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Dear Community Leader:

The Chino Valley Unified School District serves a vital role in our community by providing quality education to local students, and I am writing today to update you on the important educational needs of our schools.

Our award-winning schools significantly outperform the county and state averages, and our teachers continue to be recognized as educators of the year on both county and state levels. However, most of our local schools were literally built decades ago – with some built in the 1950s – and need basic health and safety improvements.

Many of our schools have had past problems with lead found in the water of their drinking fountains and faucets. We need to replace rusty pipes and old plumbing to continue to ensure safe, clean drinking water for students, as well as remove asbestos, update fire safety, and fix leaky roofs.

Additionally, our career education programs which train students for jobs in health care, computer science, and law enforcement need to be upgraded and expanded. We need to improve classrooms and equipment so students can compete for good jobs when they graduate.

We know that if we want to maintain a high-level of academic excellence for our students, we need to invest in our aging schools and technology, improve classrooms, and keep our children safe. We also know it is important to hear more about the community's priorities for our schools.

<u>Please help us by providing your input on the enclosed Community Feedback Form and returning it today.</u> You may also provide input online at www.chino.k12.ca.us/outreach. In the coming months, I will also be visiting community groups throughout the District to discuss these issues in further detail and hope you will join or host one of these meetings.

We will continue to keep you updated and have enclosed a Question and Answer sheet for your information. Please contact Julie Gobin at julie_gobin@chino.k12.ca.us; or, 909.628.1201, ext. 1616, if you would like to host a presentation for a local civic group or have any further questions.

Sincerely,

Wayne M. Joseph Superintendent



Phone:

Community Feedback Form

As the Chino Valley Unified School District plans for the future of our schools, we need your input! Join the Community Conversation and let us know your priorities for local schools. Complete and return this community feedback form today!

Please check your priorities below. Your views are important to us as we plan for the future.
Retain and attract quality teachers
☐ Ensure safe drinking water
☐ Repair leaky roofs
☐ Remove lead from drinking fountains and faucets
Remove asbestos and lead paint
Replace deteriorating, rusty pipes
Provide competitive, 21st century learning
Other, and/or Specific Comments:
Questions:
 □ Keep me informed. □ I want to get more involved (host a community presentation, join a committee, etc.)
Contact Information
Name:
Address:City/State/Zip

Please return this form by fax or mail or complete it online at www.chino.k12.ca.us/outreach.

Email: _____

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Maintaining Excellence in Chino Valley Schools Join the Community Conversation

Q: What is the situation?

A: We are proud of our award-winning schools which significantly outperform the County and state average. Our teachers have been recognized as educators of the year on the County and the state levels. But most of our schools were literally built decades ago, with some built in the 1950s, and need basic health and safety improvements. Improving our aging schools, technology, and classrooms will help us to maintain the high level of academic excellence our schools provide.

Q: What about preparing local students for jobs and careers?

A: Many students take part in our career education programs that train them for jobs in health care, computer science, and law enforcement. But these programs need to be upgraded and expanded with classrooms and equipment for quality job training opportunities. Acquiring real-world skills allows students who do not go to college to compete for good jobs when they graduate.

Q: What school repair needs are there?

A: Our decades-old schools require basic improvements. Many have had past problems with lead found in the water of school drinking fountains and faucets. We need to replace rusty, corroded pipes and old plumbing to continue to ensure safe, clean drinking water for students. Other health and safety improvement needs include removing asbestos, lead paint and other hazardous substances, updating fire safety, repairing deteriorating classrooms and fixing leaky roofs.

Q: What priorities for our schools has the community identified to date?

A: Residents believe strong communities and strong schools go hand-in-hand, with improvements to neighborhood schools strengthening local property values. Top priorities for our schools that we've heard so far include:

- Retaining and attracting quality teachers
- Ensuring safe drinking water
- Removing lead from drinking fountains and faucets
- Repairing leaky roofs
- Removing asbestos and lead paint
- Replacing deteriorating, rusty pipes
- Provide competitive, 21st century learning

Q: How can I join the dialogue?

A: We want to hear from you! Let us know your priorities for Chino Valley schools by completing our community feedback form at www.chino.k12.ca.us/outreach. To learn more about these issues, visit our website www.chino.k12.ca.us/outreach or contact Julie Gobin at (909) 628-1201, Ext. 1616 or Julie_Gobin@chino.k12.ca.us.