



Bond Update

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Invitation to Help Design District's Focus for Future



Superintendent Chris D. Funk

The East Side Union High School District is currently engaged in a strategic planning process to determine how we can best focus our energies, resources and facilities to meet the needs of our 21st century learners. As a part of that process, I am holding community conversations with all of the District's stakeholders –students, parents, staff, community members and business leaders to solicit their recommendations on how we can best achieve the district's mission of delivering high quality instruction and successful student learning. I encourage you to participate.

The dates and times of the meetings are available at [Strategic Plan Engagement](#). Your input is critical. All the comments at the sessions will be recorded and the information will be used to develop the District's Strategic Plan for success.

We are very fortunate in East San Jose to have a community that values education and has helped us to continue to update and improve our school facilities to provide better learning environments that foster success. Your continued support and assistance will help us to attain our mission of graduating every student with the skills and abilities to achieve their academic and career goals.

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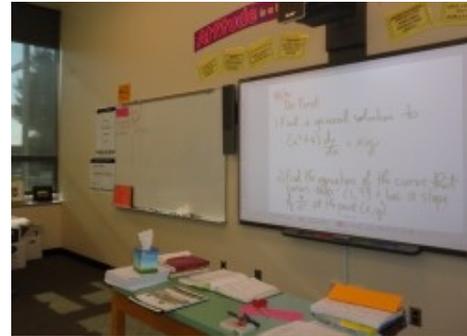
Teachers and Students Excited About Move into New James Lick 500 Building

According to James Lick Principal Glenn VanderZee, the comment, “This place is awesome” is heard frequently as teachers and students get familiar with their new 2 story classroom building. Michael Cureton, 1st year Foreign Language

teacher said, “This place has the look and feel of a college campus, it’s very professional and we see a difference in how the students are acting in class. I’m excited to be able to pilot new approaches to learning.” The new facility accommodates 8 general classrooms, 3 technology lab classrooms, special education office, restrooms for students and staff, and meeting space.

Teachers were selected to move into the building based on proposals they submitted to their department chair on how they would use the new information sharing technology in the classrooms to enhance the learning environment for students. The goal is to utilize the technology to help students meet the new common core standards of proving, explaining and justifying their work. Nine teachers, representing a variety of disciplines – special education, social studies, math, English, science and foreign language were selected to pilot new approaches to learning. The teachers will be engaging students through the use of interactive technology, smartboards, and iPads.

“There is definitely an excitement from staff and students about being in this new environment. The students have commented that they can concentrate better, they like the look, feel and smell of the building.” commented Principal Glenn VanderZee. Mark Adams who teaches English, was impressed with not just the newness, he felt it was well thought out and it provides students with more learning opportunities. Math teacher Bernadette Salgarino, noticed a new enthusiasm among the staff and students in the building. She noted, “Students are expressing pride in their work and enjoy being in class.”



James Lick High School was built in 1950 and it was the first high school in the district. Classrooms have been modernized but this is the first new structure to be added to the campus.

New Overfelt Adult Center Update

The construction of the new Overfelt Adult Center is on schedule. The walls are up and the roofs have been installed. The construction crew is now working with PG&E to deliver power to the buildings. The switchgear was set this week. If all goes well, PG&E will sign off on the final inspection of the switchgear by next week and permanent power hookup will be completed by the 22nd of February.

Crews will be finishing up the painting of the exterior and work will start on the hardscape and the landscaping over the next few months.



When completed, the new center will have 18 high tech classrooms, 2 computer labs, a student lounge and administrative offices. All the relocatable classrooms currently used to house the program will be removed and replaced with a student parking lot.

Classroom Modernizations Completed at Mt. Pleasant

Over 50 classrooms in the 200, 300, 600, 700 and 800 wings have recently been modernized at Mt. Pleasant. Several of the buildings were reconfigured to make the campus safer. Classrooms now open into long wide hallways that feed into the center of campus. Three new sets of restrooms were built and located in areas that are easier to supervise.



District Hires New Director of Construction, Maintenance and Facilities

This past Fall, the East Side Union High School District was fortunate to hire Linda da Silva as the new Director of Construction, Maintenance & Facilities. Prior to taking this position, Linda was the Executive Director of Construction Planning at the San Mateo County Community College District, managing a capital construction program valued at \$900 million for an educational real estate portfolio of 1.4 million square feet distributed among three college campuses.



She served as the Director of Facilities Maintenance & Operations at San Mateo County Community College District before being promoted to Executive Director, and also as the Owner and Managing Principal of Avalon Construction, which specialized in commercial and institutional renovation projects.

In addition, Linda has taught college-level courses in facilities maintenance engineering. Ms. da Silva holds a Baccalaureate Degree from the University of California at Berkeley, an MBA from San Francisco State University, and is a California State licensed general contractor.

"In just a few months, Linda has already had a positive impact on the district. She has implemented a number of changes to our systems to make us more effective and efficient in the facilities and maintenance and operations areas," said Marcus Battle, Associate Superintendent of Business Services.

Learning without Wires

In a world that has 'gone wireless' the East Side Union High School District has undertaken the initial steps to provide wireless access at each of the campuses. Beginning in the summer of 2012, WIRELESS I began in earnest to provide wireless to approximately 70% of each school site. This phase of the project was completed in November, 2012. The next steps are to tie wireless access to each users' Google email credentials (students will be receiving Google accounts.) This coupled with the District's new Identity Automation software will provide greater access and security for all of users. The District is currently examining the scope for WIRELESS II which will provide 100% coverage on each campus. "Our team worked hard and long to complete this work and it is a project that we can be proud of," said IT Director Randy Phelps.

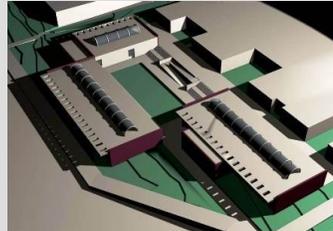
WC Overfelt
Modernization
Rendering



Yerba Buena Theater Rendering



Santa Teresa
Building
Modernization
Underway



Piedmont Hills Science
Building Rendering

Measure E Phase II Projects Begin



Andrew Hill New Building Rendering

As the final Phase I projects get near completion, several of the Phase II projects are underway. In fact, the first Phase II project, Site Lighting Addition and Replacement for 4 schools has been completed. Additional exterior lighting was addressed at Piedmont Hills, Santa Teresa, Silver Creek and Yerba Buena. Work was started last summer and completed in October, 2012.

The second project underway is the modernization of units 100, 200, 400, 700, 1300 and 1400 at Santa Teresa. Unit 200 is a 17,000 square foot single story classroom wing that is being modernized and reconfigured to house 13 general classrooms, teacher workroom, counseling offices and student services area. That project is currently under construction and it is being done in two phases to avoid the need to bring in relocatable classrooms. Half of the 200 building will be completed in April and ready for occupancy. Thereafter, the other half will be addressed and ready for the start of school. The other work to be completed will be the modernization of restrooms in the 100, 400, 700, 1300 and 1400 units. That work will be phased and, as much work as possible, will be scheduled for the summer to minimize the impact to the school.

Many of the Phase II projects are currently under review in the Division of the State Architect (DSA). This state agency provides design and construction oversight for K-12 schools. We expect many of the projects to receive approval from DSA in the next few months.

List of Phase II Projects

- Andrew Hill – New Classroom Building
- Evergreen Valley – Building Improvements
- Independence – Modernization of Theater and Building G and N1 – N2
- James Lick – Modernization of Building 900
- Oak Grove – Modernization of Building U and Theater
- Piedmont Hills – Modernization of B4 and New Science Building
- Santa Teresa – Modernization of Units 100, 200, 400, 700, 1300 and 1400
- Silver Creek – Modernization of Restrooms
- WC Overfelt – Modernization of Building D and J
- Yerba Buena – Modernization of Theater and Digital Media Lab
- Evergreen Valley, Silver Creek and Yerba Buena – Fencing, Paving and Site Improvements
- Site Lighting Additional/Replacement at Piedmont Hills, Santa Teresa, Silver Creek and Yerba Buena (COMPLETED)

New IT Director Opens Door to Creative Teaching and Learning Opportunities

Another outstanding hire for the East Side Union High District, was the appointment of Randy Phelps as the Director of Technology. Phelps brings a wide variety of experiences and strong technical skills to the district. He worked as a teacher and administrator in several school districts, earning a number of awards and recognitions for his work and success in the classroom. He gained first-hand knowledge of the challenges educators face and demonstrated that technology can play a critical role in student success. Randy also possesses a strong technical background. He operated a prosperous small hardware and software company that specialized in helping educators use technology to create and implement learning plans and he worked for Apple, Inc. for over 10 years as a senior engineer and strategic sales executive. Many of the projects Randy worked on gained national recognition for innovation in teaching and learning.



“Randy brings a unique prospective to the job, he has the educational experience and understanding of the difficulties teachers face in the classroom and the technical expertise to guide them on how to effectively use technology to improve student performance. We’re excited to have him on our team and we’re confident he will help us make significant gains in student achievement,” stated Superintendent Chris D. Funk.

Phelps holds degrees and certifications from California Lutheran University, the College of William and Mary, University of Colorado.

Untethered Teaching: Laptops for Teachers

In an effort to enhance student performance through better communications among families, teachers, administrators and students via School Loop and Infinite Campus, e-mail and social media, a new laptop initiative is being implemented by the IT Division through the Bond Program. Each certificated staff member will be equipped with a standard model device that is capable of running all district-approved applications.



The new units will have the capacity to be continuously upgraded, allowing the laptop computers to have a projected lifespan of 4 years. Employees will utilize cloud based storage and replication system which will provide a full backup of documents and allow for a quick turnaround of machines in the event a computer gets damaged or needs repair.

The roll out for this project will be methodical and in such short order that all laptops will be distributed within a two week period. The plan is to receive laptops and complete imaging, tagging, and testing at the District Office and deliver them to the sites in April. Teachers and administrators are attending a ‘welcome to my laptop’ session (in person or online) to orient themselves with their new machine. At the beginning of the 5th year, laptops will be collected and recycled and traded in at market value to aid in the purchase of instructional materials and to defray the cost of the next round.

To ensure success, IT is working closely with teachers and coordinators to provide the best possible solutions for the individual teacher.

“We’re excited to be able to provide our East Side family with the kinds of tools that will help them communicate effectively and easily with students and their families,” said Randy Phelps, Director of IT.

Measure G Site Improvement Project Update



Independence Pool Modernization is Underway

Independence High School's Frank Fiscalini Swim Center is currently being modernized. The complex, named after a former long-time superintendent, is 37 years old. This huge facility houses Olympic-sized racing and diving pools. The racing pool is 50 meters by 25 yards and the diving tank (25 yards by 25 meters) has 2 three meter boards and 2 one meter boards. The pools are housed in a stadium with built in concrete bleachers and numerous seat walls. The pools are used by the school and the community. Many major statewide and national competitions are held regularly at the site.

The modernization will include the renovation of the 2 swimming pools, new plaster and tile, new concrete decks, walkways and deck drainage system, new pool drainage system, surge tanks, recirculation system, filtration system and finish for the interior of the pools. It will also include new diving boards, ADA lift and other deck equipment. The work started in January is expected to be completed by the end of June 2013.

Schools Celebrate Synthetic Fields

Special opening ceremonies to thank the community were held at Independence, Mt. Pleasant, Overfelt and Silver Creek football games this past Fall to celebrate the installation of new synthetic turf football fields and the newly resurfaced tracks.

Now, all of the comprehensive high schools in East Side have turf fields. Tracks at the other East Side schools are scheduled to be resurfaced over the next 2 years thanks to remaining Measure G funds.



Mt. Pleasant



Silver Creek



WC Overfelt

Summary of 2012 Measure G Site Improvement Projects

- Turf fields and resurfaced tracks at Independence, Mt. Pleasant, Silver Creek and WC Overfelt
- Gym bleacher replacements at Andrew Hill & Santa Teresa
- Exterior painting at Oak Grove, Piedmont Hills, Silver Creek and Child Care Center at Yerba Buena
- Gym floors replacements at Santa Teresa and Yerba Buena
- Practice field repairs at Independence, Silver Creek and Andrew Hill
- Asphalt at safety issues on multiple campuses
- Door replacement for identified doors on multiple campuses
- Carpeting at selected rooms on multiple campuses
- Kitchen equipment ordered for all campuses

Schedules are being developed for the 2013 Measure G Site Improvement Projects.



Independence



Piedmont Hills