



Dear IUSD Community,

A lot has happened in the last week and I wanted to take this opportunity to share some important information with you.

### **Florida School Shooting**

The IUSD Board of Education and the District leadership team are deeply saddened by the horrific school shooting in Parkland, Florida last week. Our hearts and thoughts are with the students, staff and families of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School and Broward County Schools. As educators and those who support and work in service of students every day, this tragedy is particularly difficult.

As you may know, our principals sent communications to our school communities last Friday, which included a link to our student and campus safety webpage, [iusd.org/SafetyResources](https://iusd.org/SafetyResources), which is a comprehensive web resource that provides information about IUSD safety initiatives, mental health and wellness resources, and information about what students and families can do to support safety.

Please take a moment to read this important resource. I would also like to ask that you re-familiarize yourself with the District's [Stay Connected to IUSD](#) campaign, which provides important information for parents, students and staff to stay connected to IUSD during an emergency.

Please know that the safety of our students, staff and community is our top priority, which is why each school and all District facilities have safety plans in place, which are reviewed and updated in collaboration with the Irvine Police Department's Emergency Management staff, School Resource Officers and other local emergency responders. In addition, our schools regularly conduct safety drills with students and staff to prepare for a variety of potential situations. Drills include procedures for lockdowns; shelter in place; run, hide and act; and earthquake and fire procedures.

Additionally, IUSD has a close partnership with IPD, which works collaboratively with the District on a daily basis related to all aspects of school safety, including threat assessments, student and staff trainings, and site-specific response planning.

### **IUSD Electoral Process**

IUSD recently received a demand letter to change our electoral process from at-large to a by-trustee area election process. To be clear, this process will **not** affect school attendance boundaries – it solely relates to the electoral system.

While the Board of Education, District staff, the Irvine Unified Council PTA and other District stakeholders do not agree with many of the inaccurate claims made in the demand letter, which do not represent our community, IUSD also recognizes that the state would like districts and municipalities to move away from at-large voting systems. As a result, we have begun evaluating our voting process and will have more information to share with the community in the coming weeks. In the meantime, please visit [iusd.org/BoardElectoralProcess](https://iusd.org/BoardElectoralProcess) to view a copy of the demand letter and to see a draft timeline for future public information meetings.

IUSD is one of many districts and municipalities to receive this letter. [Click here](#) for a recent OC Register article that provides additional information.

Sincerely,



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Irvine Unified School District

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