

Dublin City Schools statement regarding the proposed Riviera development

There has been a significant amount of information regarding this proposed project circulating in our community. Some of that information has directly mentioned possible impact on our schools. We have been asked to provide accurate information to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

The information District officials have received to date regarding the proposed Riviera subdivision has allowed us to make preliminary enrollment calculations for the proposed development, using the student per household ratios of the adjacent subdivisions of Belvedere and Shannon Glen. While we have not been given any timeline for the full build-out of the proposed development, our Planning Department estimates of the number of students produced by the proposed Riviera development at full build-out are listed below.

Elementary School—145
Middle School—102
High School—105

We understand that the ultimate rezoning of the Riviera Golf Course will be a City of Dublin decision and “impact upon schools” is not a major factor in the decision making process. With that being said, if this development is ultimately approved, we would ask the Commission to consider the proximity of some of the proposed homes to the Dublin Jerome football stadium and to the Grizzell Middle School property. School properties are in heavy use throughout the year. Many sports and marching band activities take place in the stadium throughout the year. The same is true with any available green space at the middle school level. For example, practices at our facilities requiring stadium lights may go on as late as 11 p.m. Many events require the use of a public address system. Additionally, there is little break during the summer. Jerome will be hosting the nationally recognized Top Gun Football Camp again this year as an example. Residents who live near Coffman’s football stadium or the Jerome baseball field can attest to the heavy, year-round use of these facilities and the noise that often emanates into these neighborhoods.

As part of any approval plans for this development, a green space buffer zone and sound mitigation steps would benefit the District and any future city residents of this area.

We would like to clear up any public misinformation regarding easements. Our District has not granted the property owner any easements associated with this project and we do not plan to grant any easement requests onto the Jerome High School property in the future.

As a public school district, it is our job to educate any students who live within the boundaries of Dublin City Schools and we will complete that task regardless of any decisions made regarding the Riviera property.