



PERUVIAN PARK

E L E M E N T A R Y

Subject: Update on the rebuild of Peruvian Park

Dear Panther families,

It's hard to believe we're nearing the end of the first term. Winter is approaching and before we know it, spring will arrive when we'll be breaking ground on the new Peruvian Park Elementary.

Architects are making steady progress on the design of the rebuild. Just as the pandemic has altered schools, it has also disrupted the construction industry. Due to plumbing and electrical supply-chain delays, shortages of steel and concrete, and labor shortages caused by the quarantine of construction workers, the Canyons District administration is concerned about project delays on our new building. As a result, they are recommending that we begin construction on the new school in April. This would require us to move to the Crescent View Building over Spring Recess, April 5-9, 2021. This means that when students return from the break on Monday, April 12, they'll be attending school at the Crescent View building.

Breaking ground this spring gives us two valuable months of build time. We will improve our chances of completing our new school by August 2022 and save on construction costs. We also hope that locating over the natural break of Spring Recess will minimize inconvenience for families since many students are already learning remotely and Fridays are a continued learning day at home.

The Transportation Department and the Planning and Enrollment Department are currently working to establish busing routes for the move to the Crescent View building in April to make the transition as seamless as possible. Stops will be available for students within the school boundaries. We are also mapping the homes of SALTA students to determine bus stops outside of the school boundaries to accommodate SALTA families. I've spoken with our School Community Council and faculty members about the circumstances we face, and they have endorsed plans for an early move. We expect the Canyons Board of Education to discuss and possibly take action on the proposal at their Tuesday, Dec. 1 meeting.

I'm sure you have many questions about the logistics of such a move. More information about bus routes, class locations and school schedules will be shared as soon as plans are finalized. In the meantime, I welcome your feedback. Please don't hesitate to email or call me with any questions.

This year has been tough on all of us, and I'm so grateful for the hard work of our staff, the resilience of our students, and the support of our families. There are great things happening every day in our classrooms online and in-person, and we should take pride knowing we've worked together to make that possible.

Sincerely,

Leslie Jewkes