



SAN MATEO-FOSTER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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San Mateo-Foster City School District Announces the Successful Culmination of Negotiations for a Fourth Elementary School in Foster City

Foster City, CA – The San Mateo-Foster City School District is pleased to announce that at its Thursday, November 3, 2016 meeting the School Board of Trustees unanimously approved an agreement to purchase a fourth elementary school in Foster City on the Charter Square Shopping Center site.

Community members clearly expressed their desire to see an additional elementary school built in Foster City by supporting the Measure X facilities bond, which passed last November. The District's acquisition of a fourth school will provide additional classroom space to address anticipated increased enrollment at the District's existing Foster City school campuses. The new campus site is located on the corner of Beach Park and Shell Boulevards – a prime location to add an elementary school.

School Board President Ed Coady said, "On behalf of the Board of Trustees, the students and staff members whom we strive to represent, as well as our community that voted to support our facilities bond and provide the needed funds, I am honored that we can finally make this a reality for our students, who for years to come will be able to attend this new neighborhood school. Today, we are once again demonstrating our commitment to serve the students and families of our two cities and our entire community. I specifically want to extend great thanks to our Superintendent and her staff for their tireless commitment to this project."

In February 2016 the District sold bonds to begin its Measure X Phase I construction projects. Phase I projects included the acquisition of land and the building of an elementary school in Foster City and the construction of new gyms and classrooms at Abbott and Borel Middle Schools, and a new gym at the Bayside STEM Academy.

San Mateo-Foster City School District Superintendent, Dr. Joan Rosas, stated, "We are very pleased with this outcome and firmly believe that strong schools are important for our community. We are proud of and appreciate the generous support of our community and are excited to move on to the next stage of planning and engagement for the design of the new school. We also wish to thank Chang Property Partnership and Westlake Urban for working so diligently with the school district to make this goal a reality."

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The District will hold **Community Information Meetings** to engage community members, parents and staff in the design of the new school. These meetings will be held from 7:00-8:00 pm on the following dates:

- **Wednesday, November 16** at Audubon Elementary School – 841 Gull Avenue, Foster City
- **Tuesday, November 29** at Foster City Elementary School – 461 Beach Park Blvd, Foster City
- **Wednesday, November 30** at the SMFCSD District Office – 1170 Chess Drive, Foster City



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The San Mateo-Foster City School District operates 20 elementary and middle schools serving over 12,500 students from preschool through 8th grade. For more information on our District, please visit the district website at www.smfcSD.net, follow us on [Twitter @SMFCSD](https://twitter.com/SMFCSD) and like us on [Facebook @SanMateoFosterCitySD](https://facebook.com/SanMateoFosterCitySD).

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