

schools in the neighborhood and rideshare and carpooling standards for ALL schools in the area.

Other aspects of the plan that will benefit the community include:

- Underground parking will reduce arrival and departure noise as well as provide adequate parking so families and students do not have to park at the VA Lot and cross Sunset Blvd.

- Ample planting of mature trees to make the neighborhood greener.

- New facilities, including a performing arts center, a pool, and a gymnasium that Archer is willing to make available for community use throughout the year if the community approves.

- Reduced bus trips in the

afternoon by keeping the girls on campus for athletic and performing arts activities.

How to learn more:

Archer has created a new website www.ArcherForward.org to provide information and updates on Archer Forward. As the public process advances, it will also continue to provide links to City documents.

The school's outreach to the community has been extensive. To date, Archer has held 20 meetings with community groups and neighbors. The school has also mailed more than 10,000 letters to the surrounding community and knocked on over 100 doors. More than 1,500 local residents and members of the Archer family have signed up to support Archer

Forward. If you haven't already, you can sign up to be on Archer's email list at ArcherForward.org.

This year, Archer also initiated the Archer Chat program where neighbors who have not seen a presentation about Archer Forward can come to the School and learn more about the plan. The next chat is scheduled for April 10.

Timing of the City of Los Angeles Review Process:

Per the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is being prepared for this project. The EIR identifies and evaluates any potentially significant environmental impacts of the project and identifies ways to minimize or eliminate them. City officials must approve the EIR

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Brentwood Native Returns to Open Practice in Santa Monica

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Elementary, Paul Revere Junior High, and Palisades High School. She graduated as Valedictorian of Palisades High School, and then ventured east for 14 years of training before making a full circle back to practice back home in Southern

California. She now lives in Brentwood once again, and her daughter started Kindergarten at Kenter this year!

Dr. Batra received her A.B., M.P.H, and M.D. degrees from Harvard University, where she graduated magna cum laude and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. A Rhodes Scholar, she earned a master's degree at Oxford. She completed her residency training in dermatology at Stanford University, followed by advanced fellowship training in Mohs micrographic surgery and laser and cosmetic dermatology in Boston. Prior to opening her practice in Santa Monica, she was the Section Head of Dermatology at City of Hope National Medical Center. She and her associates are well versed in the latest advances

and use state-of-the-art technology, but never forget that friendly, personalized, ethical care for patients is the top priority.

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