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Subject: Rancho Las Positas - Outdoor Dining Area

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Dear Superintendent Bowers, Deputy Superintendent Van Schaack, Board President Bueno and Trustees,

I am writing today as a parent of a second grader at Rancho Las Positas Elementary School. As you are aware, the new recommendations for safely reopening schools is to have children eat outside where possible. Unfortunately, Rancho does not currently have a viable outdoor eating option outside of having the children sit on the field or blacktop, which are both directly in the sun. In reviewing other elementary schools in the District, such as Smith and Croce, we noticed they have permanent shaded outdoor dining areas for the children. Given the current circumstances, is there a plan to provide Rancho with a shaded outdoor dining area? We all want to keep our children safe when they return and agree having lunch outside is the best option. However, asking the kids to sit on a hot blacktop in 90 degree weather with no shade to provide protection does not seem to be a practical option. We understand budget constraints, but hope the District can consider this request and assist in providing a permanent outdoor dining area at Rancho.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Rebecca Foust