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Dear Laveen family,

Laveen schools provide a high quality educational experience with superb educational programs, the latest instructional technologies, a nurturing climate, and outstanding teachers. Each school also offers a unique signature program such as performing arts, dual language instruction, or STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math). To provide families with more flexibility and choice of schools, the Governing Board has approved opening all school boundaries within the Laveen School District beginning in the 2017-18 school year. This change creates a single shared attendance boundary, the district boundary, to serve all eight schools. Residents of our district may now enroll their child in any\* Laveen school of their choosing without having to go through the open-enrollment process. Details of the change are as follows.

**Existing families wishing to stay at their current school**

Residents (families that live within the Laveen School District boundary) that currently have children enrolled in a Laveen school will not be directly impacted. Unless you indicate otherwise, we will assume that your child will remain at his/her current school and no action is needed on your part. New incoming siblings will be given enrollment priority at the same school. Non-residents (families that live outside the Laveen School District boundary) will need to reapply annually for open enrollment per current practice.

**Existing families wishing to change schools**

Currently enrolled families wishing to change schools will have an opportunity to apply to a different school. Families wishing to change schools will need to complete a new registration packet. Within this packet you will be asked to select your top three school choices. Enrollment at a different school is subject to space availability. Packets are due April 14 and must be turned in to the office of your first choice school. Placement decisions will be made May 1.

Registration packets received after the April 14 deadline will be processed later. Packets are available at your school's front office and on the district website, [www.laveeneld.org/registration](http://www.laveeneld.org/registration). Changing schools within the school year is generally discouraged. Exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis and at the sole discretion of the district when determined to be in the best interest of the student.

**Families new to the Laveen School District**

Families new to the Laveen School District, that will be enrolling their children for the 2017-18 school year, will be asked to complete a registration packet and to select their top three school choices in order of preference. Placement decisions will be made beginning May 1.

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### **Placement**

Placement is subject to available space and is based on the following priorities:

1. Students enrolled the previous school year
2. Siblings of students enrolled
3. Students living within the walk or transportation zones of the school
4. Children of employees
5. Students living within the district boundary and not included in any of the above categories
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### **Transportation**

Bus transportation will continue to be offered to students living within a school's transportation zone. General zones can be found on our district website, [www.laveeneld.org/bus-service](http://www.laveeneld.org/bus-service)

Visit [www.laveeneld.org/open-boundaries](http://www.laveeneld.org/open-boundaries) for more information.

Sincerely,

Williams M. Johnson, Ed.D.  
Superintendent

*\* Vista del Sur has its own enrollment schedule. It is an accelerated school and students must take an assessment prior to enrolling. Paseo Pointe is a dual language immersion (DLI) school. Incoming kindergartners (beginning in 2017-18) must qualify for and enroll in the DLI program. The program will roll up a grade level each year until it is K-8.*