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Dear neighbors,

We are reaching out to the Altadena community to share important news about Nuccio's Nurseries and the future stewardship of the Nuccio family property off Chaney Trail.

After serving the community since 1935, the Nuccio family has decided to wind down operations of the nursery in the coming years. While no closure is imminent, we expect to phase out the business in the next two to three years.

In planning for the future, it has been a steadfast priority to pass custodianship of this remarkable property to an owner who will honor both the land and the surrounding community. The Nuccio family is quite pleased to have found the next generation owner.

Polytechnic School, serving kindergarten through grade 12 students from its main campus in Pasadena since 1907, sees a once-in-a-generation opportunity to advance the mission of the school and improve its outdoor education, environmental science, athletics, and wellness programs. The intended vision for the site is to include carefully designed athletic facilities, as well as dedicated learning spaces to offer experiential learning in sustainability, environmental science, and related fields.

Poly is committed to being a superb neighbor and steward of this land and intends to utilize the same general footprint as the current nursery – a small portion of the 80-acre site. Among its guiding principles will be to ensure the property remains a valuable resource for the community, that neighboring public hiking trails will remain fully accessible, and to protect the native undeveloped land and the plant and animal species living within it.

The school has begun a multi-year, extensive process to plan for the future of the property. It is important to all of us that neighbors and other stakeholders play an active role in the effort to ensure the community's needs and priorities are respected. In the coming months, Poly will begin a comprehensive community engagement effort regarding the property that will be proactive, inclusive, and transparent at all stages. We plan to host a neighborhood gathering at Nuccio's Nurseries and invite you to attend with any questions. More information will be forthcoming as event details are confirmed.

Poly's 115-year history as a premier educational institution and a respected and supportive member of the Pasadena community convinced the Nuccio family it will excel in this role in Altadena, as well. We are excited for what the future holds.

Sincerely,

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