1. Who are the school board members present? Shouldn’t they all be present?

2. What happens in an emergency or if there is a threat inside the campus? How will students and staff get off campus safely? Current emergency drills have students hop the fence and run to safety. Current fences are 6ft tall, new proposed fences were stated to be 8ft. I worry sometimes about getting locked in.

3. Is there going to be a sidewalk in the staff parking lot? Or are kids going to be walking their bikes through the staff parking lot when school gets out?

4. This is NOT a community input meeting... This is a presentation. This is not what was represented by the School Board President. How far away will the slanted parking spots be in the banana lot from the front of the teacher’s doors on cliff drive? If too close, could cause disruption with engine noise, bluetooth calls, exhaust from the cars, etc...

5. The board and staff have seen alternate drop off designs provided by the city and drawn by a resident architect. Are these options being considered and will the board be offered them as an alternate to your preferred plan?

6. Residents took a walk around poll of 152 residents. 70% of them supported a plan that saved the trees and used the City suggested alternate.

7. Hi there - In the interest of time, people want to be heard. Can you please move to the question portion? Thank you.

8. Has anyone who is pushing for a single point entry ever actually been to campus when school ends? That is a safety hazard in itself having 1,200 kids exit through one 10ft (?) opening.

9. When will the Board have an opportunity to decide between the district preferred plan and the City recommended plan which the residents seem to support over the original plan?

10. Would there be an exit out of the Irvine Lot to the north, or just in and out at Irvine? This could get a bit tight if cars need to come back to Irvine if the lot is full.

11. How will you maintain the mature trees? How will your plan be modified to meet that desire for mature shade trees from the community? Replacing mature trees with new trees is (as you well know) simply not adequate...

12. There are rumors that the district may receive some grant or rebate if they develop the guest parking spaces in the front of the school. Is that true?

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14. There are rumors that the district may receive some grant or rebate if they develop the guest parking spaces in the front of the school. Is that true?

15. Will there be any security cameras in the front office area?

16. When would this project be completed?

17. Will Community still have weekend access?

18. The rendering of the new trees along Cliff Drive looked pretty small as compared to the mature trees being removed. Is there a way for community members to make donations to purchase larger more mature trees?

19. How is it possible to make a left turn into the drop off area? Having cars going in from both direction is going to bottle up Cliff drive to others. What about the buses. One point of entry will not be the best for organizations using the fields on the weekend.

20. Will there be gates on either Coral or St Andrews for bike entry/exit, or will all bicycle traffic be required to enter campus through the gate by the office?

21. Where are the gates? What gate is the safest to enter with your bike?

22. Please tell us if the NMUSD will receive any monetary advantages by adding the Cliff Dr parking spaces?

23. Why have you not shared the City suggested alternative and acknowledge whether you are actively considering it?

24. The presentation was easy to follow and visual slides were helpful to understand the project. Items from ThoughtExchange were should be considered. Thank you for this presentation.

25. Would you explain again why you need so much parking for staff?

26. Why is so much parking planned? Middle school students don’t drive. All for teachers?

27. Will I able to walk my dog in the grassy area next to the new parking lot in Irvine and Coral?
I appreciate the detailed information and the multiple opportunities to give my input. These upgrades will help with the traffic around the school before and after school, specifically the lot on Cliff Dr.

The parking lot is way too close to the front row classrooms. Teachers are concerned car emissions will seep through classroom doors, affecting students, teachers, and learning. Staff wants to keep doors open for cross ventilation as some cannot tolerate the air conditioning.

Do you agree that you could receive a credit from the contractor if you reduce the scope of the Cliff Drive parking/drop off?

Do you think everyone will use the banana driveway and not the street?

Based on the guidelines from the State Superintendent Tony Thurmond today, one of his strong suggestions was to have classes outside when available. If you go forward with your current plan, you will take out the current frontage area for those classrooms.

Where do you plan to put those classes now that we have a new normal and class modifications due to COVID?

Will parents be allowed to drop off and pick up in the new parking lot off of Irvine?

Nice to know about the bike pathway, how wide is it? Do all bikes still have to enter/exit from the front of the school (single entry)?

How do you plan to keep staff and students safe so they don’t have to inhale the noxious emissions from the parking lot?

Is it possible that staff may recommend the City suggested alternate?

Don’t you think the banana will cause a log jam and people will use the street and double park.

My observation regarding Cliff Drive at pick up time is it seems to work pretty well as is. I cannot speak to drop off, as we avoid the area and drop at John Wayne Park coming from the Peninsula. As a Civil Engineer who designs parking lots and people spaces for a living and a Mom of a 7th grader, I think the Cliff Drive Lot feels like it would not help people coming from Riverside Drive and it also would take away much appreciated green space for the students along that edge of the school. Once open space is converted to asphalt and concrete, it usually does not ever go back to nature. This lot seems like it would not really help with safety, it is more in the category of it might be nice for parking occasionally, but not needed. I have not ever seen all of the parking spaces taken around the school at pick up time. Thank you.

Have you compared the City’s plan to the District’s plan for Cliff Dr/Banana? Have you actually walked the banana/parking lot with the plans in hand so you can actually see what is proposed? Do you understand that the plan has a closer access for an intruder to be closer to the classrooms within 10’ if they drive up on the Banana sidewalk and they can shoot within the door or they can jump over the fence and be within 10’ of the door. If you use the City’s plan you would have 40’ of land in front of the fence which would take longer and possibly be delayed and noticed. The new fence will not allow enough room for the lockers to be opened, students lining up to their classrooms and students walking to the other classrooms. I have compared this similar plan to CDM banana and parking lot and a tremendous amount of land and are not close to the banana nor have open windows & doors. I suggest you leave the current fence where it is and replace with the new fence and you will not be spending as much money.

Why has the board not seen/been presented with the city option? They’ve been available for 3+ months.

On the weekends and after school hours, what gates will be accessible for the community? AYSO, Baseball etc... Please highlight the gates around the campus:)

Parking: Can’t teachers be incentivized to car pool?

will there be any staff outside to help with the morning and afternoon drop off and pickup?

It doesn’t seem realistic to me to have all persons entering the school to pass thru only one gate. It doesn’t even seem safe to be so restrictive in terms of the ingress and egress. My familiarity I admit is with high schools, but why can’t there be an additional open gate during certain hours staffed by security personnel?

As a neighbor of the school and a 15 year resident of the neighborhood, with the 3rd of my 3 boys currently a 7th grader at Ensign, I strongly oppose the banana lot and the removal of the trees at the front of the school in Cliff drive! I feel that in the meeting tonight this very hot issue was slighted over! I do not appreciate this sneakiness of the school board!! The banana lot will make a very narrow walkway for the students with a high fence immediately next to them! This will create a prison type feeling! With the additional parking lot where the bicycle lot used to be, there will be more than sufficient parking based on the actual number of drivers! Most of the students walk, or bike and obviously no students drive! The banana lot simply is a bad idea and in my opinion will not create safety!! (And why in the new rendering are two joggers j-walking across the street- shouldn’t they use the cross walk?) Please don’t needlessly remove these trees which are so loved by the neighborhood!
Was the City plan presented to the board earlier than when I sent the Power Point yesterday? Has the City plan been discussed in depth?

Banana lot has a 4-5 car drop off beyond the groin and then the next set of cars can be move up as the students are not supposed to get out of the cars pre groin. How are cars going to back up and not stop the flow of traffic during the drop off and pick up. What happens when the first car or 5 cars students don't come out in time?

So can the plan show the gates? How can you rationalize the car emissions so close to the student's lockers and classroom doors. There is no way that you can avoid that proximity unless you leave a greater distance which the banana configuration defies. Can you say how many residents have been watching?

How are the cars going to not stop traffic turning left into the drop off and then turning left when they exit the drop off? This plan looks like a solution to a lot of the neighborhood problems re: parking and school drop off and pick up. Seems a safe option for the children.

Sorry for repeating the question.

The new fence being so close to our rooms will pose additional safety hazard. For example an intruder can jump over the fence and will be right at the classroom doors.

I find the banana lot glorified rendering - never before seen by the public- almost laughable. Purple flowering trellis no less? Please be more realistic.

THIS WAS SUPPOSE TO BE A COMMUNITY MEETING NOT A PRESENTATION

I have asthma and within 12 seconds one can have an asthma attack because of the emissions from the cars so close to the classrooms if the doors are open how are you going to stop the emissions?

There is parking around the entire school that anyone can park in why isn't this acknowledged?

HOW MUCH STATE FUNDING IS TIED TO BANANA LOT?

Is the irvine gate going to stay closed before the bell rings and after the dismissal bell rings?

How many students have been in an accident on Cliff DR?

How many students attend Ensign?

Isnt the fence off of cliff dr banana very close to the classrooms

Please check your facts about "students and staff being hit by cars” Ara, please see the accurate information on a Power point sent to the school district by Nancy Barfield. Please do not repeat this inaccurate info. Please check the accuracy.

Are there any documented reports that can be shared regarding accidents on cliff drive in front of the school?

your picture doesn't show the the driveway exit.

Student PU question. Do you identify all the parents who are picking up students 2-4 blocks away, blocking traffic on Fullerton, Broad, and alleyways?

Are you going to relocate the Memorial tree or leave in its exact place?

if i went to a public outreach meeting i would count the non district folks there. Can you tell us how many non district folks are on the call?

Are you not getting my question?

why did this project get so far along and the city didnt know itz/
What happens if students are home schooled or go to another school that is smaller and the attendance drops then the Cliff Dr lot is not necessary?

81 Why create the banana lot for “safety” if there are no reports of accidents especially when there is so much opposition?

82 Will you receive $ back if you build the Cliff Dr parking?

83 I like the plan. Good job.

84 Is the district going to open up the Westside schools that was closed?

With all due respect it’s a naive assumption to expect parents to all use the drop off zone. I recommend you test the assumption to ensure it happens. If your assumption is wrong then the whole project is flawed.

86 When are you going to consider the City’s plan?

87 Why create the banana lot for “safety” if there are no reports of accidents especially when there is so much opposition?

88 Since there is a focus on outdoor learning, would you consider leaving the trees on Cliff Drive?

89 Thank you for answering that. One of the things said at the last board meeting was that any change would cost the district more. Parents coming from the west on cliff and south on Irvine will never take the time to turn onto Cliff and then proceed through a slow drop off zone. Please give this very careful consideration.

The budget loss for the coming several years will be realized in many unfortunate ways. Please save a few bucks and do not do the elaborate banana lot. The City of Newport Beach plan is superior and adequate in terms of safety. Thank you.

92 Why create the banana lot for “safety” if there are no reports of accidents especially when there is so much opposition?

93 How many people on the zoom meeting? How to we see the recorded version. I came on late
Hi Tori, currently the completion date is scheduled for right before school opening.