



## The Winston School Seeks Community Support for Redevelopment Plan

*School launches campaign following ongoing negotiations with Del Mar City Council.*

(Del Mar, California, June 25) - "We continue to work hard to receive redevelopment plan approval from the Del Mar City Council and have the lease adjusted to reflect a smaller leasehold," stated Dr. Dena Harris, Head of School, for The Winston School of San Diego located in Del Mar.

Last week as **The Winston School** concluded another successful and memorable school year in its 33-year history of serving students with learning differences, the City communicated for a third time that its application was deemed incomplete and included all-new, additional requirements for the School to address. Negotiations with the City have been ongoing since the hiring of Dr. Harris in the fall of 2016 and despite having completed the community input process more than two years ago. Eight formal submittals based on this resident feedback have been presented to date.

While the School has been working diligently to respond to each of the City's demands, it continues to be met with delays. Disagreements continue regarding the City's interpretation of several essential lease terms.

In response, Winston has launched a campaign to show the support among fellow Del Mar residents as well as the greater school community through a petition drive at <https://www.change.org/TheWinstonSchool>. Close to 200 people signed the petition supporting the school redevelopment plan within the first few hours of the campaign.



**Existing Entry**

**Proposed Entry**

**Proposed Courtyard**



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**Help us fulfill the promise and intent of the original capital campaign to create a permanent home for The Winston School.**



**The Winston School. A Positive Place to Learn**  
For over 70 years, The Shores site has been a school.

The Winston School:  
• Is one of the **oldest** and **largest** nonprofits in Del Mar.  
• Has served many Del Mar families in need of a safe place for their children with learning differences.

The Winston School, a **proven** community partner, made the Shores Park acquisition possible by contributing \$3M and acting as a fiscal sponsor for another \$2.5M from the Friends of Del Mar Parks fundraising campaign. The lead \$1M gift was from former Winston Board Member and parent Louise Ukleja.

**Winston has been working on the redevelopment of our campus for over ten years.**

<p><b>Major Remodel:</b> While every mechanical system and exterior surface is being touched with this major remodel, <b>the footprint will remain the same.</b></p> <p><b>After redevelopment, ALL of our buildings will be up to code.</b></p>	<p><b>Parking:</b> When the City of Del Mar begins to fund the Shores Park and exercise its right to develop the north back parking lot, Winston has offered to swap the unusable .18 acre easement to obtain up to 17 parking spots for school and community use.</p>	<p><b>Reduced Leasehold:</b> A recently discovered and corrected survey error resulted in a reduced ground leasehold.</p>
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**Call to Action:**  
The Del Mar City Council must be encouraged to:

- Adjust the ground lease to reflect the smaller leasehold.
- Approve the current remodel plan.

These **two simple actions** will fulfill the **promise and intent** of the original capital campaign to create a permanent home for **The Winston School.**



**SCAN ME!**

Please show your support for **The Winston School** by signing our petition!  
(<http://chn9.it/Xw92ztMszi>)



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Dr. Harris says she expects to resubmit the plan along with the petition signatures well in advance of the July 23, 2021, newly-revised City Council deadline.

About: *For more than 30 years, The Winston School in Del Mar has successfully educated bright, creative children whose learning differences have made succeeding in*

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*a traditional school extremely difficult. Our students receive a quality education that prepares them for college or a meaningful transition suited to their needs.*

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