



Riverside School District 96

June 24, 2019

Today the Board of Education made an offer to purchase the Hollywood Citizen's Association (HCA) property at 3435 Hollywood Avenue for \$340,000. The purchase offer is based on a recent appraisal of the property. District 96 has plans to incorporate the property into the Hollywood School campus to increase green space, provide additional playground area, increase off-street parking, separate play areas from parking, and improve outdoor learning opportunities for all Hollywood students. The District is also planning to construct a small addition on the Hollywood School.

For the past several years, the Board and District administrators have worked extensively with members of the HCA Board to develop a plan for sharing play and parking space. Based on an in-depth review of the property, the District's long-term needs, and the need for more space at Hollywood School, the Board has concluded that purchasing HCA property is in the School's and community's best interest.

The Board is interested in an ongoing relationship with the HCA including allowing HCA to continue to use the HCA house at no cost for up to a year following the purchase and then providing space at Hollywood School for afterhours HCA activities and programming.

For additional information, please contact Superintendent Martha Ryan-Toye.