

## COMMUNITY CONCERNS FROM MARCH 19, 2014 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING AND RESPONSES BY DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

1. <u>CONCERN:</u> A community member shared her concerns about the possible unification of the Menifee Union School District.

RESPONSE: The position of the District for the past seven years is that unification is a community issue driven by a legal process outlined in the law. The Perris Union High School District Board of Education supports the efforts of any of the four collaborating districts efforts to unify and become a K-12 unified school district. Menifee is further down that path than the other three school districts. In terms of facilities monies, Measure T was written to guarantee that the revenue generated in the Menifee Union School District would be used for projects in that end of the District. So far, most of the Measure T revenues have been spent at Perris High School and at Pinacate Middle School. In terms of the Agricultural Research Center at Heritage, it was built with a 50-50 match of the monies left over from the construction of Heritage High School and a competitive state grant. At the time it was built, there was no way to consider having it built at Perris High School mainly due to a lack of available space. The new agricultural facility, when completed at Perris High School, will be in many ways more functional then the one at Heritage High School.

2. **CONCERN:** Three Perris High School students spoke in favor of a teacher who was non-reelected by the Governing Board on February 19, 2014.

**RESPONSE:** This is a confidential personnel matter. As such, the District cannot comment.

3. **COMMENT:** Eight classified employees spoke about the current contract negotiations between CSEA and the District. Specifically, they urged the Board to increase the health benefits cap for the support staff.

**RESPONSE:** The District hopes to reach a contract agreement soon with its classified employees.

4. **COMMENT:** A parent requested reconsideration of an unapproved inter-district request.

**RESPONSE:** District Administration reviewed the information and such request was resolved on March 20, 2014.

5. **COMMENT:** A teacher at Perris Lake High School (PLHS) expressed concern about facilities projects taking place at other school sites within the District, but none at PLHS.

**RESPONSE:** The Superintendent met with the teacher and reminded him that the Facilities Mater Plan and Measure T Bond Program is a 15-year plan. Improvements for PLHS, as well as every school site within the District are part of the Facilities Master Plan. However, completion of the entire Facilities Master Plan will take approximately 15 years to complete and is contingent on state funding in addition to the locally generated Measure T bond funding.