

**NEWS UPDATE**  
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## February CUCPTSA News Update

### 2018 CUSD TEACHERS OF THE YEAR

- Elementary School Teacher of the Year: Carol Cutkomp, Tijeras Creel Elementary
- Middle School Teacher of the Year: Susan Peterson, Niguel Hill Middle School
- High School Teacher of the Year: David Pino, Serra High School

Information on our Teachers of the Year can be found in our press release here:  
<http://capousd.ca.schoolloop.com/>

### SCHOOL OF CHOICE WINDOW

School of Choice is now open and will close on March 2, 2018. Capistrano Unified School District's School of Choice program offers parents within the CUSD boundaries the opportunity to apply for another CUSD school for their child. You can find information on School of Choice here: [http://safety-capousd-ca.schoolloop.com/cms/page\\_view?d=x&piid=&vpid=1509613849260](http://safety-capousd-ca.schoolloop.com/cms/page_view?d=x&piid=&vpid=1509613849260)

### CVHS ELECTRIC CAR “TEST DRIVE”

Mission Viejo Mayor Ed Sachs and the General Manager of Land Rover Mission Viejo will join CVHS students and staff on February 7, 2018 to test drive the electric car the students built in the automotive pathway.

### REQUEST TO INITIATE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FORSTER CANYON PLANNED COMMUNITY CDP 81-01

As you may know CUSD has made a request to the San Juan Capistrano City Council to Initiate an Amendment to the Forster Canyon Planned Community CDP 81-01 regarding the 7.29-acre property at the northeast corner of Camino Las Ramblas and Avenida California that is on their February 6, 2018 Agenda. City staff is recommending that the council approve the agenda item.

### **Community Outreach and Special Studies**

The District has sent mailers to all 580 property owners in the Las Ramblas Canyon and all property owners in Pacifica San Juan inviting them to attend Community Forums.

These forums were held on October 23, 2017 and November 28, 2017 at the District Headquarters to solicit community input on the Project. The District also prepared civil engineering studies, traffic studies, and emergency evacuation route impacts for various levels of development.

### **New Land Use Request**

As a result of the community input and the engineering studies, the District has reduced its request by 64% from a maximum of 130 condominium units to a maximum of 47 single family homes with a heavily landscaped perimeter on Las Ramblas and Via de Agua. This density of a little over 6 homes per acres will be compatible with the size and type of housing in the existing surrounding neighborhood.

### **Use of Proceeds from Sale**

It is important to note that all proceeds from the sale of the property will be used to make needed capital improvements to the two schools that serve the Las Ramblas area, Palisades Elementary School and Shorecliffs Middle School. Our priority is to invest in the education of our young people through direct investments in their classrooms and campuses.

### **EXTENDED DAY KINDERGARTEN**

Our tentative agreement with the Teacher's Union provides our young CUSD families with the option of Extended Day Kindergarten at up to 11 pilot schools this fall and **at every elementary school** throughout our District in the fall of 2019! The Superintendent will be chairing an implementation committee to ensure a smooth transition as we move toward District-wide implementation of Extended Day Kindergarten.

Our Board will vote on the Tentative Agreement with CUEA at a Special Meeting on February 13, 2018. Details in the Tentative Agreement were shared with the Community on January 17, 2018:

*Dear Capistrano Unified School District Community:*

*As announced last Friday, we have reached a tentative agreement with our teachers union. This three-year agreement will provide stability for our District and allow us to continue to operate efficiently, while remaining focused on the education of our young people.*

*This tentative agreement provides our young CUSD families with the option of Extended Day Kindergarten at up to 11 pilot schools this fall and at every elementary school throughout our District in the fall of 2019!*

*The tentative agreement provides teachers a 1 percent ongoing salary increase retroactive to 2016-17, a further 1 percent this year, and a 1 percent contingent increase*

*for the 2018-19 school year, which relies on full implementation of the Governor's budget proposal as described on January 10, 2018.*

*In addition, teachers will see protection from rising healthcare costs provided through an increase to the HMO medical plans District contribution equal to 0.6 percent for 2017 and 0.9 percent for 2018. For 2019, the District will set aside an additional \$2.2 million toward health and welfare benefits if the final adopted state budget is not reduced from the Governor's January 10, 2018 proposed state budget proposal.*

*Our agreement also allows us to take the initial steps to manage future impacts of rising healthcare costs with the formation of a Health and Welfare Benefits Committee. This committee will be made up of Capistrano Unified Education Association, California School Employees Association, Capistrano Unified Management Association, and Teamsters leadership along with the Superintendent and District staff to collaboratively explore opportunities to conserve dollars spent on health and welfare benefits.*

*Finally, the tentative agreement provides an early retirement incentive to our senior certificated staff that is contingent on participation and cost-neutral to the District.*

*This tentative agreement strikes the proper balance between the needs of our community, recognizing our teachers and staff for the extraordinary work they do with and for our children, and being cognizant of rising health and welfare costs and a very challenging school funding formula that was developed in Sacramento.*

*Sincerely,*

*Ryan Burris  
Chief Communications Officer*

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING: FEBRUARY 28, 2018**

### **SCHOOL FACILITIES AND FINANCE (POTENTIAL BOND)**

I want to first thank our Facilities and Finance Advisory Committee members for their incredible work over this past year. At our last Board meeting they gave a presentation on their research of Measure M and recommendations on how to move forward with a bond measure in the future.

Trustees and District staff truly value the time and expertise each of the INDEPENDENT members brings to their work.

We will be bringing a presentation to the Board on a possible bond measure with timelines for November 2018 and March and November 2020. Nothing has been decided and it will ultimately be up to the Board to determine our next steps.

We are looking at one approach that would look just at San Clemente to begin this work with paths to other high school boundary areas in the years to come, but again, nothing is decided at this point.

### **CCP & HEALTH**

The High School Graduation Requirements policy will return to the Board for a vote at the February 28, 2018 Board meeting. The Board came to consensus that they would like to leave health as a requirement and remove CCP as a requirement.

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