
PVUSD PROGRESS

progress *n* [ME, fr. L *progressus* advance, fr. *progressus*, pp. of *progre*di to go forth, fr. *pro*- forward + *gradi* to go – more at PRO-, GRADE] **1a**: a royal journey marked by pomp and pageant **b**: an expedition, journey, or march through a region. **2**: a forward or onward movement (as to an objective or to a goal) : ADVANCE **3**: gradual betterment; esp : the progressive development of mankind – **in progress** : going on : OCCURRING

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PVUSD TO CONSIDER DEVELOPER FEES

The PVUSD Board of Trustees will consider the continuation of Level 2 Developer Fees and increasing the rate from the current \$3.41 to \$3.80 based on the legally required Needs Assessment. This issue will be considered at a Board Meeting on December 15, 2003, in the Board Room at 294 Green Valley Road with a Public Hearing to be held at 7:00 PM. The Level 1 fee is the statutory amount of \$2.14 which everyone who qualifies to assess a fee can use. Level 2 fees are for those districts who qualify by having had a bond issue that got more than 50% in an election in the past four years, by having over 20% of the district classrooms in portables, and having a debt of 15% of the maximum amount the district can raise. There are also Level 3 fees which can only be assessed if the Legislature certifies that there are no facilities fees available, in which case the Board can authorize a \$7.71 rate to be assessed. In this case, the Board can also specify how the difference between the Level 2 and Level 3 fees will be returned to the owner once the State does provide construction funds.

All of the District hardship facility funding has required that Level 2 fees be assessed with no exemptions other than those provided in law. The State Allocation Board has withheld new funds from districts that have not levied the maximum fee that they were allowed. The District still has about \$5 million in modernization funds that have not yet been distributed that could be susceptible if the District does not levy the maximum amount. The District is currently using these fees to pay for acquisition and installation of relocatable housing placed on all the current school sites to handle student growth. If these funds were not available, the District would have to pay for these facilities out of the District general fund. These funds must be used to meet the facility needs of student growth including construction, modernization of existing facilities or temporary housing.

The law does provide for two exemptions for Level 2 fees. One is for agricultural migrant housing that is built with state funds and owned by the State. The other is qualified senior housing such as a senior housing development or a senior care center. These will pay the commercial rate of \$0.35 per square foot instead of the residential rate of \$3.80. At any point that these facilities are converted to other uses, a City or County permit will be required which will not be given until the District is paid the developer fee at the residential rate.

Pajaro Valley Unified School District