



# IUSD Board Briefs

Highlights from the Irvine Unified School District's Nov. 13 Board of Education meeting

## **IPSF presents \$297,714 check to IUSD for health and wellness programs**

Tim Shaw, chief executive officer for the Irvine Public Schools Foundation (IPSF), presented the Irvine Unified School District with a check for \$297,714 to support health and wellness initiatives.

Shaw praised IPSF's community donors, Legacy Partners and the City of Irvine for contributing the funds necessary to pay for nurses, health clerks and the Great Body Shop health education curriculum. He added that since IPSF has taken on health as a central funding priority, Irvine Unified's student-to-nurse ratio has significantly improved.

## **IUSD drafts Environmental Impact Report while exploring a second stadium**

A consultant detailed IUSD's process for complying with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as the district explores the feasibility of building an athletics venue at University High School.

Dwayne S. Mears, principal of Environmental Services & Educational Facilities Planning for The Planning Center, explained that CEQA was created to protect the environment and to allow for public input. Over the next several months, IUSD will be meeting CEQA's requirements by researching and drafting an Environmental Impact Report (EIR), which will delve into potential environmental issues including aesthetics, traffic, parking, noise and any possible impacts related to local wildlife.

Starting early next year, members of the public will have 45 days to review a draft of the EIR, which will also provide mitigation measures and project alternatives as necessary. The Board will vote on whether to certify the report as early as March.

After Mears' presentation, several audience members spoke publicly about the district's exploration of a second stadium. While most agreed IUSD is in need of a venue to offset the demanding schedule at Irvine High School – this is currently the home of Irvine Unified's only stadium – some objected to the proposed site, citing concerns including traffic and parking. Other speakers said University would be an appropriate location to help take the pressure off Irvine High, which hosts football games on both Thursday and Friday nights.

## **Board member nominated for CSBA's Delegate Assembly**

Board member Sharon Wallin was unanimously nominated for the Delegate Assembly of the California School Boards Association (CSBA), a collaborative organization that brings together more than 1,000 school districts and county offices of education on behalf of the state's children.

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As members of the CSBA's primary policy-making body, delegates adopt the association's legislative platform, take positions on critical issues, elect officers and directors and adopt changes to by-laws. Delegates also serve as liaisons between board members and regional directors.

If elected by local Boards of Education within Orange County's Region 15, Wallin would serve a third two-year term beginning April 1.

## **Coming Up:**

*Organizational Meeting: Monday, Dec. 10, 2007 in the Board Room  
(All 2008 meeting dates will be scheduled Dec. 10)*