

Borel Gym and Classroom Project Update—August 2019

Borel Middle School was a beehive of construction activity this summer as the excavation of the upper section of the former PE area continued at an accelerated pace. Truckloads of dirt and asphalt were hauled from the site in order to level the area for the new classrooms, gym and locker rooms. This major excavation work and the retaining wall needed along parts of the property line between Borel Middle School and the adjacent City park to the west are nearly complete and the underground utility lines and pads for the two new classroom wings have been installed. Rodan Construction, which was awarded bid for this portion of Borel's multi-phased project has worked hard to keep to the timeline for their portion of the new project.



The six new classrooms, which have been constructed in part off-site under a separate contract will be arriving any day now after which work will begin to install them on permanent foundations and finish them. Occupancy of the new classrooms is projected for winter break in December.



Summer also brought the very good news that the State's Division of State Architect (DSA), which is responsible for the review and approval of the plans for construction of public school facilities in California, finished its review and approval of Borel's new gym and

locker rooms. DSA review time was longer than projected because of a change in the State staff who were responsible for reviewing the construction documents. With DSA approval, the District was finally able to advertise in July for bids for construction.

The District's Board of Trustees awarded the bid for the construction of the new gym and locker rooms on August 22 to Beals Martin, the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. Beals Martin, headquartered in Redwood City, is a well-established general contractor with experience with large school projects. Once onsite, Beals Martin is expected to take about 14 months (weather-dependent) to complete the construction of Borel's new gym and locker rooms which will include the following features:



- High-school sized basketball court with wood floors
- Cross-courts for basketball, volleyball, and badminton with a separation curtain which can be lowered when needed
- Bleacher capacity for 400 people
- Lobby designed to be used as a lobby after school hours and as a flexible PE teaching space during school hours
- Girls and boys' locker rooms with one personal locker for each Borel student
- Restrooms for girls and boys and unisex-non gender specific adjacent to the locker rooms and for staff, family, and public unisex use in the lobby area

- PE staff offices located so that PE staff can supervise the girls and boys' locker rooms

There will continue to be construction fencing around the work including on the Borel campus to ensure that the areas used by students and staff are separated from the construction staging and work areas. Access to the construction area is limited to Borel Avenue on the south side of the Borel campus.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent