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### **Milpitas Planning Commission Approves New Stratford School Facility for Preschool and Early Elementary Students**

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At its regular meeting on Wednesday, August 11, 2021, the Milpitas Planning Commission unanimously approved redevelopment and reuse of the former Orchard Supply Hardware site at 125 North Milpitas Blvd. as a new private school for up to 480 preschool and early elementary students. The school will be operated by Stratford Schools, which currently serves elementary and middle school students at two other locations in Milpitas (Great Mall Parkway and Corning Avenue).

Milpitas Planning Director Ned Thomas shared that “The new Stratford School facility will activate a vacant commercial building in our Town Center and help address the growing demand for additional pre-school and early elementary services in our City. We are also excited to welcome families and visitors who will be supporting Milpitas local businesses, which will help in our community’s path to recovering from the pandemic.”

Sherry Adams, co-founder of Stratford School said that “Serving more than 500 families directly from the Milpitas community, and hundreds more from nearby, I couldn’t be prouder to see this dream flourish. We look forward to welcoming even more students to Stratford’s Beresford Square campus, opening Fall 2022.”

The new 44,088-square foot facility on North Milpitas Blvd. will include 20 classrooms, a multi-purpose hall, library, administrative offices, two conference rooms, a staff break

room, and an entry lobby. Exterior improvements will include the addition of two outdoor play areas with play structures and on the east and west ends of the project site. Other modifications to the existing building will include new windows and doors, metal awnings and siding, and fencing materials to modernize the older, existing commercial building while complementing the existing commercial buildings adjacent to the project site. The existing building will be fully retrofitted to meet current building and seismic safety codes for a school use.

To ensure safe and efficient traffic circulation and parking during student drop-off and pick-up, the new Stratford location will provide a separate drop-off and pick-up area for smaller pre-school and pre-kindergarten students at the front of the building. Existing parking areas will be restriped and labeled to identify dedicated staff parking, pick-up and drop-off zones for students, and new spaces for electric vehicle charging and accessible parking.

Interior construction work to convert an existing commercial building into an academic school setting will begin within the next several weeks, and Stratford Schools estimates that the new school will be ready for use in Fall 2022.

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### **About the City of Milpitas**

Located at the southern end of San Francisco Bay, Milpitas is a progressive community that is an integral part of Silicon Valley. A full-service city with water utility, sewer utility, police and fire services, Milpitas celebrates a diverse population of nearly 80,000. Under a Council-Manager form of government, the City Council has established the following seven priority areas of service and policy: public safety, environment, transportation and transit, economic development and job growth, neighborhoods and housing, community wellness and open space, and governance and administration. For more information, visit: [www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov](http://www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov)

### **About Stratford Schools**

Established in 1999, Stratford School is a leading independent private school, founded with a vision of creating a unique, multi-dimensional, educational foundation for children. Stratford School offers an accelerated yet balanced curriculum from preschool through eighth grade, with an emphasis on the areas of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) and incorporates music, physical education, foreign language, and social skills development. Stratford School's goal is to prepare

and mentor students for admission to competitive high schools and colleges. All students are provided the necessary tools to excel and are encouraged to participate actively in leadership, community service, and extracurricular activities. Visit [www.stratfordschools.com](http://www.stratfordschools.com) for more information. Stratford School is part of Spring Education Group, a multi-brand network of premier schools, providing superior private school education from infant care through high school.



Architect's rendering

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