

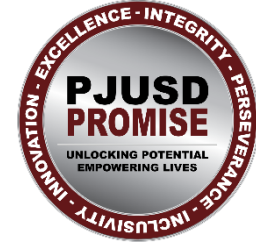
Patterson Unified School District
510 Keystone Boulevard
Patterson, CA 95363
(209) 895-7700 Fax (209) 892-5803
www.patterson.k12.ca.us



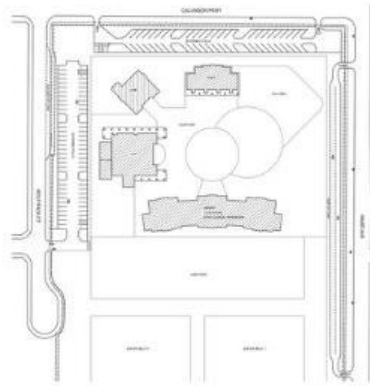
Reyes Gauna, Ed.D
Superintendent

Media Release

Contact: Johnny Padilla, Communications & Grants Coordinator



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
July 18, 2024



PJUSD TO ASSEMBLE ADHOC COMMITTEE TO NAME NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

At a Special Board Meeting of the Patterson Joint Unified School District (PJUSD) Board of Trustees in June 2024, the Board directed PJUSD staff to initiate the process of naming the new elementary school, which will be located at the intersection of Ward Ave and Calvison Parkway. This process will begin with assembling an ad hoc committee comprising stakeholders from within the school district and throughout the community to help select a suitable name for the new facility.

Background

The new elementary school will be situated on a 12-acre site featuring a two-story classroom facility, a kindergarten classroom building, an administrative building, a multipurpose building, hardcourt/playfields, approximately 110 parking spaces, and a capacity for about 744 students. Construction is funded primarily through Measure E bond

funds, approved by the Patterson community in November 2022. State reimbursements and negotiated developer fees will also contribute to construction costs.

Early development of the facility commenced in February 2024, including contracts, geotechnical/geohazard reports, design schematics, etc. The estimated three-year construction process aims for occupancy in the 2027-2028 school year.

Naming the elementary facility is a necessary step as the construction company and district staff tailor the development specifically to our district and community's needs. PJUSD is calling on the community to participate in the naming process for this new elementary school by joining an ad hoc committee.

Naming Committee

The school naming committee will be comprised of a diverse group of individuals representing PJUSD, its staff, students and families, and the geographical area where the school will be located ([Trustee Area 2](#)).

Advertising for the committee will take place over the next few weeks targeting the identified stakeholder groups. Community members residing in Trustee Area 2 and its surrounding area who are interested in participating can apply by visiting the School Construction Page on the district's website and completing the Ad Hoc Committee form, indicating their intent, stakeholder type, and proximity to the incoming elementary school. Applications will be accepted until July 31st, after which they will be evaluated. The naming committee will look to officially begin taking action in early August 2024, with the goal of making its recommendation to the school board by the October 2024 board meeting.

To find out more about the new elementary school naming process or other District events, initiatives, and programs please visit www.patterson.k12.ca.us or call Johnny Padilla at (209) 895-7738. Follow us on facebook at facebook.com/PJUSD95363.

###

Board of Trustees

*Michele Bays * Martha Blanco-Arechiga * Kieran Carter * Carlos Fierros * Amanda Lozano * Dale Torres*