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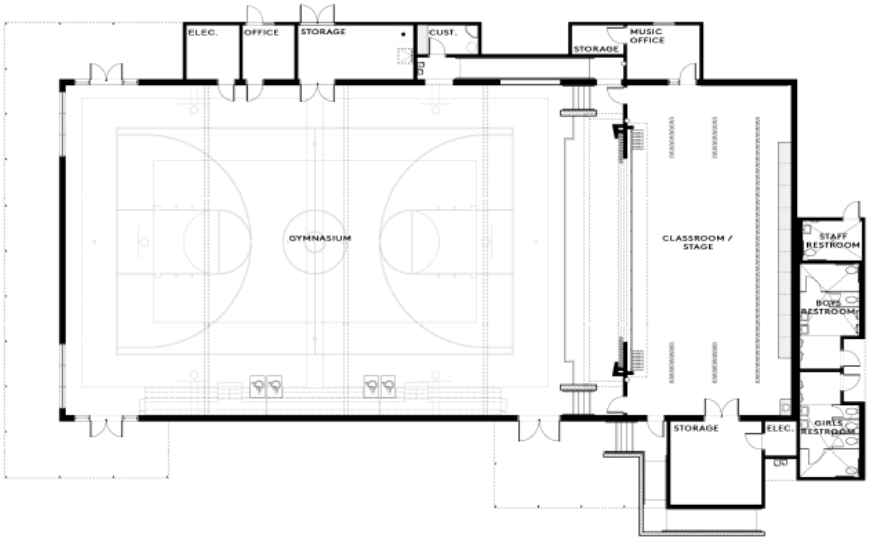
MEASURE J SCHOOL BOND UPDATE

TRAINA SCHOOL GYM SCHEDULED TO OPEN FOR THE 2015 BASKETBALL



oversight committee

JESD Is now Accepting Applications for Measure J School Bond Citizens Oversight Committee

The District is seeking representatives from the following categories:

- *Senior Citizen Organization*
- *Taxpayer Organization*
- *Agricultural*
- *At-Large Member of the Public*

The Committee will meet at least quarterly and is responsible for overseeing Measure J bond projects and funds.

Applications are available on the website.

The Jefferson School Board approved the construction contract for the Anthony Traina School Gymnasium Project on October 14. The contractor, RGM Associates, has already been on site to set temporary fencing and will prepare the site for construction by mid-November. The new gymnasium is expected to be open by November 30, 2015 in time for the basketball season.

The new 10,500 square-foot gym, will consist of a full size basketball court that may be divided into two smaller basketball courts. Fans will have three rows of bleachers to watch the action. There will also be a full size stage for student performances and over three times the seating capacity of the current multi-purpose room (MPR). In addition, the band program will have a new state-of-the-art classroom. Finally, there will be a new bank of restrooms on the outside of the gym facing the playground.

Gym Location View from Windsong Dr.

While this project has been long anticipated, there will be some short term inconveniences that come with any construction project.

1. The parking lot north of the MPR will be closed off starting November 3rd through the duration of the project. This space will be needed for staging of construction equipment and supplies and preserve play space for the students on campus. Parking restrictions in front of the school will be lifted to provide additional parking.
2. Temporary fencing will go up around the construction site to separate the students from the work. Construction workers will have no access to the school site and students and workers will have no interaction during the project. RGM Associates is required to provide criminal background checks on all sub-contractors that will be working in the fenced off construction zone.

There will be increased noise on campus and in the neighborhood while this project is being completed. The contractor will work to minimize the noise by following the City of Tracy Noise Ordinances.

JEFFFERSON SCHOOL RECONSTRUCTION ON SCHEDULE

Construction on the Jefferson School Reconstruction Project got underway June 23rd and has progressed right on schedule. In all construction projects of this magnitude there is concern over what may be unearthed under a school campus that has been in existence since the late 1920's. Luckily RGM and Associates, has not run into any unforeseen circumstances other than a few abandoned irrigation pipes and extra septic tanks.

As of October 31st, all of the grading and underground site work has been completed. The footings (concrete foundations for the walls) have all been completed in the main building and the slab (floor) is scheduled to be completed the first week in November. Once the slab is in, the walls of the main building should be going up just in time to avoid the rain.

The old gym is being converted into the new cafeteria and the interior has been demolished, new doors and windows have been cut, and the stage has been removed to make room for the new kitchen. Foundations and slabs will be poured in this building in the next few weeks.

The footings for the gym building are currently being dug and footings should go in by mid-November. The mason will then come in and set a few courses of blocks so that the slab may be poured. Once the slab is in, the mason will return to begin building the gym walls.

New South Parking Lot of Chrisman Road

New School Cafeteria

Foundation of New Gymnasium

SERIES C BONDS SOLD

On September 25th Piper Jaffray sold $3.6 million worth of Series C bonds as part of the original Measure J. The additional funds were necessary to cover the cost of construction of the Jefferson Reconstruction Project and the Traina Gymnasium. Both projects came in over their estimates in part due to a more competitve construction market in Northern California. These funds will allow for both projects to be built concurently. If both projects go smoothly and do not have any unforseen complications there should be a contingency budget left over that will allow the School Board to go back and reprioritize the funds towards other projects in the Distrct. In addition, Jefferson School is in line for at least one million in State funding if voters pass a bond in the future.