



Santa Clara County Office of Education

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TO: Santa Clara County Board of Education

FROM:  Mary Ann Dewan, Ph.D.
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SUBJECT: Request approval of the name *Seven Trees Educational Center* for the special education facility located at 300 El Cajon Drive

SCCOE Associated Goal

Provide support to school districts, communities, schools and students

Background

The special education facility project is the last of six scheduled projects funded under the Proposition 55 for Construction. The facility was completed in early 2014. Classes began there on February 17, 2014. The facility includes 8 classrooms, 8 restrooms, 2 staff restrooms, 7 therapy rooms, and an administration office. The facility is approximately 15,617 square feet. For the balance of the current 2013-14 school year, 2 of the classrooms will be utilized. A full opening of the facility will occur at the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year.

Pursuant to BP 7310, a citizen advisory committee was appointed to consider names for the new special education facility located at 300 El Cajon Drive in San Jose. This facility is located within the Franklin McKinley School District. The nine-member committee representing staff, community, and parents met on March 11, 2014 to consider potential names that would meet the criteria of the BP 7310 which states that school names shall be in recognition of:

1. Individuals, living or deceased, who have made outstanding contributions to the county or community;
2. Individuals, living or deceased, who have made contributions of state, national or worldwide significance;
3. The geographic area in which the school or building is located.

The committee is recommending that the special education facility located at 300 El Cajon Drive be named *Seven Trees Educational Center*. This name meets criteria number three. The committee recommends this name because it:

- Reflects the name of the geographic area in which the school is located.
- Seven Trees is a name familiar to the community.
- Reflects the focus on education without specifying the types of programs housed there.
- Reflects the varied nature of educational services housed and offered at the location.
- Is dissimilar to the names of other buildings in close proximity to avoid confusion for parents, mail delivery, and other guests when finding the building.

Description of Seven Trees Neighborhood

Seven Trees was a census-designated place in South San Jose and it was previously an unincorporated pocket in Santa Clara County, California, surrounded by San Jose. It was annexed into San Jose on November 23, 2009. The January 2002 Seven Trees Neighborhood Plan described Seven Trees as “a multi-cultural, moderate-income, residential community located five miles south of downtown San Jose, in the heart of Silicon Valley. Capitol Expressway, Monterey Highway, and Senter Road bound the neighborhood.” This report can be found at <http://www.sjsu.edu/urbanplanning/docs/SevenTrees.pdf>. There are a number of community oriented facilities that contain the name “Seven Trees” including a library, community center, and a school thereby reflecting the history of the Seven Trees neighborhood.

A dedication of this facility is scheduled for April 30, 2014 at 10:00 AM.

Fiscal Implications

There are no fiscal implications for this action.

Requested Action

Approve the name *Seven Trees Educational Center* for the special education facility located at 300 El Cajon Drive

SAVE THE DATE!

**WEDNESDAY
APRIL 30, 2014**



**DEDICATION
OF A NEW SCHOOL**

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

10 a.m.

300 El Cajon Drive

San Jose, CA 95111

Invitations will be sent out soon.

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