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Los Altos School District Zeroing in on Land for Tenth School Site

LOS ALTOS — After a diligent, community-driven process, the Los Altos School District is taking steps to acquire land at 5150 El Camino Real in Los Altos on which to build a new school tailored to 21st century learning.

For more than four years, the school district has worked closely with the community to determine the best solution to address growing student enrollment and school overcrowding. These efforts culminated in the development and passage of Measure N, which LASD voters approved in November 2014. Significant input from a 26-member Facilities Master Plan Committee and numerous community meetings, task forces, workshops and forums concluded that pursuing a 10th site—without closing or relocating any existing schools—was the preferred solution to addressing enrollment growth without compromising excellent education in LASD schools.

“We’ve left no stone unturned in seeking a piece of land at the right price that meets our publicly adopted criteria for a 10th school site” commented Pablo Luther, President of the LASD School Board. “Of the limited available properties, this site presents the best balance of our criteria for size, location, cost and access. The land in question not only meets the educational needs of local students but also reflects the extensive feedback we’ve received from the community in pursuing a 10th site.”

The four-acre site would allow for an innovative, multiple-story school mirroring newer high-density housing developments within LASD boundaries. With more indoor classroom space, creative outdoor spaces and the possibility of a performing arts theater, the proposed school could support an array of hands-on science, arts and music programming, in addition to traditional core academic offerings.

Superintendent Jeffrey Baier said, “This site is a unique opportunity to provide an innovative new school that fits the rapidly changing landscape of our community and would provide the level of academic excellence that local students deserve. We’re excited to continue to collaborate with the community to create the best school for our students.”

ABOUT THE LOS ALTOS SCHOOL DISTRICT: Los Altos School District operates seven elementary and two junior high schools and is a top-rated school district in the State of California. LASD serves 4,700 K-8 students from portions of Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Mountain View and Palo Alto. All nine schools in the district have been California Distinguished Schools and/or National Blue Ribbon Schools. LASD is nationally recognized for its many educational innovations and awards. To learn more, visit www.lasdschools.org. For information about enrollment growth, facilities planning and Measure N, click on the big blue “Master Facilities Plan” button.

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