

Solana Highlands K-6 Conversion Community Engagement

November 1 and 6, 2019

Purpose

Provide the parent and staff opportunities to provide input and feedback regarding a proposed conversion of Solana Highlands to a K-6 configuration.

Outcomes:

1. Capture what parents and staff like about this idea
2. Listen to wonderings, challenges, or concerns
3. Gather and respond to questions

Leadership Profile for Superintendent Search

Three major challenges identified:

1. Labor Relations
2. Internal and External Communication
3. Shifting demographics and impact on schools Districtwide
 - a. Four of seven schools see enrollment declines:
 - i. Solana Santa Fe (approximately 300)
 - ii. Solana Vista (approximately 330)
 - iii. Carmel Creek (approximately 350)
 - iv. Solana Highlands (approximately 300)
 - b. PHR area seeing a temporary enrollment surge (wave)

An Idea is Born

September 2018 - Conversations continue regarding the assignment of PHR students to SSF, SH, CC, and SP

- Recognition there is not a K-6 option in Carmel Valley

October 11, 2018 - Board does not assign students to SH from PHR to enable the possibility of converting SH to a K-6 campus

October 17, 2018 - Meet and Greet to discuss PHR/One Paseo decisions and possible K-6 Conversion

An Idea that Promotes Choice

- Siblings may stay together K through sixth grade; or
- Families may choose to children to experience an intermediate level of growth prior to attending middle school by attending Solana Pacific with a grades 4-6 configuration (Intradistrict)

Original Timeline Considerations:

2024-25 - When Solana Highlands was being considered for PHR student attendance

2021-22 - Following the interim housing of Solana Vista students during construction

Exploring Additional Timeline Options

Option 1 (2021-22): First year with fourth (4th) grade students

Option 2 (2021-22): First year with fourth (4th) and (5th) grade students (students would have the option to return to SH from SP for 5th and 6th grade.

Option 3 (2020-21) - First year with fourth grade with a decision to consolidate speciality program rooms for the one year to accommodate conversion and interim housing.

Option 4 (2020-21): First year with fourth (4th) grade students (Solana Vista kindergarten and first graders at SH, with second graders housed at Skyline).

Community Engagement Process

1. Parent Leadership Team
2. Staff
3. Parent Community

We want your input



Frequently Asked Questions

1. Evolving
 - a. FAQ Edition 1 (November 1 and 6)
 - b. FAQ Edition 2 (December)
 - c. FAQ Edition 3 (January)
2. Posted on the SH and District website

1. What we like about this idea:

2. What wonderings, challenges, concerns we have:

3. What questions we have:

Next Steps:

1. Update responses to FAQ
2. Schedule additional community/staff meetings, if necessary
3. Prepare a Board update presentation (January/February)
4. Make a staff recommendation for Board consideration (February/March)