

Business Services

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To: Monte Vista Parents and Guardians

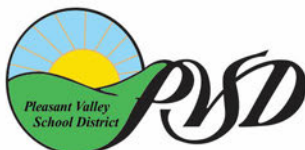
From: Chris Johnston, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services

Re: Shade shelter construction and solar panel installation

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The purpose of this letter is to provide details about upcoming construction at Monte Vista School.

PVSD recently received state approval to move forward with a long-planned project for solar power installation at ten schools. At Monte Vista the solar panels will be installed atop carport-style shade shelters in the side parking lot.



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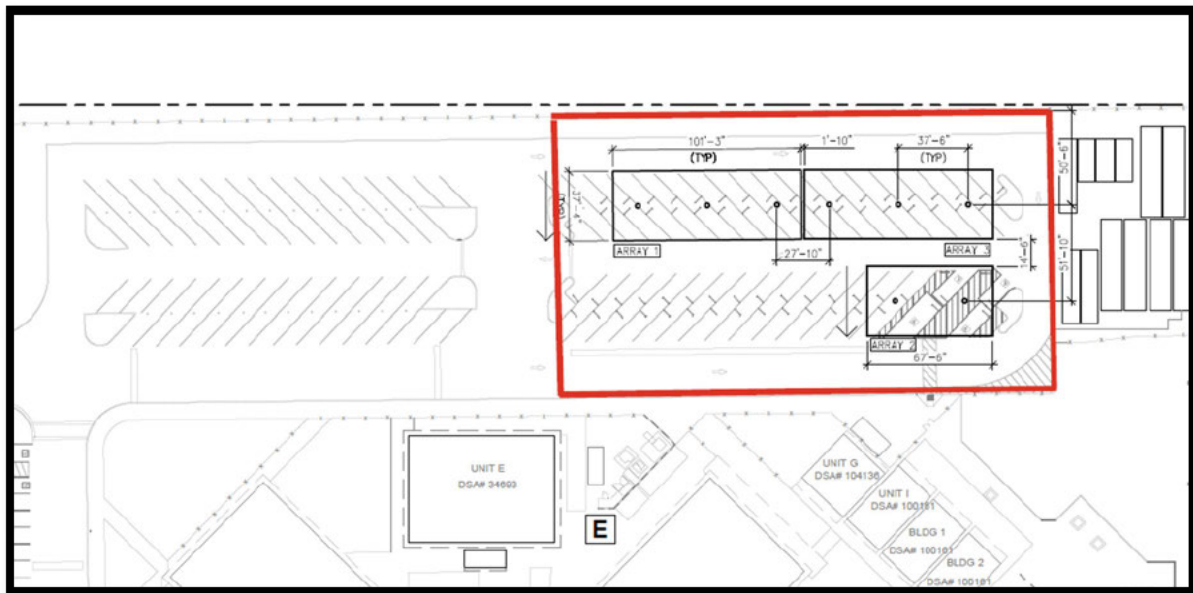
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The green shaded area in the picture above shows the approximate footprint of the shade shelters.

Although it is common for school districts to conduct construction activities during the school year, in PVSD we have primarily limited construction to summertime and holiday breaks. With ten solar projects to complete, and a short summer work window, it is not possible to constrain the solar installation to summer only. So, we are carefully moving forward with school year construction.

Because we are so careful with our construction scheduling I expect that some parents or guardians may be apprehensive about the prospect of construction during the school year. I want to assure you that student safety is at the forefront of our project planning. Your child's wellbeing is our highest priority. The contractor we are working with has completed dozens of school site solar projects across the state. They are familiar with the procedures necessary for safely working at schools.

The construction will take place behind temporary construction fencing, as depicted below:



The temporary construction fencing will impact parking lot flow. Please accept my apologies in advance. To avoid making difficult traffic even more challenging, construction deliveries are scheduled to avoid pickup and drop-off times.

Regarding the structure itself, the design was approved to meet the exacting standards of the Division of the State Architect. All aspects of the construction, including steel fabrication, are conducted under the eye of a state approved Inspector of Record and state-certified testing laboratory.

As of the writing of this letter temporary fencing installation is slated for the week of December 2. Actual construction is slated to begin the week of December 9. By starting construction on this timeframe a significant amount of the work will be completed during the Winter Break, minimizing the impacts to the school site.

This project will have positive financial impacts. Combined with the other solar projects in our district we expect to see at least a \$500,000 per year reduction in our electricity bills. As I have stated at several public meetings: I appreciate the hard work of the great people at Southern California Edison – but I do not like sending them money. Solar power provides an opportunity to keep more money in our district and use that money to support our students.

Thank you in advance for your patience during the construction work window.

Sincerely,

Chris Johnston
Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
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