



BUILDING ON SUCCESS - SCHOOLS FOR THE NEXT GENERATION
MEASURE K BOND PROGRAM

FACT SHEET

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NEW 6-8 MIDDLE SCHOOL #1

PROJECT TEAM:

Executive Architect
Westgroup Designs
Architect of Record
Cannon Design
Contractor
*McCarthy Building
Companies, Inc.*

OVERVIEW

The design of the New Middle School #1 for grades 6 to 8 received approval from the Division of the State Architect on July 14, 2009. The builder contract was approved by the LBSD Board in July 2009.



LBSD VISION:

EVERY STUDENT
A RESPONSIBLE,
PRODUCTIVE
CITIZEN IN
A DIVERSE AND
COMPETITIVE
WORLD.

The location for the school is on the former GTE site, situated where the southern edge of the City of Signal Hill meets the boundary of the City of Long Beach, just west of Cherry Avenue at 1951 Cherry Avenue in Signal Hill. The approximately 423,000-square-foot site is bisected by East 20th Street. The site is a 9.8-acre, west-sloping triangular parcel. The California Department of Education has identified 8.53 acres of the site as usable for school purposes. To use as much of the irregular-shaped south portion of the site as possible, the school design took advantage of the drop in topography, running east to west from Cherry Avenue, to organize administrative offices, classrooms and recreational functions of the school.

The new school has been designed for approximately 850 middle school students in grades 6 to 8. The main entrance to the school is along Cherry Avenue with a small parking lot of 12 spaces for visitors and a bus loading/unloading area for special education students. The main parent drop-off and pick-up area runs along the most southern portion of the site entering from Cherry Avenue, exiting onto 20th Street to the north of the site. Staff parking will be on the north side of 20th Street in a lot with 80 parking spaces.

The new school will have 31 classrooms, administration offices, a library/media center, gymnasium, health office, serving kitchen, multipurpose room and other support facilities. Outdoor facilities include a soccer field, five basketball courts and an open quad area with hardscape and landscape areas.

BOARD OF EDUCATION: MARY STANTON - PRESIDENT, FELTON WILLIAMS - VICE PRESIDENT, DAVID BARTON, JON MEYER
SUPERINTENDENT: CHRISTOPHER J. STEINHAUSER

LOCATION: 20th Street and Cherry Avenue in the City of Signal Hill

PROJECT VALUE:

- Addresses the needs of sixth to eighth grade students living within the Poly Planning Area, per the LBUSD Facility Master Plan objectives.
- Provides a new middle school with state-of-the-art technology, science and the arts education facilities.
- Has a new gymnasium designed to be used by the community for sporting events, with accessible restrooms and locker rooms and a regulation-sized soccer field.

CONSTRUCTION BUDGET: \$38 million

FUNDING SOURCES: Measure A, Measure K, Fund 35 School Facility Program - Critically Overcrowded Schools (COS)

SCHEDULE: Currently Under Construction
Anticipated Completion - Fall 2011

SQUARE FOOTAGE/SIZE: 89,288 square feet

ECO-FRIENDLY FEATURES:



The LBUSD is committed to environmentally sound practices within its building program. Key sustainable components of this project include:

- Re-use and clean-up of an existing site.
- Storm water run-off improvements.
- Increased water-permeable and green spaces.
- Use of recycled construction materials, when allowed.
- Energy-saving air-conditioning and heating system, which does not contribute to ozone depletion.
- High efficiency lighting systems.
- Water conservation fixtures.
- During construction, an indoor air quality management and activity pollution prevention plan in place.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

What is the new middle school boundary?

Location for the new 6 to 8 middle school boundary is being analyzed and has not yet been determined.

How will the traffic impact the surrounding neighborhood from the new school?

Traffic will enter a drop-off lane south of the new school off of Cherry Avenue and exit onto 20th Street. The drop-off lane is approximately 1,000 feet long and should not cause any traffic to cue along Cherry Avenue.

Will students cross Cherry Avenue to get to the school? If so, will they cross at the 21st Street signal and come down or will a new signal be installed at 20th Street?

The LBUSD is working with the City of Signal Hill regarding the handling of pedestrian traffic to and from the school.

Will there be an opportunity for community use of the Gym and playfields?

All LBUSD schools comply with the Civic Center Act and are available for community use after school hours.

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and click on Measure K Bond Program in the A-Z index.