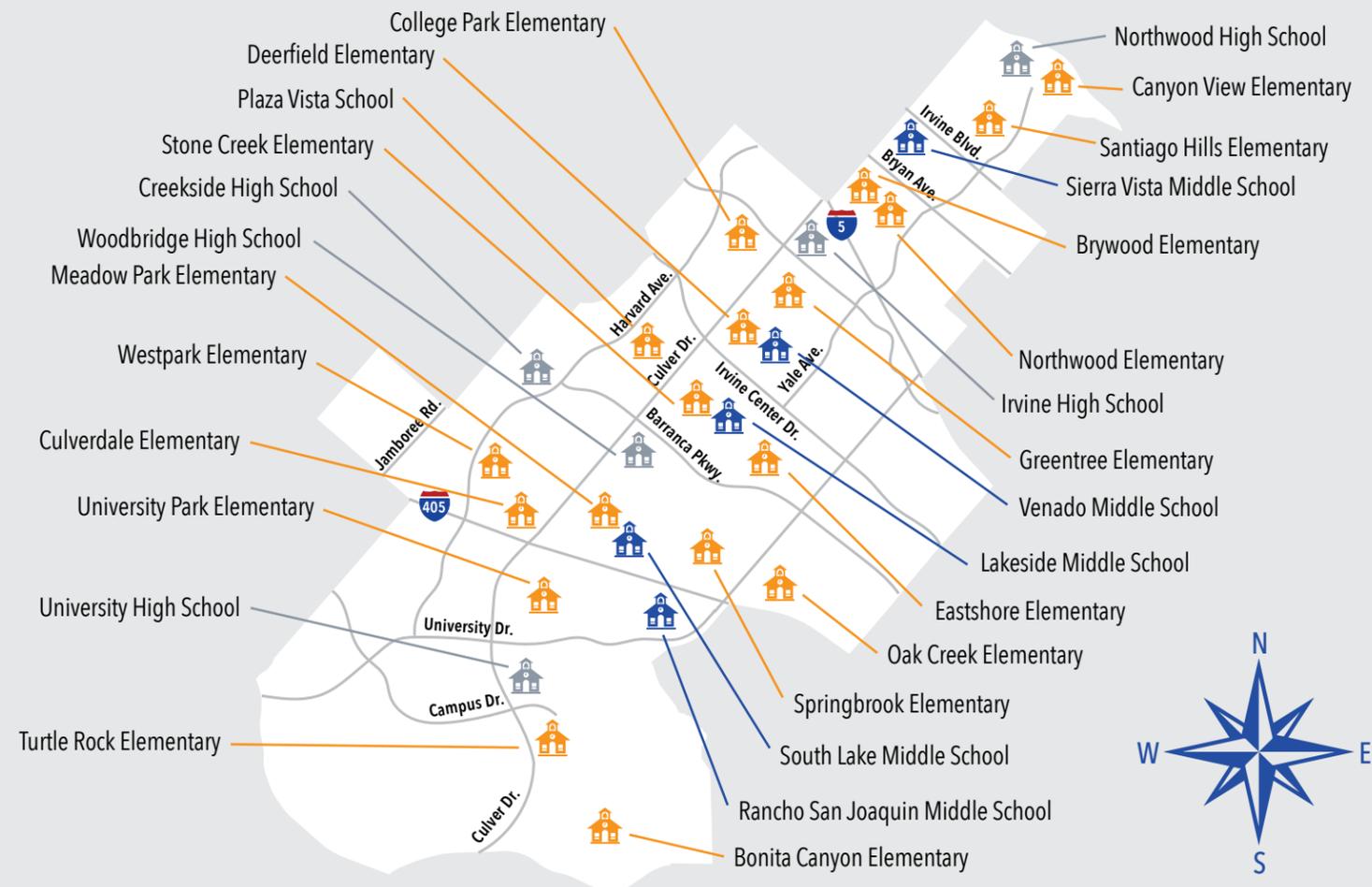


COMMUNITY SCHOOLS UPDATE

PROPOSED BOUNDARY FOR IUSD SCHOOL FACILITY IMPROVEMENT MEASURE

The neighborhoods impacted by the potential School Facility Improvement Measure would be based on elementary/K-8 school service areas. If your neighborhood is served by one of the schools listed below, you will have the opportunity to vote on this measure, if it is placed on the June ballot. If it is approved, commercial and residential property owners within the proposed School Facilities Improvement District (SFID) boundary would be subject to the cost of the measure. The middle schools and high schools that these elementary/K-8 schools feed into would receive funding for facility improvements from this measure as well.

The neighborhoods and schools included in the potential School Facility Improvement Measure are summarized in the map below.



NEWS FROM THE IRVINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE OF IRVINE SCHOOLS

DEAR NEIGHBOR,

I recently wrote to you about the Irvine Unified School District's (IUSD) plans to update our aging schools to a similar standard as our newer schools, so that all of IUSD's more than 32,000 students have access to 21st-century instructional technology and learning tools. To achieve this important goal, IUSD is considering placing a School Facility Improvement Measure on the June 7, 2016 ballot to provide a dedicated and locally-controlled funding source for the most urgent upgrades in our aging schools.



Updating Aging Schools

More than half of IUSD schools are more than 30 years old and are in critical need of upgrades and modernization. While some of our more recently built schools have modern classrooms and science labs, others do not. IUSD has worked to develop a Comprehensive Facilities Master Plan for the improvement of our school facilities. This process included a thorough expert assessment of each of our school campuses and input from teachers, principals, parents and students to identify the highest priority needs.

Planning for the Future of Our Schools and Students

With the District's school facility needs identified and prioritized, IUSD is now evaluating options for funding improvements to our schools. On March 1, at 6:30 p.m. at the IUSD Administration Center (5050 Barranca Parkway, Irvine) the IUSD Board of Education will hold a public hearing about placing a School Facility Improvement Measure on the June 2016 ballot. The public is invited to attend this meeting and share their thoughts.

Continuing IUSD's Standard of Excellence

IUSD is proud that our students continue to perform among the best in Orange County and in the state. We are fortunate to have outstanding teachers, challenging and innovative academic programs and a community that supports Irvine students and schools. These are all essential elements of maintaining the top quality education for which Irvine is known. If passed, a School Facilities Improvement Measure would help support outstanding student achievement by ensuring students have equal access to facilities that support 21st-century education and career opportunities.

Your Feedback Is Important

We asked for your priorities for updating our schools and in this document you'll find information about the school facility planning process and how we are using your comments and feedback.

Thank you for your interest in IUSD schools and your ongoing support for our students.

Terry L. Walker
Superintendent of Schools, Irvine Unified School District

UPGRADING IRVINE SCHOOLS FOR A MODERN EDUCATION

Aging schools in Irvine were built for a different era of education and have classrooms and science labs that must be upgraded to support modern learning, technology and academic standards. Irvine high schools need modern facilities and equipment to better support courses and training to prepare students for college and careers in science, engineering and technology.

After completing a thorough assessment of all campuses, IUSD has identified and prioritized the most urgent facility improvements and upgrades needed to bring our older schools up to modern standards. Facility needs are outlined in a Comprehensive Facilities Master Plan for our schools that can be read by visiting: iusd.org/masterplan.

As part of the school facility planning process, we asked for community input on potential school improvements. Here is what you told us are your highest priorities:



RESULTS OF COMMUNITY SURVEY ON SCHOOL FACILITIES



Percent of respondents who rated each item as a high priority



LOCAL FUNDING FOR LOCAL SCHOOLS

Given that IUSD receives the lowest level of per student funding in Orange County, significant facility improvements cannot be funded from regular school operating budgets without cuts to instructional programs and teaching. Only very limited state funding is available for school facility improvements.

As a result, the IUSD Board of Education is considering placing a School Facilities Improvement Measure on the June 7, 2016 ballot. If approved by local voters, this measure would provide stable funding for upgrading Irvine's oldest schools and would provide all students with equal access to modern classrooms, science labs and educational facilities.

YOU'RE INVITED: PUBLIC HEARING ON MARCH 1

What: Irvine Unified School District Board of Education Meeting

When: March 1, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Where: IUSD Administration Center at 5050 Barranca Parkway, Irvine, CA 92604

Why: Share your opinions to help the Board of Education make important decisions about a School Facility Improvement Measure