

# Use Permit Request for Private K-8 Education

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Sanctuary and Temple Isaiah Classroom Building from Reservoir Parking Lot

The Planning Commission heard an initial proposal last week from the Contra Costa Jewish Day School, a K-8 parochial school, which is requesting a land use permit and development permit to expand its existing facility at 3800 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

The site is owned by the Temple Isaiah, has an access driveway from Risa Rd. and has been the home of the Contra Costa Jewish Day School for several years.

Phase 1 of the proposed project calls for an 18,838 square foot classroom. Phases 2 and 3, which are contingent upon the availability of sufficient funding, would include the construction of an 8,530 square foot multi-use building (Gymnasium) for recreation and school events and another classroom building.

The decision to site the project at the proposed location is the result of extensive input from, and discussions between, the Day School and Temple Isaiah leadership. The existing Sanctuary and Temple Isaiah classroom building (see photo, taken from the Reservoir parking lot) would be accompanied by three more buildings on the southwest site of the property. At least 26 trees would be removed to develop the Phase 1 building with additional parking.

Following the initial presentation by Peter Stackmole, Loving & Campos Architects Inc., and a questionnaire and discussion session, the Commission is now awaiting a feasibility study. A photo simulation and story posts at the site will help to identify the size and location of the new buildings.

For the coming school year the facility will host 90 students at the K-8 day school, about 18 children per class. With the projected new classrooms, the day school will hold 140-150 students.



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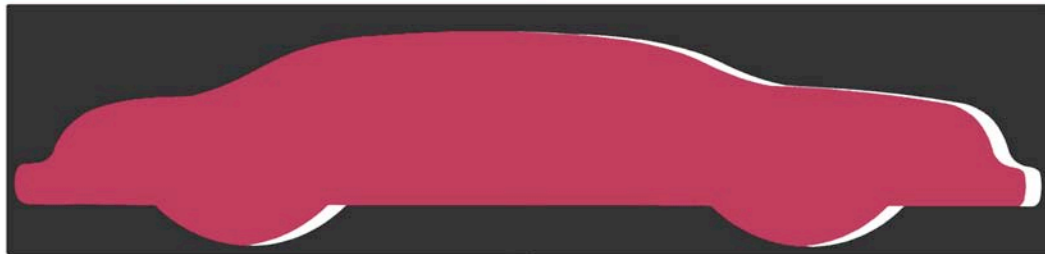
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