



May 20, 2003

Ms. Kathy Stumm President, Board of Trustees
Rancho Santa Fe School District
P.O. Box 809
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Dear Ms. Stumm:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Rancho Santa Fe Historical Society I would like to take the opportunity to remind the homeowners of Rancho Santa Fe of an important tradition that should be considered as you go forth to establish a new school.

From the development of Rancho Santa Fe in 1921, a school was planned and provided for within the "village civic center".

From September 1924 children attended school on Paseo Delicias and La Granada in the first building on the north side of the street. Then in 1932 children commenced attending school on Avenida Acacias; the present location of the Rancho Santa Fe Association. A third site was chosen after that, the location of the present school since 1955. From this time, the school has grown and been modernized to meet the requirements of an ever increasing enrollment.

In 1969 the community voted to have grades 7 & 8 returned to the local school and approved a bond proposal to pay for the new 7/8 middle school and school offices. Prior to that time, because of low enrollment, 7th and 8th grade students were educated by the San Dieguito Union High School District.

Therefore, we believe that from an historical perspective, it is important to continue this fine tradition of Rancho Santa Fe children attending school within the geographical boundaries of the village center. The school has always been an integral part of this historic community and should remain so.

Sincerely yours,

Gordon Bartow
President

Cc: Deborah Plummer, Vice President
Barbara Taylor
Daniel Vinson, Superintendent

John Stiker, Clerk
Jim Depolo

October 1, 2003

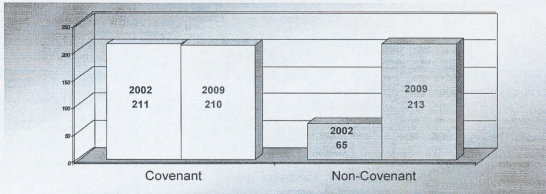
Dear Fellow Covenant Member:

You will soon be receiving a survey from the School Board asking you to indicate your preference for a second school site.

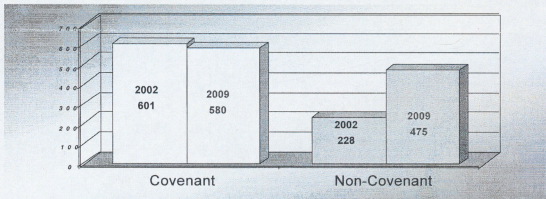
To help you in evaluating the options on this survey, fellow Covenant neighbors have included some facts for your consideration. As a Covenant resident it is critically important that you respond to the survey. Your response will affect the School Board's school-site selection and will have a profound impact on the traffic, congestion and the ambiance of our village for the future.

The Numbers: The charts below show student growth projections for the RSF School District for years 2002 through 2009.

RSF Projected School Population, GRADES 6-8, 2002 – 2009*



RSF Projected TOTAL School Population, Years 2002 – 2009*



*Source: Spring, 2002 School Board David Demographics Study, 2002 - 2009

The current overcrowding of the village school is causing extra congestion in the heart of our village. This congestion will continue to worsen due to the continuing growth, until it is mitigated via a second school away from the center.

Additionally, we believe the addition of a second school in the District will help preserve and increase property values in our community, as our village school has already proven.

For all these reasons, we think that the success of the next school bond if structured sensibly and logically, and the construction of a second school is a high priority for our community.

Clearly, locating a site within the district has been an ongoing issue. **As you will note from the Growth Charts, between 2002 and 2009, the Covenant student numbers decrease slightly while the area northeast of the Covenant is projected to more than double in size.**

For this reason, we believe the next school should be built as close as possible to the growth.

Building this needed school closer to the growth will accomplish two important objectives:

- 1) Reduce the student population (and thus the traffic and congestion) at the village school by 400+ students
- 2) Reduce the cross-Village traffic flow coming from the NE student/parent population

Enclosed is a map of the RSF School District, indicating the location of the current Village School as well as two proposed school sites – Calzada and Quantum.

We ask that your response address this important issue by supporting the School Board in placing the second school near the growth area of the School District, thus providing considerable relief from the traffic and congestion in our village.

Thank you for your consideration of this very important issue.

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RSF Village School

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Quantum Proposed Site

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