



Date: August 24, 2022  
To: Board of Directors of Navigator Schools  
From: Kirsten Carr, Director of Engagement & Partnerships  
Subject: Gilroy Prep School Safety Update

### **Background**

As reported to the board previously in late December of 2021 and early January of 2022, the encampment of unhoused people behind Gilroy Prep School, with its associated fires and its illegal and inappropriate behavior, was a cause of concern for families and staff. In conjunction with Gilroy Unified School District, the Gilroy Police Department, and the City of Gilroy, Navigator worked to clean up the area behind GPS, and the area has remained clear.

### **Current Situation**

While the area behind GPS has remained clear, the area under the IOOF bridge has become more impacted. The bridge is not owned by the district, so staff has been working with the police department to ensure activities in that area do not impact students or staff. Gilroy PD has been providing a presence along IOOF Avenue during school hours.

At the request of families and with support from the Gilroy Police Department, the City of Gilroy Public Works Department is implementing protocols to ensure and maintain safety under and around the bridge. The area should see changes in the coming weeks.

Additionally, privacy fencing will be placed along the perimeter of Gilroy Prep School. This action, along with the increased security cameras added last year, will help to maintain a safe school environment. These activities and updates will be shared with GPS families.