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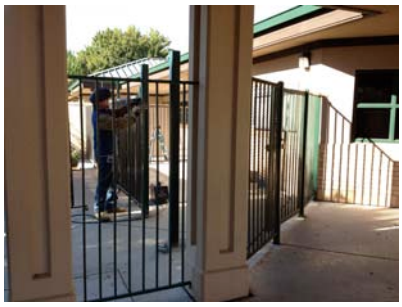
MEASURE J SCHOOL BOND UPDATE

STUDENTS TO BENEFIT FROM SUMMER MEASURE J PROJECTS

TRAINA SCHOOL

The Traina campus enjoyed several improvements over the summer that will enhance student programs. Major projects include a track (top photo) and partial field replacement, shade structures in kindergarten and on the outer playground, an outdoor covered eating area (second photo), and an outside patriotic courtyard adjacent to the play structure. All projects are expected to be completed before school begins on August 13th. The field will be closed until 2013 to allow the grass to germinate. The future Traina gymnasium continues in design phase and will be built when funds become available.

MONTICELLO SCHOOL



Monticello School underwent major renovations this summer. Major projects include kindergarten shade structures, an outdoor covered eating area (top photo), field and track construction, path replacement, roof replacement, security fencing additions (second photo) and bathroom modernization. Some restrooms will continue to be modernized after school begins and the field will be closed until 2013 to allow the grass to germinate. Monticello has a plan to ensure student safety and minimal disruption during any school-year construction.

HAWKINS SCHOOL

Hawkins students will enjoy many facility modernizations when they return. The kindergarten playground (second photo) was expanded and remodeled, the interior corridors and outdoor stage area (top photo) of the campus were expanded, a new field and track is being constructed, two shade structures were installed with one still to be installed at the track, and a new outdoor sitting area was constructed in the 6-8th grade wing. The field and track will continue to be built during the start of the school year and should be ready for use the following winter. There is a plan in place to ensure safety and minimal disruption during field construction.

WANT TO SEE MORE?

The goal of the Measure J Newsletters is to provide up to date information to families, staff and community members about the responsible spending of Measure J Funds. The nature of a two page newsletter makes it impossible to show more than a few pictures. Our website is regularly updated with information and photos. Please scan the QR Code to the right to go directly top the Measure J section of the Jefferson School District web page.

JEFFERSON SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION SET IN MOTION

During a special school board workshop on August 1, 2012, the board gave direction to plan for a May, 2014 start date for phase one of the Jefferson School project.

Phase one will include the front office, most student classrooms, an expanded front parking lot, an outdoor lunch area, fire safety system, and a new library. It is anticipated that construction will take approximately 14 months. The design by PJHM Architects is based on the original brick facade construction of Jefferson School in the 1920's. Jefferson School has not been significantly modernized since 1966.

The planning for Phase two and three of construction will continue throughout the school year. These phases will eventually modernize the cafeteria, gymnasium/multi-purpose room, playgrounds and field and track areas. The ability to secure funding from Measure J, local assessed property valuation, construction costs and local area growth will all play a role in determining both when and how those phases will take place.

CONSTRUCTION SAFETY

We are committed to providing the safest possible environment for all students and staff during construction. With some construction to take place during the start of the 2012-13 school year, we are revisiting questions about construction on an active student campus.

Question: What steps are taken to ensure student, faculty and staff safety during a construction project?

Answer: Construction fencing is typically used to isolate the area(s) under construction. Construction workers typically work within the construction area and are not allowed outside this area unless prearranged with the site administration and construction manager. Temporary toilet facilities are used by workers within the construction area. Construction workers are not allowed to engage in conversations with students. All construction workers that come in contact with students are fingerprinted by the DOJ. Workers in the fenced in area must be under the supervision of a responsible person who has been fingerprinted and is cleared by the DOJ. Students and staff will receive explicit safety instructions about out of bounds areas and safety around workers.

Question: What steps are taken to minimize the disruption of school activities during a construction project?

Answer: While there will always be some level of disruption, during the planning process every effort is made to isolate areas that will be under construction and minimize noise around classrooms.

oversight committee

Under the provisions of Proposition 39, state law requires the district establish a Citizens' Oversight Committee appointed by the district's Governing Board. The committee purposes are:

- To actively monitor all projects and expenditures approved by the voters.
- To provide proper oversight and accountability to ensure that Measure J funds are used as they were intended.
- To report to members of the community on the progress of Measure J projects.

The Citizens' Oversight Committee met on June 22, 2012, to get updated on construction progress and review bond expenditures. In addition, C.O.C. members participated in a tour of construction progress (photo above).

The next C.O.C. meeting is scheduled for August 21, 2012 at 1:00 P.M. All community members are invited and welcome to attend. The current members of the Jefferson School District C.O.C. are listed below.

<u>Committee Members</u>
Steve Abercrombie
Jennifer Couch (Vice Chair)
Russell Lovell
Nicole Riley (Chair)
Craig Saalwaechter
Raul C. Salazar
Nineb Paul Tumazi

HAVE INPUT TO SHARE?

It is not too late to provide input to the Measure J Modernization Program. Each school site has a committee that meets regularly with the superintendent, chief business officer and architectural team. Please feel free to provide input to your school principal or any of the teachers or parents that make up each committee. Feedback can also be delivered to Superintendent Dana Eaton at deaton@sjcoe.net.