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Dear Calavera Hills Friends,

I live in Calavera Hills (Nantucket), and I am a Realtor with RE/MAX.

I have noticed that it is sometimes difficult to get information on the issues affecting our community, as there is no consistent communication source. So I have decided that I will attempt to fill that role by sending **regular news updates**.

I have been thinking about this for a while, but it took a Newspaper Article in the North County Times today to convince me to get started!

I am attaching an article that I think you should know about, entitled '**School Boundary Changes on the Way**'. This issue is important and affects every homeowner in Calavera Hills. It's a hot topic.

I hope to speak with Devin Vodicka, the Elementary School principal soon to see if I can get some more information to share with you. I would especially like to see any draft boundary maps if they are available.

If there is anything that you would like to know about, I would be happy to include it in my next news update.

Sincerely

Sue Landis

# School boundary changes on the way

■ Growth, school opening forcing Carlsbad trustees to re-map borders

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CARLSBAD — Carlsbad school officials said Monday they're close to re-mapping the boundaries that will decide which children attend which schools in northern Carlsbad over the next decade or longer.

Officials said the boundaries need to be set by the end of April for Kelly, Calavera Hills and Hope elementary schools. That's because the first wave of families from several hundred new homes, apartments and condominiums under construction in the region over the next several years will start moving in as early as this summer, said District Superintendent Cheryl Ernst.

Said school board President Kelli Moors: "Our aim is to disrupt as few families as possible."

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### Officials must have boundaries redrawn by the end of April

"I'm hoping that as people are looking at these new homes and are asking what school their children will attend, they will have a clear answer so they can make plans for next year," Moors said.

District officials said a new middle school under construction on Tamarack Avenue in Calavera Hills, that is scheduled to open in August, also adds to the rush for new boundaries because the new middle school will also affect attendance at the various elementary schools.

The boundary options under review:

■ Designating most of the new development in the area to Hope Elementary, which has classroom space available after dropping from a high of about 850 students to about 550 after the opening of

Calavera Hills Elementary School in 2002.

Ernst said the problem is that long-term projections show that this particular option would push enrollment at Hope to more than 920 students by the time residential development in the area is completed around 2014 or 2015. She said Hope does not have the room to expand beyond about 850 students.

"That would put Hope way over capacity, and we can't put any more relocatable (classrooms) on that campus," Ernst said.

■ Splitting up many of the new homes between Hope and Calavera. Ernst said that would reduce the ultimate population at Hope to what school officials consider a manageable 830-plus. Calavera would top out at about just under 740 students.

■ Splitting the new neighborhoods between Calavera and Hope and shifting Sunny Creek-area children to Hope. The district would also shift boundaries between Jefferson and Buena Vista elementary schools to help balance enrollment and stop a steep drop in

the population at Buena Vista, Ernst said.

Buena Vista off Pio Pico near Interstate 5 is in one of the oldest neighborhoods in the area and its aging population is producing fewer children for that school, officials said. It currently has about 400 students and enrollment is continuing to drop, though other schools average 500 and more.

Under the proposal, an area north of Carlsbad Village Drive whose children now attend Jefferson would be shifted to Buena Vista, affecting about 30 kids, Ernst said. In

addition, the Tanglewood development on Carlsbad Village Drive would be unified to attend Buena Vista.

Currently, the neighborhood is split by school boundaries with about 40 kids going to Buena Vista and 70 attending Hope.

Trustees will discuss the options at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in the City Council chambers at City Hall, 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive.

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