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**TEMESCAL VALLEY EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

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### Survey Background

The Temescal Valley Education Committee High School survey was written in response to the available CNUSD board meeting minutes, study session minutes, and discussions at the Temescal Valley Municipal Advisory Council in May 2017.

The survey consisted of five questions including three multiple-choice questions with comment sections. The survey was posted to the public on July 15, 2017 and closed on October 1, 2017. The survey link was posted on social media and sent via email through the Sycamore Creek and Wildrose Homeowners Associations. The software was configured to only allow one survey per IP address to prevent duplication entries.

### Survey Sample

“The Temescal Valley Education Committee is seeking community input on the potential options for a high school in the area. Corona-Norco Unified School District originally proposed "Rancho Serrano High School" in 2006 as part of the Measure U bond program. The original plan for the high school examined the potential to be a targeted or "magnet" type school with a focused program on a smaller campus with no sports programs. Due to economic conditions and declining growth projections in Temescal Valley, the bond oversight committee tabled those plans and there has been no official update on the high school since that time.

Our goal with this survey is to ascertain what the community would like to see so we can focus our efforts accordingly. Your answers will not be shared publicly.

**Background:** At the May 2017 Temescal Valley Municipal Advisory Council Meeting, Dr. Michael Lin, CNUSD superintendent stated that a comprehensive, full high school with sports programs such as Santiago or Centennial would cost about \$125 million to build. A targeted, smaller high school can cost between \$50 million-\$95 million to build depending on a several factors including size, location, curriculum and number of potential students.

Students would still be allowed to transfer to other CNUSD high schools if they wished to participate in programs or sports not offered at their nearest high school. Transportation would not be provided by the district and would be up to the individual families.

**\*1. Which community do you live in?**

**2. If money and timeline were not considerations and CNUSD could deliver either high school, which high school option would you prefer?**

- ☐ The \$125 million full high school
- ☐ The \$50 million-\$90 million specialized/magnet high school
- ☐ Either public high school option
- ☐ No high school

Comments:

**3. CNUSD has stated that the \$125 million high school timeline would be "extended" and may not be a consideration for 10+ years. If you had to choose knowing the timeline could be pushed up with a smaller budget and magnet/STEAM high school, which high school would you pick?**

- ☐ The \$125 million full high school
- ☐ The \$50 million-\$90 million high school
- ☐ No high school

Comments:

**4. If CNUSD is unable to make progress on bringing a high school to Temescal Valley, would you like to see a potential charter high school in its place?**

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Maybe

Comments:

5. If you have additional comments or concerns that were not addressed and would like to pass them to the Temescal Valley Education Committee, please leave them below. “

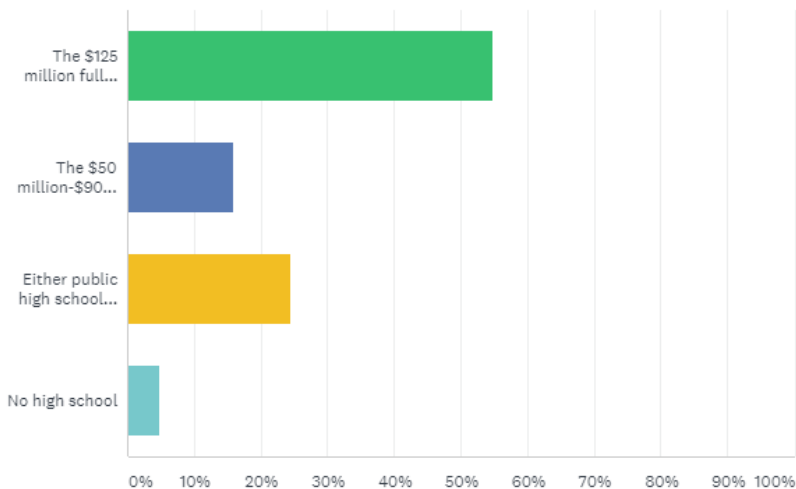
### Survey Results

There were a total of 1,046 responses recorded. Of those responses, 949 were identified as living within the boundaries of the Corona-Norco Unified School District. 87 responses were recorded by residents who live in Horsethief Canyon, Lake Elsinore, and Canyon Hills and are not within the district boundaries.

Q2

If money and timeline were not considerations and CNUSD could deliver either high school, which high school option would you prefer?

Answered: 1,045 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
The \$125 million full high school	54.74%	572
The \$50 million-\$90 million specialized/magnet high school	15.98%	167
Either public high school option	24.50%	256
No high school	4.78%	50
TOTAL	1,045	

Comments (169)

**Key Comments:** “My children are college age and older now, so it does not affect our family at this time,however one of my kids went to JFK and it was the perfect fit for her after becoming totally overwhelmed at Santiago because of the population there. One of my boys went to Santiago and another went to Centennial and they were fine, so personally I can see the need for both types

of schools.”

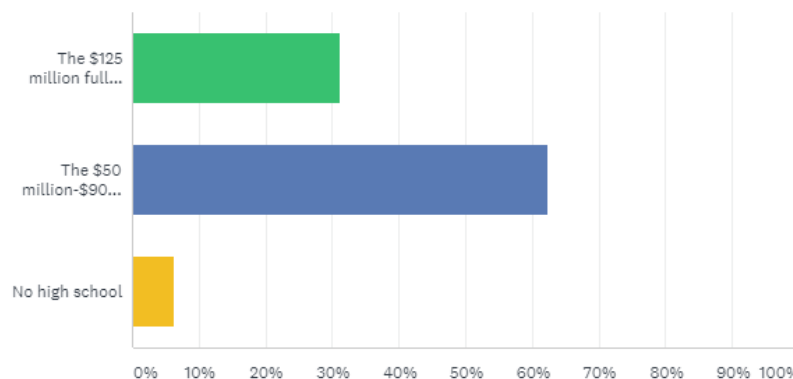
“The need is so real! I cannot believe this has taken this long. We are looking to move out of the area due to the influx in housing and traffic and lack of proper infrastructures and support.”

“I’m a teacher at Santiago as well as a parent and I feel like something has to be done to relieve our impacted schools as well as impacted freeways.”

### Q3

CNUSD has stated that the \$125 million high school timeline would be "extended" and may not be a consideration for 10+ years. If you had to choose knowing the timeline could be pushed up with a smaller budget and magnet/STEAM high school, which high school would you pick?

Answered: 1,038 Skipped: 8



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
▼ The \$125 million full high school	31.21%	324
▼ The \$50 million-\$90 million high school	62.43%	648
▼ No high school	6.36%	66
TOTAL		1,038

[Comments \(122\)](#)

**Key Comments:** “I would be in favor of any option that allows the school to be built faster and helps alleviate some freeway traffic.”

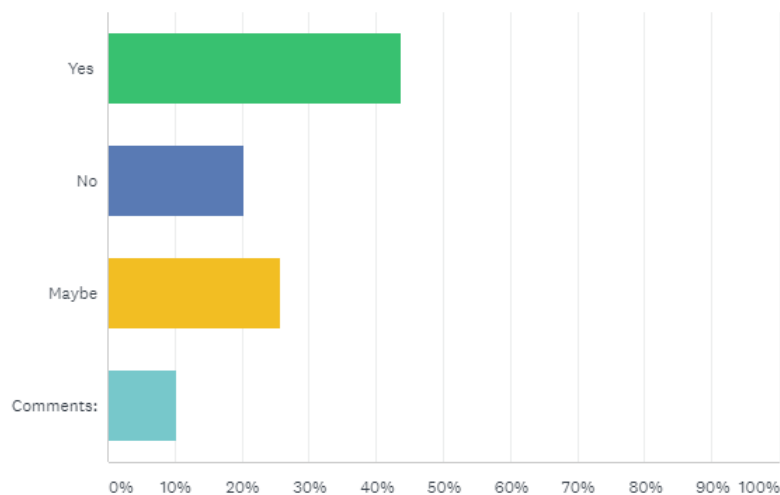
“We are in desperate need of a high school now. It is almost impossible to have two working parents with the disastrous traffic and the lack of infrastructure in our community. This project should have been completed years ago.”

“Even though my kids will be grown by the time this school is complete, it is unfair that the other schools are so impacted. We need another school in this area. I asked many High School students about how they liked their schools. Every student I have talked to said they like it but it is SO crowded. Many feel overlooked and said that the teacher to student ratio is ridiculous. Furthermore the commute is about 9 miles to Santiago HS from my house. Centennial HS is even further which is the school my kids would go to. At the time of day school starts, we'd have to leave almost an hour early just to get to school. With the growing population, new communities added, traffic concerns, and less and less room for the students on campus: we need another large well rounded high school. Something that we can be proud of and provide our children with an education that they deserve. If not, the demographic will change, values will decrease, and the problem will be worse.”

#### Q4

If CNUSD is unable to make progress on bringing a high school to Temescal Valley, would you like to see a potential charter high school in its place?

Answered: 1,044 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
▼ Yes	43.68%	456
▼ No	20.31%	212
▼ Maybe	25.67%	268
▼ Comments:	<a href="#">Responses</a> 10.34%	108
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1,044</b>

**Key Comments:** “We would even pay tuition to a major private school here to avoid the commute.”

“Our kids deserves better. Eleven years ago, we were promised a high school in the Temescal Valley. And now their is an inference that we wait another 10 years before a fully supported high school is constructed. Your suggestion is a total insult to the responsible taxpayers who were wilfully induced into believing that within 5 years, a high school would be constructed. As I stated, we deserve better representation.”

“We need a high school, charter or otherwise. The current situation is not working....for anyone.”

“We moved to Sycamore Creek in 2005 with the anticipation that a high school would be built prior to my daughters entry into high school. She has since graduated from A Umiversity. With the growing population a d home building it would be prudent to provide a local school to an impacted district.”

#### Q5

If you have additional comments or concerns that were not addressed and would like to pass them to the Temescal Valley Education Committee, please leave them below.

Answered: 180 Skipped: 866

**Key Comments:** “Please help us get our lives back from the traffic. Build a school in TV!”

“Traffic is insane in the mornings. It takes over an hour in the morning to go 5 miles from Wildrose to Santiago High School and it is only going to get worse with the new homes in Terramor and off Cajalco. A high school in TV would reduce traffic.”

“Going North on the 15 freeway in the morning to get kids to high school at Santiago or Centennial has become a nightmare. Please build going south so students can get to class on time or bring back busing so less cars on the road. Even if parents have to pay for busing it will still be better than having no options to get kids to school. It should not take an hour to go 2 exits but this is the reality of the situation.”

“Your lack of planning has led to major traffic jams in the neighborhoods. Waiting 10 years for a new high school will only lead to more housing developments and people. You are way behind area development.”

“I've been working in SoCal education for 25+ years, and I now have a 4-year old that entering kinder next year at Todd. I'm always in touch with what the local high schools are doing, and I've

never seen such a horrible commute to get a child to high school. Sadly, if there is not a high school in roughly 6 years, we will move from the area. The drive to get kids from our area to Santiago/Centennial is ludicrous. No community should be locked into taking children to high school 9 miles/30+ minute drive away in Southern California. No way will I put my child or myself through that on a daily basis. And the traffic will not change with the new construction, so the only option (and there is PLENTY of land) is to build a high school as soon as possible for all residents in this area. Thank you!"

"If a school isn't built soon how do they plan to accommodate the growing number of kids due to go to centennial and Santiago high? And worse, how do they plan on getting them there with the growing issues with traffic?"

"All of the school boards need to make the drive to the current schools and try and stay calm in the traffic... relax and drive while yelling watching the vehicle scramble!"

"I am a product of the CNUSD. As a student, I felt no emphasis on progressive education, advanced science/math courses, or a creative approach to learning. CNUSD has a unique opportunity to create a small, highly focused high school, with an emphasis on STEAM, instead of sports. A place where students are encouraged to participate in "Odessey of the Mind" or academic competitions. Our district could be at the forefront of a new age of education with a magnet/charter high school. CNUSD has enough great sports teams already. Those students who wish to participate in sports can always apply to transfer. Let's work on developing great STEAM teams and gaining recognition for a more progressive approach to education."

"If a full high school is not available by the time my daughter is that age, we are planning to move to an area with a good high school and leave the community."

"I intend to move to murrieta for high school if there are no better options by the time my kids are in high school."

"There have been so many homes built in the area which means additional children to the area. I feel the school district has forgotten about this area and doesn't realize how much it has grown. Traffic is horrendous in the morning, since there is only one road (I-15N). Please provide busing (even if parents have to pay) for either high school (Santiago and Centennial even if it is not your boundaried school) would take so many additional cars off the road."

"There is no reason that any one should have to sit in gridlock traffic for an hour just to get their kids to school. I have never seen a school boundary that is SO far from the Jr and High School. The drive here is absolutely ridiculous! I am sick of my kids being late even though we leave at 6:50 am to get to school! A school in 10+ years does nothing for the traffic problems now and it's gotten a



lot worse just since last year. My goal at this point is to move from Temescal Valley as soon as humanly possible.”

“When taking into consideration the amount of time it takes to get to any CNUSD high school, from Temescal Valley, we will be relocating before our children would need to attend high school (my oldest of 5 is currently going in to 4th grade) And considering the overpopulation at the current high schools, out relocation will be outside of CNUSD for these reasons.”

“We have enough powerhouse sports high schools in Corona. Those athletes are not all going to go to college with sports scholarship rides. We ought to have a high school that focuses on science and technology so these kids can graduate with employable skills should college be not pursued. That way tech and science companies will want to come to Corona because there would already be an educated tech workforce.”

“I don't have any children in high school any more but when I did from 2007 through 2009 the high schools were overcapacity then so I can only imagine what they are like with all the new homes and apartments being built in the last three years let alone eight . Temescal Valley definitely needs its own High School.”

“Even though my children didn't have the benefit of a local high school, I would like to see the parents and students who will be growing up here have some better quality of life with a local school. Temescal Valley residents were short changed when the funds were spent elsewhere that our families should have benefitted from. It should not require students to be on the road 45 minutes to an hour to get to school 5-9 miles from their homes. I support any effort to get a high school of any kind here as soon as possible.”

“I think it's critical to have a high school with the amount of new homes going up in the area. Without one, I may need to move out of the area for convenience sake.”

## Survey Conclusions

The word summary shows that “traffic” was the most used word in all of the written comments. “Busing” was second. Many respondents repeated the same themes over again – the traffic to their current high schools has surpassed what they and their children can reasonably handle and they are desperate for relief. The removal and changes to the current busing situation has left many parents and students frustrated. Other respondents repeated that they would be moving out of the district once their children are ready to start high school. Temescal Valley Residents are very clear – they not only want a high school, they need it.