

## PVSEA Expansion Project FAQs

### What is the PVSEA Expansion Project?



The PVSEA Expansion Project is the proposed relocation of Pleasant Valley School of Engineering & Arts (PVSEA) and its students from their current location at 1099 Bedford Drive in Camarillo to Pleasant Valley School District's 550 and 700 Temple Avenue sites in Camarillo. These facilities will provide PVSEA with opportunities to use 21st century classrooms, modern science labs, makerspaces, more arts and music enrichment, and also provide students with a gym, locker rooms, expanded outdoor areas, and more. This new location for PVSEA will also provide additional space for projected future enrollment increases within the District.

Additionally, the Preschool Early Education Program (PEEP) will be moved to the Pleasant Valley School District's 550 Temple Avenue site, co-located with PVSEA's preschool, Transitional Kindergarten (TK), and Kindergarten programs. This will allow all PEEP students to be centered at one facility and create an opportunity to grow the program, serving additional special needs children in the future.

### Why are these moves being considered?

PVSD must accommodate a growing student population and specific facility needs with the existing campuses it owns and maintains. These campus moves are based on the following considerations:

- **To expand opportunities for all students at multiple grade levels.** PVSEA is a preK-8 school, with 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students who need facilities that accommodate physical education, music, art, lab and project spaces. The Los Altos campus at 700 Temple Avenue is an existing PVSD facility that meets the needs for PVSEA's grades 6-8, with room to expand for this growing program. As an Engineering and Arts school, PVSEA requires additional space to accommodate the STEM-focused curriculum and collaborative teaching methods.
- **To consolidate early education programs to one facility that meets the needs of younger students and expands services to special needs students.** Pleasant Valley School District's Preschool Early Education Program (PEEP) has outgrown its program site at Dos Caminos Elementary, where adequate facilities cannot be added. PEEP will be relocated to 550 Temple Ave., and co-located with PVSEA's preschool, Transitional Kindergarten (TK), and Kindergarten programs. Additionally, the Pleasant Valley Neighborhoods for Learning program (PVnFL) will be consolidated at 550 Temple Ave.
- **To anticipate projected growth in Camarillo's student population.** Based on housing currently under construction in Camarillo (more than 2000 units in planning and

construction phases), the Pleasant Valley School District will see an increase of new students. Expanding PVSEA to the Temple Avenue campuses will accommodate the projected increase in student population at all grade levels, preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

### **What happens to University Prep Charter School (UPCS) and Triton Academy?**

University Prep Charter School (UPCS), currently located at two Pleasant Valley School District sites - 550 Temple Avenue and 700 Temple Avenue - will be offered the 1099 Bedford Drive PVSD facility, providing the charter school with adequate facilities in accordance with [Prop 39](#). This will also allow the charter school to be housed at one location instead of two separate sites moving forward.

Triton Academy, currently located at 700 Temple Avenue, has already [announced](#) their intentions to move to another location in Camarillo for the 2018-2019 school year.

### **When will these schools be moving?**

The Pleasant Valley School District campus moves (PVSEA, PEEP, and PVNfL) will take place during the summer break in 2018, when retrofitting for grade-level needs can be accomplished without interruption to instruction days.

### **When was this decision made? Why are we just hearing about this move?**

Pleasant Valley School District is constantly assessing the school facilities needs and planning for contingencies. This involves enrollment projections, cost analysis, information gathering, stakeholder input, and risk assessment - all with the goal of being able to offer students the best education possible. The feasibility of making these proposed changes has been considered and discussed for over a year. The challenge in this situation was that the state's Proposition 39 process for charter school facilities constrained the District's ability to communicate with the entire community until after a formal facilities offer could be made to the charter school. Now that the Proposition 39 process has progressed to the point of a formal offer, a wider community discussion is appropriate. PVSD's Superintendent, Dr. Ramsey, has set up meetings with the PVSEA parents for group planning for the education opportunities that will be offered to students.

### **What does that mean for my student who attends University Prep Charter School (UPCS)?**

Families whose students attend the University Preparation Charter School have choices. They may choose to continue attending the UPCS program at the new location. Or students may attend the expanded PVSEA program. PVSD and UPCS administrators are committed to supporting families in choosing the program and location that works best for their student's needs. If you are a current UPCS family, please contact the UPCS office if you have specific questions about your student's needs. [Here](#) is a link to the UPCS website.

**Will the neighborhood school boundaries be changing for the Pleasant Valley School District?**

Pleasant Valley School District will be updating school attendance zone procedures to reflect these new opportunities for students. Please stay tuned for more information on this subject. In the meantime, it is important to note that PVSD is a district of choice. Many families in PVSD choose to have their students attend schools outside of their primary attendance zone. PVSD seeks to help every family find the right fit and the right program for their students.

**Does my University Prep Charter School (UPCS) student get priority at the new Pleasant Valley School of Engineering & Arts (PVSEA) location?**

PVSD will be updating attendance zone policies. Please stay tuned for additional details. In the meantime, for most families the answer is yes. Neighborhood families are given a priority.

**Does my Pleasant Valley School of Engineering & Arts (PVSEA) student have to move to the new PVSEA location?**

Families whose students attend the PVSEA school have choices. They may choose to continue attending the PVSEA program at the new location. Or families may choose to apply to attend the UPCS program that is slated to move to the Bedford Drive campus. PVSD and UPCS administrators are committed to supporting families in choosing the program and location that works best for their student's needs.

**Will transportation be provided to and from current school locations to new school locations?**

A few families have expressed concerns about transportation. PVSD's administrators want to hear about this, and any other concerns that families have. The district will be holding a stakeholder meeting on February 8th at the PVSEA campus and conducting a survey to study this, and other concerns. We will work together with families to find solutions.

**Who do I address my specific questions to?**

For specific questions about your student's future at the expanded PVSEA campus, please contact the PVSEA school office at 805-482-1954. PVSEA Principal Mr. Holtke will be happy to discuss your student's specific needs and the exciting opportunities that will be available.