



**Statement of Support for Civano Community School as a  
Neighborhood School  
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In today's world—where mom drives the kids to school and soccer practice and the supermarket and back home—"neighborhood school" is an 8 a.m to 3 p.m. place that is, with few exceptions, eerily vacant come late afternoon and on weekends. In the Community of Civano, neighborhood school takes on its most fundamental and richest meaning: a school for the entire neighborhood, where our children attend classes, where parents meet to discuss their children's academic and community growth, where the school itself becomes a forum for the community. Having a community school in our neighborhood means economies of scale, allowing the school and all the neighbors to share facilities, whether for classes, town meetings, or weekend workshops. It also means the community reciprocates by caring for the school just as it does its other cherished public buildings. In the end, the physical foundations of the education we provide are defined as much by our neighborhood as they are by our curricula and teachers—there is no better way to build a successful educational base than to make the school itself an integral part of the neighborhood.

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