

SMFCSD's Facilities Master Plan for the New Decade and what it will mean for Meadow Heights School

I've been asked about the Facilities Master Plan (FMP) for the New Decade and what it includes for Meadow Heights School. First, a little background for those who are new to Meadow Heights 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 facilities needs but each school's School Facilities Team, comprised of staff and parent leaders, provided 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 excited to report that the **Immediate Priorities** for Meadow Heights 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 Meadow Heights** for which the Board of Trustees is seeking funding include:

- adding air conditioning (new HVACs) and improving air filtration throughout our campus
- adding water bottle fillers and handwashing stations throughout the campus
- installing new sinks/upgrading of existing sinks campus-wide including the addition of hot water
- adding a Multipurpose Room with stage and acoustics and warming kitchen/meal servery
- 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
- adding additional space for one of our special programs (Art/Music, Sensory space)
- increasing the number Chromebooks so that Meadow Heights and all schools have enough Chromebooks for each student to have one
- improving 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
- adding a solar power system to reduce reliance on electricity

In addition to the above, the District is beginning work on one of our major priorities—improving safety on the hills between the classroom wings. A design solution will come first followed by implementation after **what** may be a required review and approval by the State's Division of State Architect.

The Facilities Master Plan for the New Decade includes other facilities needs after these Immediate Priorities are addressed.