

## Setting the Record Straight: Issues and Responses

### ISSUE

*Castilleja has been willfully out of enrollment compliance for 15 years.*

### RESPONSE

**Castilleja has been in compliance with City directed enrollment caps since 2013.** In 2012, Head of School Nanci Kauffman came forward to report that the School was over-enrolled. Castilleja paid a fine of \$265,000 and began reductions to achieve a new City-authorized 438-student cap. Palo Alto reiterated in recent months that Castilleja's enrollment should remain at 438. The City has now changed its position and requested that Castilleja recommence a gradual enrollment reduction to 415 starting in the 2018-2019 school year, which will result in the loss of opportunity for 23 potential students. Just as it has over the past several years, Castilleja will comply with the enrollment limits set by the City.

### ISSUE

*Castilleja is removing or damaging 168 trees.*

### RESPONSE

**Only 6 trees are being contemplated for removal.** In fact, Castilleja's plan was designed specifically to minimize the impact on trees on its property, and includes the addition of at least 20 net new trees. Visit [www.castillejamasterplan.com/trees-and-sustainability/](http://www.castillejamasterplan.com/trees-and-sustainability/) for more information and a map of our tree plan.

### ISSUE

*Castilleja's proposed underground garage will result in more cars and traffic to and around campus.*

### RESPONSE

**The number of car trips will stay the same due to the school's strict Traffic Demand Management (TDM) plan.** This has reduced the number of car trips by nearly 20% since 2012. The underground garage features a driveway aligned with Melville Ave and is well-integrated with the surrounding landscape. The 115 spaces will remove cars and daily student drop-off and pick-up from neighborhood streets, putting them out of sight below ground. To view the TDM plan and see how traffic conditions have improved, please visit [www.castillejamasterplan.com](http://www.castillejamasterplan.com).

### ISSUE

*Castilleja can split its campus or move to another location.*

### RESPONSE

**After 100 years in its current location, these are not viable options, especially given today's real estate climate.** Splitting the campus is the least environmentally-sustainable option, likely adding traffic to the neighborhood and throughout Palo Alto.

### ISSUE

*Castilleja has not engaged the community about its Master Plan or the CUP process.*

### RESPONSE

**Since 2012, the school has held more than 30 community meetings.** This has provided neighbors the opportunity to learn about the plan and share feedback that has been incorporated into the school's proposal. To find out when the next meeting is being held, please visit [www.castillejamasterplan.com](http://www.castillejamasterplan.com).