

Office of the Superintendent

March 14, 2019

Dear Community of Camarillo,

I wish to communicate to you the strong partnership the Pleasant Valley School District (PVSD) has with Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District (PVRPD), Pony Baseball, and youth sports across the city that use our facilities. Two significant events occurred over the last year. Beginning in the 2018-2019 school year, the Pleasant Valley School of Engineering and Arts (PVSEA) moved from their Bedford location to the Temple site. Secondly, we have developed a partnership with the Miracle League of the 805. To that end, I want to share information about the District's plan for the future use of the PVSEA sports fields.

Currently, over 400 children now attend PVSEA and use these fields for physical education, school sports, and recess. Also, as a part of playground renovation at our sites with middle schools, PVSD is exploring the possibility of adding a small, safe running space for students. PVSD communicated with PVRPD that PVSD will consider their needs with any renovation for our students. Last year, the Miracle League of the 805 approached the District in order to build a field for children with special needs. This wonderful program will provide children, including those with physical disabilities, access to play baseball like their peers.

Our community may not be aware, but all but one of the baseball fields on Temple Avenue are located within the footprint of the PVSEA school property. We have a collaborative Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with PVRPD for the use of six fields so the youth in our area may have the opportunity to play baseball. PVSD continues to work collaboratively with PVRPD to ensure this space is available to the community for youth sports.

As those two new developments would mean changes, PVSD has maintained open communication. As a school district, we value youth sports and the role they play in the development of our children. We continue to have meetings to discuss PVSD's partnership with the Miracle League of the 805.

To that end, I want to provide information to our community about the PVSEA baseball fields. The Pleasant Valley School District has no intent to end our MOU with PVRPD for



fields that Pony Baseball uses. We want to see youth baseball on our fields for generations to come.

The construction of a Miracle League field will affect one baseball field at the Temple site. The decision to add a Miracle League field was not made in isolation or without a lot of thought. PVSD will not spend any public dollars for the construction or maintenance of the Miracle League field. Based on previous conversations and information, PVSD understood that once all additional baseball fields are built at Freedom Park, that location would serve as Pony Baseball's primary park and the fields on Temple were to be used for overflow.

PVSD communicated last year with PVRPD and Pony Baseball that one baseball diamond would be used as a Miracle League Field. We agreed to provide PVRPD a year's notice prior to this occurring. Even with any additional renovations for our students to use their field for PE and athletics, there will still be five operational fields for youth sports at the PVSEA site.

A liaison meeting between PVSD and PVRPD board members is in progress of being scheduled for this spring. PVSD and Pony Baseball is currently scheduling a meeting for early next week to clear up any misunderstanding. We will continue to communicate with our partners in order to provide the maximum access to youth sports for all students.

Pleasant Valley School District deeply appreciates our partnerships across the city. While we know we are only one player in providing youth sports facilities, we take our role very seriously.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "AM Ramsey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Angelica M. Ramsey, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools