

## 2005 Capital Override \$52.5 Million

In November 2005, voters approved a seven year, \$52.5 million Capital Override focused on technology, athletics, and fine arts. The Capital Override allowed the district to budget for and receive \$7.5 million per year through the 2012-13 fiscal year. All funds are spent for furnishings and equipment which are determined by need, age of facilities, and adherence to district standards. No Capital Override funds are spent on teachers, support staff, administration or operating costs. With the Capital Override not being renewed in November of 2012, a concerted effort was made to save some of the Capital Override funds for future essential capital needs. Recommendations for expenditures are based on committee input. Committees are comprised of parents, teachers, and administrators at all grade levels and regions of the district. DVUSD is committed to keeping the community informed of the ways in which funds are allocated, and we will continue to communicate project updates, accomplishments, and spending information with stakeholders.

Capital Override 2013 Accomplishments	2013-14 Expenditures	8 Year Percentage Completion
Athletics	\$ 92,702	101%
Fine Arts	\$ 87,035	93%
Classroom Furniture	\$ 8,900	45%
Fleet Vehicles	\$0	54%
Technology	\$3,175,955	99%
Textbooks	\$ 487,863	94%
Total	\$ 3,852,455	89 %

### New Elementary School to Open for 2015-16 School Year

The Deer Valley Unified School District is constructing a new elementary school in the growing area of Sonoran Foothills. This kindergarten through eighth-grade campus will open for the 2015-16 school year with grades kindergarten through seventh-grade. The school is located at 32150 N. North Foothills Drive (just south of Dove Valley and East of I-17). The funding for this new elementary school is provided from the 2008 bond authorization. This is the first school built in DVUSD since 2007 and will become the district's 38th campus dedicated to serve our 34,000 students.

As part of opening this new school, new elementary school boundaries needed to be created. Four public input meetings were held, followed by a public meeting to share the proposed recommendation of new elementary school boundaries. The affected schools include Norterra Canyon and Sunset Ridge Elementary schools, as well as the yet-to-be named new elementary school. The details of the elementary school boundaries can be found at [dvusd.org/boundary](http://dvusd.org/boundary).

The Deer Valley Unified School District Governing Board will formally consider approving the new elementary school boundaries at a regular meeting held on Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at 7 p.m.

This notice satisfies the requirement of ARS 15-341.38

### DVUSD FREE Full-Day Kindergarten Registration Open- Register Now!

DVUSD is accepting FREE full-day kindergarten registration for the graduating class of 2028. Register now at any DVUSD school of choice by visiting the front office. Registration forms can also be downloaded on the district website, [dvusd.org](http://dvusd.org). Students need to be 5 years old by August 31, 2015. Early registration is critical for schools to plan for staffing needs next school year. Parents will need to bring: original birth certificate or a certified copy; immunization records; proof of residence (utility bill, house payment receipt, rent receipt, escrow document or lease agreement); identification; and legal guardian or custody papers, if applicable.

Families that live outside the district boundaries can enroll their child in a DVUSD school by filling out an open enrollment form at [dvusd.org](http://dvusd.org). The Open Enrollment application process has gone fully digital and forms are only available online. Computers are available for use at the District Office and at each school. Applications should be submitted by December 17, 2014. Applications received after this deadline may be granted if/when classroom space becomes available.



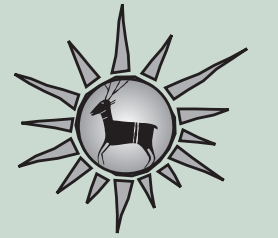
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SPECIAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

## Showing A Return On Your Investment



Deer Valley  
Unified School District

## Bond Project Management



As Superintendent of Deer Valley Unified School District, I want to thank you for your ongoing support as we continue to provide quality education programs and exceptional learning for all children. DVUSD is dedicated to ensuring each child has the very best learning environment, while maintaining a high-level of fiscal responsibility. We believe it is important to keep the community informed about the effective management of our Bond Program's projects and funds. The sale of voter-approved Bonds are used to purchase capital items and/or make capital improvements, such as renovating existing facilities, building schools, and purchasing school buses.

This is our ninth annual Special Report to the Community, which features information about the 2008 Bond and the 2005 Capital Override. If you would like more detailed information, please contact Jim Migliorino, Associate Superintendent of Fiscal Services at (623) 445-4958 or email [jim.migliorino@dvusd.org](mailto:jim.migliorino@dvusd.org).

According to the 2013 Arizona Auditor General's report on school districts' use of funding, DVUSD continues to spend more dollars in the classroom than the state average. This report also shows that although DVUSD receives less funding per student than peer districts and the state, the percentage of classroom dollars is higher than both the peer district and the state averages. We are proud of that finding!

Our commitment to our mission of providing extraordinary educational opportunities to every learner has resulted in DVUSD receiving an "A" rating for Accountability and Achievement by the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) for the fourth consecutive year. This is the highest honor a school district can receive from ADE. For children who are just beginning their educational journey within DVUSD, we have brought back free full-day kindergarten, so our youngest students receive the best start possible.

From pre-kindergarten through graduation, our students become lifelong learners who successfully compete, lead, and positively impact the world. We appreciate your support in helping our students be extraordinary and achieve our vision for the Deer Valley Unified School District.

Dr. James R. Veitenheimer, Superintendent

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## 2008 Bond Project Summary 2008 (\$148 million) Bond Projects

Over the summer, while students and teachers were away, the district worked diligently on several major construction projects. Thanks to voter approval of the 2013 Special Bond Election, DVUSD is able to schedule and begin new projects such as school expansions, building renewals, and conservation/energy projects.

2008 Bond Authorization	Budget	2008 Bond Expenditures Through June 30, 2014	Percentage Completed
Capital Improvements to Facilities	\$24,385,000	\$18,053,879	74%
Cost Savings/Conservation	\$33,595,000	\$32,297,441	96%
Student Growth	\$25,000,000	\$11,087,442	44%
Modernization Projects	\$39,000,000	\$37,360,983	96%
Health/Safety/Security	\$24,950,000	\$22,208,550	89%
Administration	\$1,070,000	\$694,703	65%
Bond Costs	\$0	\$206,656	
	<b>\$148,000,000</b>	<b>\$121,909,654</b>	<b>82%</b>

### 2013-14 School Project Progress

<b>Anthem</b> Intercom/Clock Improvements	<b>Deer Valley HS</b> HVAC Replacements	<b>Greenbrier</b> Exterior Paint	<b>Paseo Hills</b> Exterior Paint
<b>Arrowhead</b> Energy Management Systems	<b>Deer Valley Middle</b> HVAC Replacements	<b>Highland Lakes</b> Intercom/Clock Improvements	<b>Sierra Verde</b> Exterior Paint
<b>Bellair</b> Fire Alarm Improvements	<b>Desert Mountain</b> Lighting Upgrades	<b>Las Brisas</b> HVAC Replacements Restroom Renovations Lighting Upgrades Roofing	<b>Stetson Hills</b> Fire Alarm Improvements Lighting Upgrades
<b>Barry Goldwater HS</b> Restroom Renovations Roofing	<b>Desert Sage</b> Exterior Paint Energy Management Systems Lighting Upgrades	<b>Legend Springs</b> Interior Paint	<b>Sunrise</b> Energy Management Systems
<b>Boulder Creek HS</b> Fire Alarm Improvements Energy Management Systems	<b>Desert Sky</b> Fire Alarm Improvements	<b>Mirage</b> Roofing	<b>Sunset Ridge</b> Fire Alarm Improvements
<b>Canyon Springs</b> Fire Alarm Improvements	<b>Diamond Canyon</b> Energy Management Systems	<b>Mountain Shadows</b> Exterior Paint	<b>Vista Peak</b> Interior Paint Roofing
<b>Copper Creek</b> Roofing	<b>Gavilan Peak</b> Intercom/Clock Improvements	<b>Park Meadows</b> Restroom Renovations	<b>West Wing</b> Energy Management Systems



**Rated District**  
by the Arizona Department of Education

1 of Top 10 in Arizona!

#### DVUSD Celebrates "A" Profile Letter Grade for Accountability and Achievement from ADE- Fourth Consecutive Year!

DVUSD received an "A" Profile Letter Grade for Accountability and Achievement from the Arizona Department of Education for the fourth consecutive year. The Arizona Department of Education's A-F Letter Grades are designed to place equal value on current year achievement and longitudinal academic growth, specifically the growth of all students as well as a school's lowest achieving students. Eighteen DVUSD schools received an "A" Profile Letter Grade! To learn more about the A-F letter grades visit [azed.gov](http://azed.gov).

#### DVUSD Bond Ratings Affirmed by Fitch and Moody

For the January 2014 bond sale of \$34,600,000 (Project of 2008, Series E-2014), the district received an AA2 rating from Moody's and an AA- rating from Fitch. These ratings were the same ratings that the district received for the 2013 sale. Both rating agencies mentioned the stable outlook reflects their expectation that the district's financial performance will remain in-line with peer districts. They also stated that the district was able to demonstrate stability over the last eight years primarily through positive fund balances. Moody's noted that the district's financial operations are enhanced by voter approved overrides. With these ratings, DVUSD expects to receive a better interest rate on the bonds it sells.

#### All School Buses are Air-Conditioned Thanks to Voters, First Time in DVUSD History

The DVUSD Transportation Department received four brand new 77 passenger air-conditioned Blue Bird buses to start the 2014-15 school year. These four new buses, along with four existing buses that were retrofitted with new bus air-conditioning units ensures for the first time in Deer Valley's history that all transit buses on all routes will be air-conditioned! Our District was able to accomplish this A/C improvement due to the successful Bond Election that was approved by voters last November 2013.

#### Tax Credit Donations Impact the Lives of DVUSD Students, You Choose the School

Your school tax credit donations can provide DVUSD students with opportunities to attend after school and summer programs, field trips, music and athletic programs or any other extracurricular activity. The Arizona tax credit program (A.R.S. 43-1089.01) allows a tax credit of up to \$200 for individuals and up to \$400 for married couples filing jointly, in support of extracurricular activities. It also reduces your taxable income to the federal government. Tax credit forms can be found on the district's website, [dvusd.org](http://dvusd.org) and donations can be submitted online any time during the year. Donations can also be made at or mailed to the District Office, 20402 N. 15th Ave Phoenix, AZ 85027. The District Office will be open December 31 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. to accept last minute tax credit donations. For more information, call (623) 445-5010 or visit, [dvusd.org](http://dvusd.org).

## Modernization Projects Underway for DVUSD Schools

Several construction projects are near completion as part of the commitment approved with the 2008 bond authorization. The first phase of modernization projects for both Sunrise and Village Meadows elementary schools were completed before the start of the 2014-15 school year. Final completions are projected in early 2015. In addition, a two-classroom modular building is being relocated to the Sierra Verde Elementary School campus in order to accommodate the expected student growth. A Media and Sports Medicine Career and Technical Education addition is being built at Sandra Day O'Connor High School with funding provided by West-MEC. This project is expected to be completed for the second semester of the 2014-15 school year.



▲ BEFORE



▲ AFTER

Sunrise Elementary School