

# GEORGE HALL JAGUAR NEWSLETTER

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## **SMFCSD's Facilities Master Plan and what it will mean for George Hall School**

I've been asked about the Facilities Master Plan (FMP) for the New Decade and what it includes for George Hall School. First, a little background for those who are new to George Hall or interested in what led up to the FMP. Last year, the District embarked on the development of a Facilities Master Plan for the New Decade which was adopted by the Board of Trustees on July 30, 2020. The adoption of the FMP came after months of input from staff and parents at our school and each school in the District during the first half of 2020 and the District's finalization of the Plan before presentation to the Board of Trustees. Not only was each school community asked to identify facility needs, each school's School Facilities Team, comprised of staff and parent leaders, was encouraged to provide its recommendations of all of the facilities needs to be included in the FMP for the New Decade and its recommended priorities to be addressed as **Immediate Priorities** in the FMP.

I am pleased to report that the **Immediate Priorities** for George Hall School address many of our needs and priorities as well as those identified Districtwide in the months after Shelter-in-Place began. The **Immediate Priorities** identified for all schools are 1) to provide improved safe and healthy environments needed as a result of what we've learned from the current COVID-19 crisis as well as the increasing number of wildfires and 2) to address needs that are specific to our school and possibly other sites. The **Immediate Priorities for George Hall** for which the Board of Trustees is seeking funding include:

- adding air conditioning (new HVAC units) in classrooms and other areas of our school that don't have air conditioning
- improving air filtration throughout our campus
- adding water bottle fillers and handwashing stations throughout the campus
- installing repairing existing sinks campus-wide including the addition of hot water
- replacing carpeting in classrooms for health reasons with the installation of vinyl flooring including acoustical panels where needed to support effective teaching and learning
- modernizing our student and adult restrooms with new fixtures, flooring and other finishes
- increasing the number Chromebooks so that George Hall and all schools have enough Chromebooks for each student to have one
- improving landscaping and irrigation
- making plumbing and electrical repairs/upgrades
- installation of a solar system to work toward net-zero energy (NZE) usage and reduce the annual expenses for utilities

**Note that the above are in addition to the new Multipurpose Room and small group instruction rooms for which planning is underway now.** The Facilities Master Plan for the New Decade includes other facilities needs after these Immediate Priorities are addressed. For the full Plan and the Summary Section for George Hall School, please click on [this link](#).