



# SANTA YNEZ VALLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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### **Significant SYHS Campus Improvements Coming Summer 2018**

*Santa Ynez, CA* – The Santa Ynez Valley Union High School District is jumping into construction work this summer with both feet. In November of 2016 Valley voters approved Measure K, providing funding for a much-needed facility improvement initiative for the Santa Ynez Valley Union High School campus. Summer 2018 will see more than \$6 million worth of campus upgrades to infrastructure that will include the following scope of work:

- Replacement of more than 4,000 linear feet of underground sewer, water, fire alarm and communication lines
- Replacement of the main electrical feed and panels across the campus
- Phase 1 replacement of the fire alarm and communications systems
- Heating and cooling (HVAC) system upgrades
- Roofing replacement of multiple buildings and covered walkways
- Window replacement for multiple buildings.

“We are excited to start this phase of work. The impacts on the campus this summer will be significant in terms of restricting access, but the improvements will benefit both our students and Valley residents and organizations that utilize our facilities for years to come,” said Scott Cory, Superintendent for the school district,

The invasive nature of the construction work will result in a virtual shut down of the campus while students are out for summer vacation. This will have a big impact on both staff and community members that utilize buildings and sports facilities for summer programs. The school district has already sent out notices to the outside organizations that will be impacted to let them know about their loss of facility use. Even the SYHS summer school session will be relocated to an off-campus site.

“I recognize that the closure of the campus will have a major impact on community groups and sports teams that rely on our facilities during the summer, but given both the intermittent and sustained shutdown of safety, electrical and climate-control systems, in addition to extensive underground work resulting in open trenching, considerations for public safety have to override our desire to maintain public access,” continued Cory.

Offices in the administration building will remain open this summer. Access updates will be provided to the public via the SYHS website at [syvpirates.org](http://syvpirates.org).

Cory also wants the public to know that there will be another round of significant work in Summer 2019, possibly resulting in similar restrictions to campus facilities.