

Schools

From the onset of the project, Gold Rush Ranch sponsors committed to providing funding for education that was over and above the state legal requirements.

After many years of collaboration and careful planning with the Amador County Unified School District, the Gold Rush Ranch partners announced their plans in September 2008 to dedicate a new 17 acre school site on Valley View Road close to Highway 49. The Amador School District would like to build a new K-8 school on the site which is five times larger than Sutter Creek Primary School and which contains difficult-to-find expansive flat areas ideal for new park, recreation and sport fields.

The school site is easily accessible by cars off of Highway 49 and will also be accessible through Gold Rush Ranch's extensive five-mile network of cycling, walking and hiking trails. A new library site at Gold Rush Ranch is also designated next to the school site.

This 17 acre donation is one of the largest in Amador County history. "The developer exceeded by far any relationship I've experienced," said County Schools Superintendent Dick Glock, who has overseen development of 18 schools throughout his career.

School district taxpayers would normally be required to foot the bill for such an important land acquisition. By making this critical donation, Gold Rush is freeing up that school district revenue to create important new educational opportunities for the next generation of students. The local school district will also benefit from the steady stream of new students that will trigger tens of millions of new state dollars for local educational coffers. As a result of Gold Rush Ranch, the children of Sutter Creek will have access to better school facilities and additional learning opportunities.