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MEASURE J SCHOOL BOND UPDATE

JEFFERSON STUDENTS TO BE HOUSED AT THE HAWKINS INTERIM CAMPUS FOR 2014-2015

During the 14 months of construction the Jefferson Students will need to be educated and housed safely away from the construction areas at Jefferson School. Due to limited space, the incoming 5th grade students from Monticello School will remain on the Monticello School site for the 2014-2015 school year. In the spring of 2013, the Jefferson School Planning Team developed a plan to house the 6th – 8th grade students in an interim campus on the current site. The original interim campus planned to utilize the six classrooms along Chrisman Road and additional portables that would be placed in the field on the southwest side of campus. Recently, an alternative option to house the students became available. Therapeutic Pathways, an organization that has been leasing the original Hawkins School interim campus, notified the District that it would be vacating in December.

The Construction Planning Team explored the pros and cons of the two sites and developed a cost benefit analysis. The analysis was presented to the community on October 22nd and to the Board of Education on November 12th. At the November 12th meeting, the Board of Education unanimously approved the Jefferson School Interim Housing plan for the 2014-2015 school year. The decision was to move the 6-8th grade students to the Hawkins Interim-Campus. Little League will have access to 4 of the 5 fields this season and will be moving to their new facility at the old Holly Sugar Plant for the 2015 season.

I realize there will be many specifics that need to be provided to the families affected by this decision. Additional details will be sent out in the spring. Please direct any questions or concerns to Jim Bridges at jbridges@sjcoe.net or 209-836-3388.

Jefferson Interim Campus

Jefferson School Courtyard

Grass Fields and Tracks Open in August

The much anticipated new fields and tracks opened in August just in time for the start of the new school year. While the grass is well established at Hawkins, Traina, and Monticello, the District continues to work on the water and fertilization schedules to ensure the best fields. There is a natural swale in the grass behind the Hawkins Gym that is being monitored and reviewed for a long-term solution to encourage better drainage. The tracks are being used on a daily basis at each of the sites by the physical education classes and the students are enjoying having a smooth surface to run on.

TRAINA SCHOOL GYM TO BEGIN JUNE 2014

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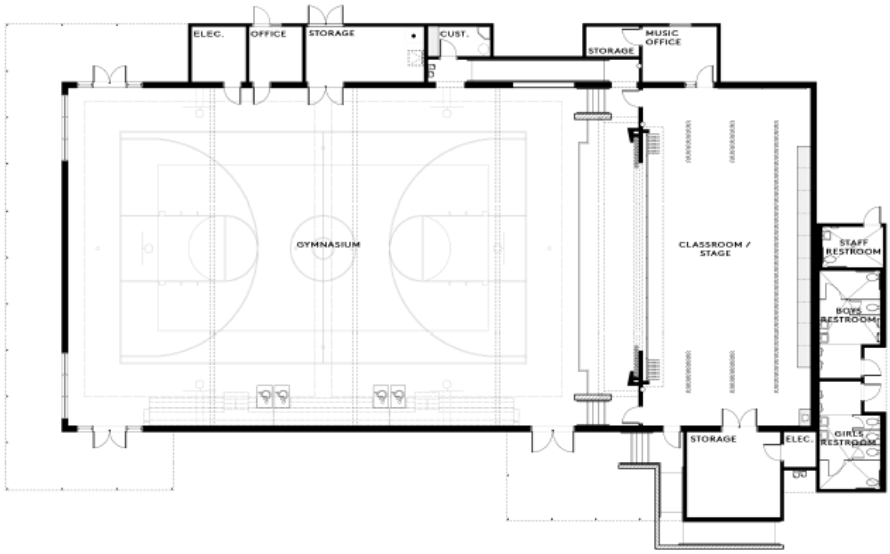
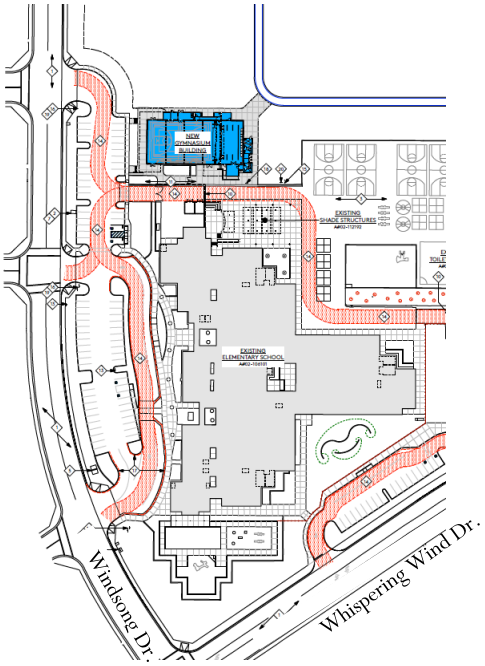
The Traina School Gymnasium will break ground in June of 2014. This new 10,000 square foot event center will include a full size basketball court and a theatrical stage. The seating capacity for performances will more than double the space in the current multipurpose room to over 800. The stage will serve a dual purpose as the new state of the art music room. The facility also has a new restroom bank that will provide students access at break, lunch, and during physical education.





SERIES B PROJECTS SET TO BEGIN AS SERIES A PROJECTS ARE COMPLETED

In May, the State Board of Education approved Jefferson School District's waiver to allow the district to raise the bond indebtedness from 1.25% to 1.91% while still remaining under the required $30 per $100,000 tax assessment laid out in Proposition 39. While the tax assessment increased to $28.50 per $100,000 of assessed value it allowed the district to sell Series B bonds in the amount of $22,670,212. These funds will allow for the Traina Gymnasium and the Jefferson School Reconstruction project to be built in one phase. Both projects are expected to be completed by August 2015.