

The **DVUSD Special Report to the Community** is a four-page mailer. The layout is below. View full-size publication on pages 2-5. DVUSD mails this annual publication to every address within the District boundaries – going to virtually all taxpayers. This is important as more than 50% of our community members do not have school-age children living in their home.

### Front Page:



### Inside Pages:

**MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT**

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1:1 COMPUTING EVERY HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR USES AN IPAD

2:1 COMPUTING K-8

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**SCHOLARSHIP OFFERS TO SENIORS**

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**DVUSD  
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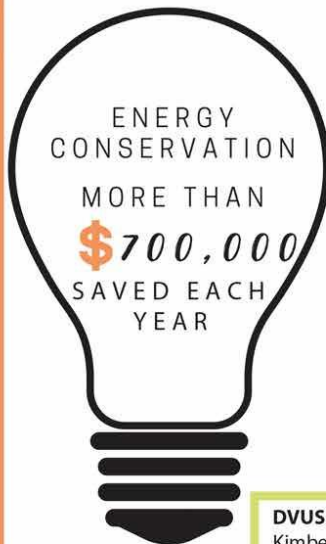
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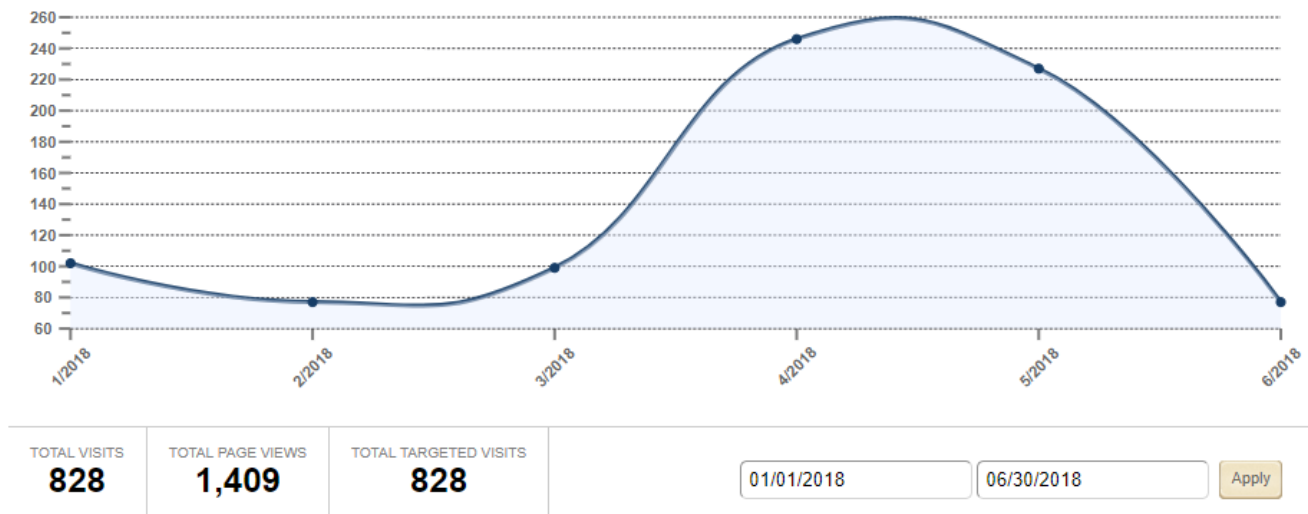
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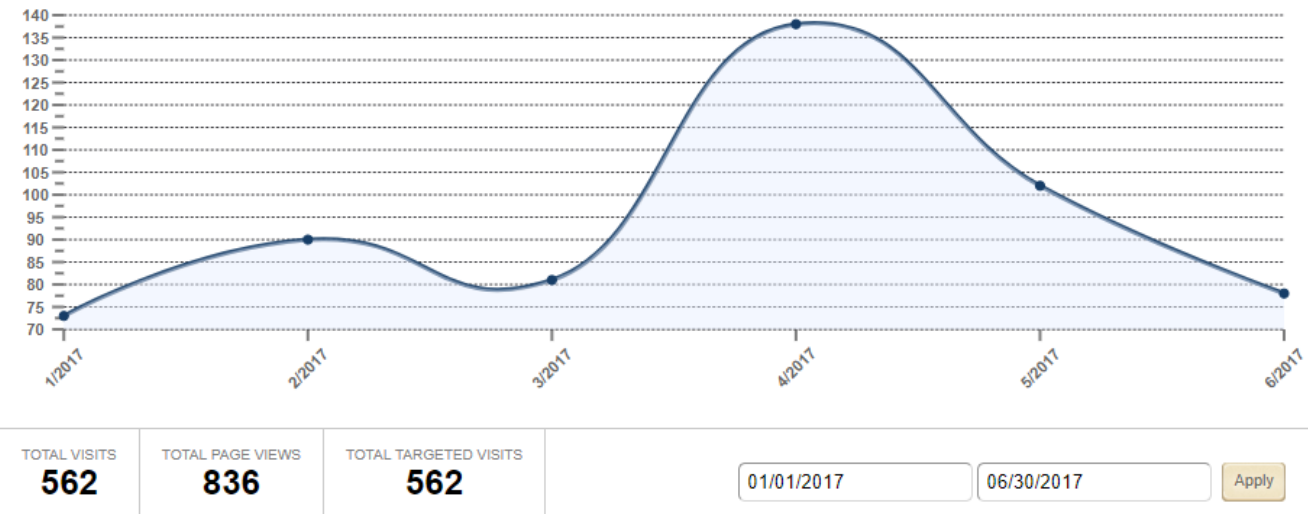
The Report to the Community references a link to the Budget 411 website several times ([www.dvUSD.org/budget411](http://www.dvUSD.org/budget411)) for stakeholders to read enhanced and additional information relating to the Special Report to the Community. Below please see stats comparing this past year's web views with the previous year's views.

**DVUSD experienced an increase of more than 68% for total page views and more than 47% of total targeted visits.**

#### Jan 1 – June 30, 2018



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# DVUSD Special Report to the Community

## Showing a Return On Your Investment

### District Financial Update and Bond Project Management

Deer Valley Unified School District sends this Special Report to the Community each year because we understand how important our relationship with the community about the effective management of our district's bond program is. We want to share with you the Special Report to the Community for the year because a detailed list of all our community members is used to demonstrate our commitment of effectiveness and transparency in the use of your investment.

This report features information about how the District has spent bond funds, as well as other information we know that is "up and coming" to the community, such as school and public health, high-quality education that our community members expect and that our students deserve.

Include this publication, you will find information about the use of voter-approved bonds, which projects that are anticipated by the community, and the community's role in the future of the district, such as increasing learning facilities, building schools, and purchasing school buses.

This today is dedicated to providing transparent educational opportunities for every learner, the most efficient and fiscally responsible way possible. We are fortunate and appreciative to have dedicated staff, parents, and community members who continue to support our efforts and build upon voter-approved initiatives. Thank you!

If you would like more detailed information on any aspect of our district's finances, please visit [www.dvufd.org/finance/](http://www.dvufd.org/finance/) or contact Jim Maguire, Superintendent of Fiscal Services, 902.445-8978 or by email at [jim.maguire@dvufd.org](mailto:jim.maguire@dvufd.org).

Dr. James W. Steinhauser, Superintendent

### Voter-approved bond funds improve facilities, learning and Educational Elementary

Let's keep focused around their classroom and inside.

The Espenanza Educational Foundation has been working hard to bring together the people and the business it's helping them create and make sense.

"Education here is a place where active space for kids, more movement, and kids' access to the outdoors is the goal." We're excited to see the results.

The Espenanza is one of a district's schools undergoing improvement that began in 2008 as the district moved from facilities to give students the best educational experience possible.

"This is transformational for our school," said Principal Michael Smith, discussing the overall work and its impact on the educational environment and the community.

The project, which was funded through the 2013 bond, includes a number of significant changes. Several of the classrooms were replaced, and the school was moved from its current location to a new site. The school is now a state-of-the-art facility with a new design, the most significant alterations. Outside the school, a new walkway was built to give the public more access to the multipurpose building and the school. The play area on the kindergarten classroom received significant changes to help new year.

Safety and security were also considered. The front office, for example, resulted in a redesign of the building's entrance and the school's security. The school's security was also enhanced in the corridors, and hallways throughout the district received new features, and the school's security was also made more secure. The school's security was also enhanced by the school's security.

This transformation project was made possible by the district's renewed financial and voter support, and was supported by the fund of a \$250 million bond issue that will pay for modernization and expansion of all 48 Deer Valley Unified School District schools through 2020.

For additional information on the district's financial and voter support, please visit [www.dvufd.org/finance/](http://www.dvufd.org/finance/).

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For more information about school

Registration for high school students takes place at each high school throughout the summer. For more information about school registration, please call 623-445-4966 or visit [divsd.org](http://divsd.org).