



December 19, 2016

Dear Paseo Pointe Family,

In the next few years many changes are anticipated for the Laveen community. The construction of the South Mountain 202 freeway will accelerate development, bringing more residents and businesses to the area. This, coupled with the increasing desire of parents to enroll their children in signature programs and schools of choice, has led the Laveen Elementary School District to examine our school boundaries.

At December's Governing Board meeting, the Board and district administration studied the possibility of eliminating school boundaries beginning in the 2017-18 school year and allowing parents to enroll their child in any Laveen school of their choosing. In addition, Paseo Pointe's dual language immersion (DLI) program has become so popular that moving forward the school will transition to a full dual language immersion school. Details of the plan are as follows.

Dual Language Immersion

Beginning in the 2017-18 school year, all incoming kindergarten students will be part of the DLI program. As the grade levels roll up, the school will eventually become 100% DLI.

Families wishing to stay at Paseo Pointe

Families that currently have children enrolled in Paseo Pointe will not be directly impacted by the open boundaries. Unless otherwise indicated, we will assume that your child will remain at his/her current school. New incoming siblings in Grades 1-8 will be given enrollment priority. Incoming kindergarteners must enroll in the DLI program.

Families wishing to change schools

Currently enrolled families wishing to change schools will have an opportunity to apply to a different school in April. Placement decisions will be made in May.

Transportation

Students that currently walk to school and students that are currently bused to their current neighborhood school will continue to do so. Two new transportation options will be available for Paseo families in addition to the options that already exist. Busing to Desert Meadows will be provided for families living between 51st Avenue and 59th Avenue and between Dobbins and Baseline. Busing to Cheatham will be provided for families living between 51st Avenue and 59th Avenue between Baseline and Southern.



We invite you to attend a public forum on January 12, 2017 to share additional information, answer your questions, and hear your thoughts. The forum will be held at 5:00 p.m., just before the Governing Board meeting, at the Laveen Education Center, 5001 W. Dobbins.

Information will also be posted to our website at www.laveeneld.org/open-boundaries. Please check often for updates.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent