



**DEER VALLEY**  
Unified School District

# SPECIAL

2023-2024

# REPORT

## TO THE COMMUNITY

Showing A Return On Your Investment



### Message from the Superintendent

Dear DVUSD Community Member,

The Deer Valley Unified School District (DVUSD) has a **longstanding tradition of community support** as we see generation after generation of students walk the same halls of our schools and **grow up within the Deer Valley system.**

Your attention to the Deer Valley Unified School District is more important than ever this school year as our governing board has called for a Maintenance & Override Renewal and a \$325 million Bond **on your ballots, November 7.** While this may sound like a large sum of money, if passed, there will be **no increase to a tax payer** in our community as it is a continuation of the taxes already in place.

Inside this year's Special Report you will find highlights of what to expect to see if the bond passes, the **improvements that were made district-wide** as a result of the most recent bond, as well as highlights of student, and program **successes!**

Thank you for support of Deer Valley Unified School District as an **#extraordinary** place to learn, work, and belong.

Curtis Finch, PhD

Superintendent

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## FAST FACTS

[DVUSD.ORG/FASTFACTS](https://www.dvUSD.org/fastfacts)

See DVUSD's Growth and District Statistics by the Numbers!



Inspiration Mountain School

### Explosive growth highlights the start of the 2023-2024 school year

In contrast to many school districts in Arizona, DVUSD is **facing explosive growth within its boundaries** as new construction breaks ground across our community with much more to come.

The Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company's (TSMC) new facility continues to take shape and will bring thousands of jobs and new families to the District over the next few years. DVUSD is working to **accommodate this growth** while maintaining and strengthening its status as a **high-performing District.**

Thanks to **voter-approved, bond-funded projects**, DVUSD has been able to provide **#extraordinary updates** district-wide, including:

- **Opening two new schools** - Union Park and Inspiration Mountain Schools
- **Creating the Innovation Center-** a space for our **Aspire - Deer Valley's K-12 Online Academy**
- **Updating equipment, and uniforms,** for athletics and extracurricular activities, and the installation of new athletic turf fields
- **Remodeling media centers** including new technology

For a **full summary of DVUSD Bond projects and other financial information**, visit the District website at [dvUSD.org/Election](https://www.dvUSD.org/Election).



Above: Aspire Innovation Center

Below: Deer Valley High School new turf field, uniforms, and equipment



## Highlights of the Major 2019 Bond Measures Completed

- Construction and opening of **Inspiration Mountain School** and **Union Park School**
- Renovation of **Media Centers** at all 5 DVUSD High Schools
- Turf field** installation at all 5 DVUSD High Schools
- Technology **Upgrades** and Replacements

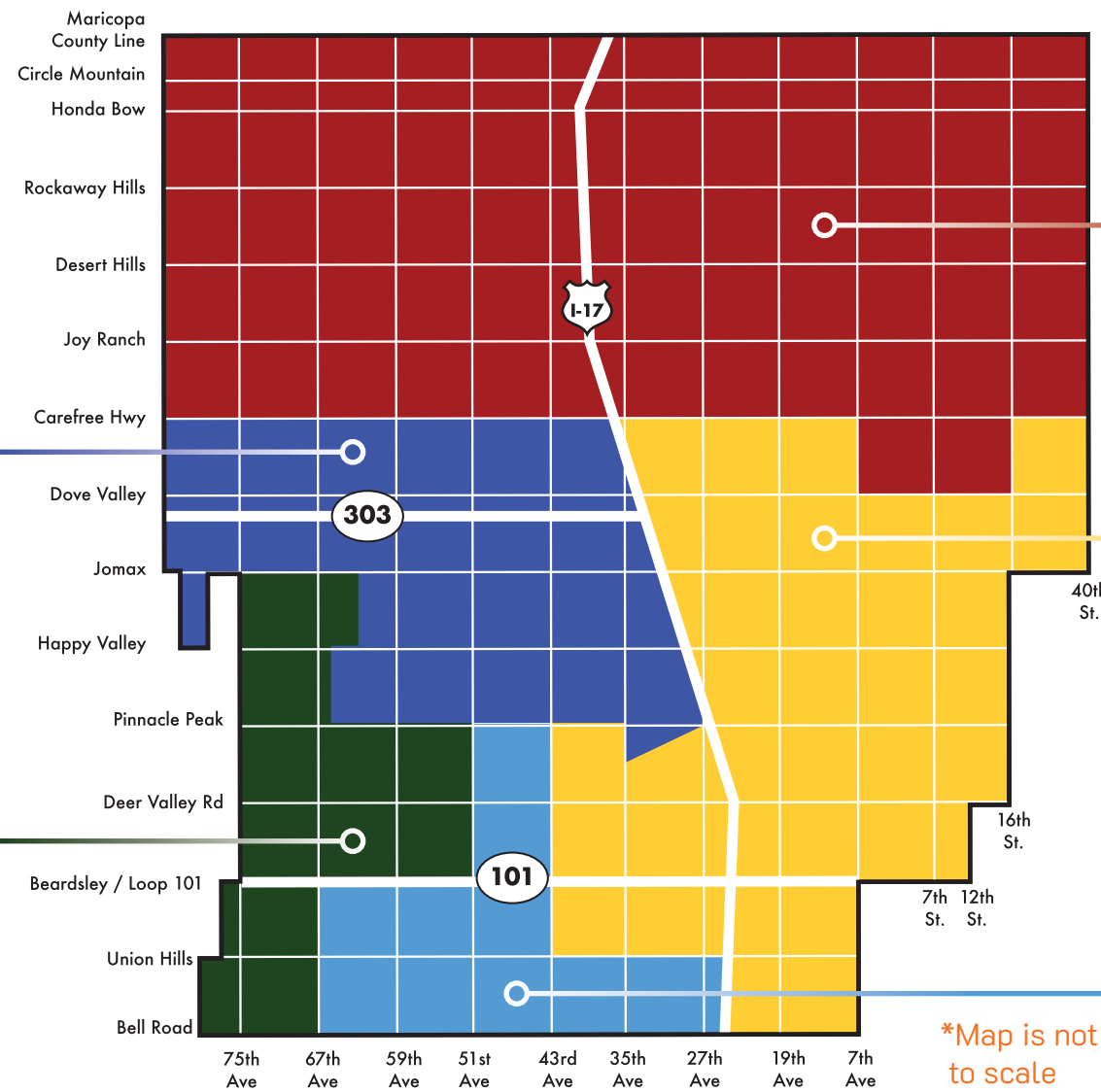
## Highlights of Sandra Day O'Connor Region

- Extra Curricular **Equipment & Uniform Replacements** (SDOHS)
- Resurfacing Improvements (Desert Sage)
- Energy Conservation** (Las Brisas)
- Flooring Replacements (Stetson Hills)

## Highlights of Mountain Ridge Region

- Locker Room Modernization (MRHS)
- Fire Alarm Upgrade (Legend Springs)
- HVAC Chiller Replacements** (West Wing)
- Update Campus **Network Infrastructure** (Hillcrest)

## Proposed DVUSD 2023 Bond Projects



## Highlights of Boulder Creek Region

- Stadium Bleacher Additions (BCHS)
- Technology Upgrades** (Diamond Canyon)
- Interior/Exterior **LED Lighting Retrofits** (Gavilan Peak)
- Hardwood Sports Floors Maintenance** (Desert Mountain)

## Highlights of Barry Goldwater Region

- Sand Volleyball Complex (BGHS)
- Restroom Renovations (Park Meadows)
- Security & Safety Improvements** (Esperanza)
- Roof Improvements (Constitution)

## Highlights of Deer Valley Region

- Infrastructure Improvements (DVHS)
- Playground Improvements (Arrowhead)
- Painting Improvements (Desert Sky)
- Makerspace Improvements (Greenbrier)

## DISTRICT-WIDE 2023 BOND INITIATIVES

### Safety & Security

Improving the safety features on every campus to ensure safe learning environments for all students and staff.

### Infrastructure Improvements

Upgrade the structural integrity of many DVUSD schools to provide the best learning environments for all students.

Creating additional space and classroom environments that cater to the needs of today's students.

Learn more: [dvusd.org/election](https://dvusd.org/election)

### Instructional & Technology Advancements

Equipping all campuses and classrooms with the most up-to-date technology through technology replacements, improvements, and upgrades.

### Programmatic Improvements

Providing DVUSD students with the tools and spaces necessary to appeal to all interests during their time at DVUSD including improvements to athletic, fine arts, and career and technical education spaces.

### Free Books for Kids!

The Deer Valley Unified School District invites your 3-5 year-old child to join the **Big Kid Book Club** before enrolling in kindergarten!

Let us help your child cultivate a love for reading and provide them with the tools necessary to have an #extraordinary educational experience. We will periodically send your child a free book in the mail along with helpful advice for parents of 3-5 year olds.

Sign up now to start receiving your free books today!

[dvusd.org/BookClub](https://dvusd.org/BookClub)



### Find out why DVUSD's Kindergarten is an #Extraordinary Place for your Child to Learn at Kindergarten Preview Night!

DVUSD Fall & Spring Kindergarten Preview Nights will be held at each of DVUSD's K-6 & K-8 schools  
**November 1-3, 2023 & March 7-8, 2024**

At the preview nights, meet DVUSD staff, tour classrooms, learn how to register your child for Kindergarten, and have your questions answered. For more information and a complete list of event dates and times, please visit: [dvusd.org/kinderevents](https://dvusd.org/kinderevents)

DVUSD Kindergarten offers a variety of #extraordinary learning opportunities: Free, Full-Day Kindergarten Program with specials classes (Art, Music or P.E.) offered every day & more!

Visit [dvusd.org/kinder](https://dvusd.org/kinder) to learn more about our #extraordinary Kindergarten Program.





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## Impressive results for DECA

Each year, our Career and Technical Education (CTE) students continue to excel, bringing home numerous **state and national championship titles**. This year, over **35 DVUSD students and teams** earned state titles.

At the International Career Development Conference (ICDC) in Orlando, Florida, from April 22-25, 2023, Mountain Ridge High School DECA students achieved impressive international recognition:

- **Yameen Sekandari:** 6th Place globally in Business Growth Plan
- **Sara Spangler, Krethik Sathishkumar, Isabella Perry:** 5th Place worldwide in School-Based Enterprise Retail
- **Ayan Bhakta:** Top 20 globally as a Finalist in Principles of Hospitality (PHT)
- **Madhuri Dokku, Naganeha Ramisetty:** Top 20 global Finalists in Buying and Merchandising TEAM Decision Making
- **Bruce Ruan:** Awarded a Test Medal in Hospitality & Tourism Exam



Left to right: Isabella Perry, Krethik Sathishkumar, Sara Spangler  
Inset: Yameen Sekandari

Receive an Arizona Tax Credit and help DVUSD Students. Details at [www.dvUSD.org/TaxCredit](http://www.dvUSD.org/TaxCredit)

## BGHS Avenue 27 Cheddar Biscuits



- 2 cups All Purpose Flour
- 1 Tbsp Baking Powder
- 1 Tbsp Sugar
- 1 tsp granulated garlic
- ½ tsp Hungarian paprika
- 1 tsp Salt
- 1/3 cup frozen butter
- 1 cup cold milk
- 1 cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese
- ½ cup finely chopped green onion



Barry Goldwater High School Culinary Arts students and Arizona ProStart Champion team members, Gracie Keaulii Katayama, left and Jacob Peterson, right.

### DIRECTIONS

1. Pre-heat oven to 375 degrees F.
2. Sift together flour, baking powder, sugar, garlic, paprika and salt in a large mixing bowl.
3. Using a box grater on the medium sized holes, grate frozen butter into flour mixture.
4. Once all the butter is grated into the flour, add cheese and green onion and stir gently to incorporate.
5. Slowly add milk into the flour mixture while stirring until all the milk is incorporated and a dough has formed.
6. Turn dough out onto floured surface and knead 30-40 seconds or until dough ball is formed.
7. Roll dough out to about a 1 inch thick round.
8. With a biscuit cutter, cut out biscuits and place on lightly greased cookie sheet.
9. Bake biscuits at 375 for 12-15 minutes or until golden brown all the way around.

### AWARD WINNING PUBLICATION:



### DVUSD GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS:

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