



# Roseville Joint Union High School District

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## INFORMATION LETTER FOR GENERAL DISTRIBUTION

Re: **Status of the future West Roseville Sixth High School and School Facilities Improvement District #1 (SFID #1) Information**

To Interested Parties:

The Roseville Joint Union High School District has planned for a new high school (HS # 6 or West Area High School) in West Roseville since 2001. The original plan was for a total enrollment in excess of 2000 students. On April 24, 2007 a School Facilities Improvement District No. 1 (SFID #1) was approved by the voters in West Roseville for the purpose of issuing bonds to co-fund the purchase of land and the construction costs of the high school. SFID #1 details are as follows:

- Voters approved a \$115,000,000 bond capacity.
- Maximum taxpayer rate for all bond issuances- \$38.68 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation.
- Tax exemptions include a senior housing project approved prior to 2007 and all lots that were issued building permits by the City of Roseville by December 13, 2006.
- The first and only bond sale to date in May 2011 generated \$4,637,000 net to the district. It funded, in part, a 53-acre school site purchase in the West Roseville Specific Plan.
- Taxes were levied starting in 2010/11 by Placer County.

The architectural design phase of the full-scale high school campus was started in late 2007. Funding of the school was to include the SFID #1 bond sales, Developer Fees from housing construction, and State school construction money. However, due to the recent Great Recession, the funding mechanisms have changed dramatically:

- Housing development has been very slow. Fewer homes not only mean fewer students, but it also means that the area's tax base/assessed valuation is not high enough to allow the District to issue new SFID bonds in the near future.
- Collection of Developer Fees has been greatly reduced.
- State school construction funding is currently, and is projected to be, unavailable.

Because of the reduction in student growth projections, and the significant shortfall in funding resources, the District is considering a plan to design a smaller school setting as the initial phase of the campus. The opening date for the smaller scaled "phase 1" campus is uncertain at this time.

If you have any additional questions, please contact me or contact our Director of Facilities Development Christopher Grimes at 916/782-4707 Ext. 4.

Sincerely,

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