

December 13, 2017

Dear IUSD Parent,

Last night, during the Irvine Unified School District Board Meeting, the Board of Education approved boundary adjustment Option 1. This adjustment will keep the Stonegate Elementary School community cohort together and beginning in 2019, change the attendance areas from Portola High School to Northwood High School and from Jeffrey Trail Middle School to Sierra Vista Middle School. The Board also voted to adjust boundaries for students from the Los Olivos community from Portola High School to University High School, beginning in August 2019.

After several months of reviewing enrollment data, listening to feedback from the community and receiving input from the Boundary Advisory Committee, the Board heard a final staff presentation and public comments before making its decision. To see video of the Board Meeting in its entirety, visit <https://iusd.tv/>. For meeting minutes and to view a copy of the staff presentation, visit <https://iusd.org/boardmeetings> and scroll down to the December 12 meeting date.

The District began the boundary adjustment review process due to extensive new residential growth east of the 5 Freeway. If no action was taken, Portola High School and Jeffrey Trail Middle School would significantly exceed their school capacities by fall 2019.

### **Next Steps**

Please note, boundary adjustments for the Stonegate and Los Olivos communities will not take effect until August 2019. At the middle school level, incoming seventh-grade students will attend Sierra Vista Middle School rather than Jeffrey Trail Middle School (JTMS). If a student is already attending JTMS and will enter eighth grade in 2019, he or she will remain at JTMS. For information about the sibling rule or school choice, [click here](#).

At the high school level, for both the Stonegate and Los Olivos communities, the change will affect incoming ninth-grade students in 2019. Students in tenth through twelfth grades, who are already attending Portola High School in 2019, will not be affected. Again, for information about the sibling rule or school choice, [click here](#).



Students who are new to IUSD or new to the Stonegate and Los Olivos communities in 2019, are subject to the boundary changes.

In the coming months, District staff will make recommendations to bolster Venado Middle School's declining enrollment. IUSD staff has been exploring options for enhancing Venado's instructional programs.

Additional information about the boundary adjustments for the Stonegate and Los Olivos communities will be sent in January 2018. In the meantime, for more information and updates, visit <https://iusd.org/boundaryadjustments>. Here you will also find a detailed Q&A that also includes answers to questions about Mello Roos fees and the boundary adjustment process. For comments or questions, email [info@iusd.org](mailto:info@iusd.org).

Sincerely,



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