



2018 ANTELOPE VALLEY BOARD OF TRADE

EDWARDS AFB SCHOOLS

DoD Office of Economic Assessment Public Schools on Military Installations

A significant impediment to long-term continued success at Edwards AFB is the poor physical condition of the public schools located on the installation.

The Secretary of Defense identified thirty-three schools located on military installations throughout the nation in need of significant repairs. Two of the schools eligible for such funds are located on Edwards AFB: Branch-Forbes Elementary (ranked 8th worst) and Desert Junior/Senior High School (ranked 31st worst).

This DoD funding is approximately \$150 million. This figure entails \$120 million in OEA funds and \$30 million in local matching funds.

Match funding through multiple creative avenues is apparently progressing well, and ground has been broken on the initial construction effort.

Through replacement and/or renovations, MJUSD will be able to protect the health and safety of its students and staff, provide an education in an environment conducive to learning, and deliver peace of mind for our active duty military and civilian workforce.

As a state of the art campus is built, concern remains for quality of professional academic and behavioral support for students.

Present academic curriculum lacks extensive Advanced Placement and academically challenging programs. STEM curriculum is lacking.

Present school policies and programs do not appear to address effectively behavioral concerns of many parents. There appears to be a considerable lacking in discipline and student oversight.

Students at the Edwards AFB schools should be models of personal and professional conduct.

Goal: Make the schools on base at Edwards AFB “the” desired schools in the entire region. These schools should be benchmarked academic institutions with the most outstanding STEM/STEAM programs available. To support this Edwards personnel are working closely with the Muroc School District as well as investigating Charter/Magnet opportunities.