Q. How would the community benefit from an investment in schools?

A. According to the <u>National Council on School Facilities</u>, K–12 school buildings and grounds have an impact not only on our children's educational success, but also on the health and economic vitality of our communities. Communities with good schools can impact home values, encourage people to stay and invest in the local area, and can supply the local economy with better skilled workers. Additionally, good schools can improve community pride, connections, and a sense of belonging.

Q. Would community members be able to use space in the proposed school replacement?

A. Yes, the school is a community resource! PVS is currently and will continue to be available to be reserved for use with a building use agreement to ensure users agree to follow school policies and building protocols. The improved board meeting room space with kitchen facilities will be especially conducive to community meetings and celebrations. The outdoor plaza will be a great place for outdoor events and use, while the all-weather track is available for community use in all seasons. The improved facility will be a great place to host sports camps, summer programs, and more year-round. Finally, the designated community parking area and ADA compliant improvements will make the school an asset for all citizens. The new space will be a great place for community club and activity meetings and fundraisers for groups like Cattlewomen's and the 4H club.

Q: How has the community been involved in planning thus far?

A. The proposed plan has been guided by community input and feedback. PVSD has held community events to involve parents, students, staff and community members in the planning process and will continue to do so.

Q. What would the impacts be on our community if the bond does not pass?

A. The current school facility is in dire condition. Unless a significant investment is made, it is possible that PVS will not only continue to endure negative impacts to its daily operations, but could see a decline in enrollment and its ability to recruit talented staff. If PVS were ever to close, our students would have to commute long distances or find an educational alternative.

Q. How do I find out more information about this project?

A. You can contact a school board member or school administrator to answer any questions, take you on a school tour, or whatever else might be useful. Contact information can be found here: https://www.pvsd50.org/en-US/staff.

