



MEASURE J SCHOOL BOND UPDATE

SUMMER PROJECTS ABOUT TO START AT JEFFERSON SCHOOLS

The projects listed on this page are scheduled to start construction immediately following the end of the 2011-2012 school year. RGM Construction has solicited multiple competitive bids on behalf of the school district.

While construction timelines are subject to delay, the goal is to have most of the projects completed prior to the start of the 2012-2013 school year.

One exception is the replacement of the turf and installation of running paths at Traina, Hawkins and Monticello Schools. The turf will require a significant amount of time to germinate following construction and seeding. This will require the closure of these fields through most of the fall of 2012. The weather in late fall will also determine how soon schools use the fields. We will not go on the fields in the mud in the first season as this could damage the work that is so badly needed.

One additional exception depends on how quickly construction proceeds at the Monticello modernization. It is possible that some of the bathroom remodeling might not be completed until after the start of school. We will work as a district to ensure safety and minimize the disruptions if this ends up necessary.



MONTICELLO SCHOOL

- Complete turf replacement and running path construction
- Shade structure adjacent to kindergarten classrooms
- Construction of new outdoor eating area behind multi-purpose room
- Fencing improvements for increased security
- All student restrooms renovated
- Safety lighting improvements
- Drainage and paving repairs
- Roof replacement
- Multi-purpose room, stage and kitchen renovation



HAWKINS SCHOOL

- Complete turf replacement and running path construction
- Shade structure installed adjacent to kindergarten classrooms and on both sides of the playground.
- Sidewalk expansion and hill reduction
- New concrete bench area and drinking fountain between 6-8th grade wing
- Kindergarten playground area expansion and equipment replacement
- Safety lighting improvements



TRAINA SCHOOL

- Partial turf replacement and running path construction
- Shade structure adjacent to kindergarten classrooms and outdoor restroom area
- Construction of flagpole and seating area adjacent to playground
- The design of the Traina gymnasium will be included in the design of Jefferson School. The plans are scheduled to be approved by the state in December of 2012. Funding availability will be the key factor in moving towards construction.



JEFFERSON SCHOOL

The design of the new Jefferson School is exciting and ongoing. A committee of staff members and parents have met regularly to create educational specifications and design the school based on programmatic needs. Many of the modernization items being completed for the other schools will be incorporated into the Jefferson design in an effort to promote equitable facilities across the district. The plans are scheduled to be delivered to the state in December of 2012. Funding availability will be the key factor in moving towards construction.

TECHNOLOGY IN JEFFERSON SCHOOLS

A portion of the Measure J funds is allocated to upgrading and improving technology at all Jefferson schools. A committee composed of teachers, administrators, technology specialists and community members will be meeting throughout the 2012-2013 school year to rewrite the District Technology Plan. The goal of the committee will be to identify what teaching and learning technology tools will enhance the education delivered at each school site. In these difficult fiscal times, bond money may help the district make the leap into 21st century teaching and learning.





CONSTRUCTION SAFETY

We are committed to providing the safest possible environment for all students and staff during construction. Here we highlight some Frequently Asked Questions about construction safety.

Question: Is it normal for construction to occur on a school campus while school is in session?

Answer: Yes. It is quite common for construction to occur on a school campus while school is in session. It often takes longer than a summer break to complete a project and would be more disruptive and costly to limit work to summers and holidays only.

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 in and around the classrooms.

Question: Will work occur in an occupied classroom?

Answer: Typically, no. Any work that must occur in a classroom will be performed during the summer break, after school hours or on weekends.



FINANCIAL CHALLENGES

There are three challenges facing the Jefferson School District in planning to construct a new Jefferson School and new Traina Gymnasium.

1) Assessed Valuation and Growth: The assessed valuation in our community was down 6.6% during the 2010 – 2011 fiscal year and is predicted to go down an additional 3% during 2011-2012. In addition, Tracy Hills has not begun construction and the Ellis Project agreement with the city was disallowed by the courts. The assessed value will increase as land has residential homes or commercial buildings constructed on it. Those new residents will pay their share of the bond as well. Lower assessed valuation, combined with no growth, limits the amount of taxes that can be levied in order to stay within the pledge to voters.

2) Construction Costs: Construction costs are estimated to escalate 4% a year. If Jefferson is not able to access funding for 5 years, this adds over \$4,000,000 to a \$20,000,000 budget.

3) State Funding: The state of California is nearly out of state construction bond money. This money matches local funding to provide needed financial support to modernize aging school buildings. Currently we are eligible for over \$2,000,000 that we are unable to access in our construction projects.

Despite these obstacles, the Board of Education continues to demand designs that meet the needs of our students and maximizes each dollar that comes from local taxpayers. The school board will continue the process towards educationally sound and fiscally viable projects at the June 19, 2012 board meeting.



The Jefferson School District is now accepting applications for the Measure J School Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee. The district is seeking three members who come from the following classifications. Applications are available on our website or by contacting our district office.

- Representative from a Business Organization
- Representative from a Senior Citizen's Organization
- Parent with Child(ren) Currently Enrolled in District
- Representative from a Taxpayer's Organization
- Parent Representative from a District Support Organization
- Representative from Agricultural/Farming Industry
- At-Large Member of the Public

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 for a third time on March 26, 2012, to get the results of the independent audit, get updated on construction progress and review bond expenditures to date.

<u>Committee Member</u>	<u>Term</u>
Jennifer Couch (Vice Chair)	2 Years
Russell Lovell	2 Years
Michael Petrucelli (Secretary)	1 Year
Nicole Riley (Chair)	2 Years
Craig Saalwachter	1 Year
Raul C. Salazar	1 Year
Nineb Paul Tumazi	2 Years

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.

