

Citizens' Oversight Committee makes its annual report

Message from the Chairperson

By Rick Snow

Citizens' Oversight Committee Chairman

I want to report to you on the status of the capital improvements approved under Measure A, the \$298 million bond measure passed in 2012.

On June 5, 2012, the citizens of Clovis Unified School District passed Measure A. With the approval of Measure A, CUSD will be able to maintain the high facility standards established by our community. We are currently in the fifth year of a six year capital facility improvement plan, with local funds being used to modernize our schools by upgrading classrooms, science labs, vocational education opportunities, fire safety systems and libraries, fixing leaking roofs, deteriorating plumbing and bathrooms, handicapped accessibility and ensuring that all of our schools meet district facility standards. Additionally, the next elementary school, Virginia R. Boris Elementary School will open for students this fall on Aug. 22. Boris Elementary is located at the southeast corner of Temperance and Clinton avenues at 7071 E. Clinton Ave, Fresno, CA.

I am proud to report that the district began completing projects immediately after the bond measure passed in June 2012, with 38 modernization projects completed at the following schools from 2012 to 2015:

- Alta Sierra Intermediate
- Buchanan High School, Phase I
- Clark Intermediate
- Clovis High, Phase I & II
- Clovis East Secondary Complex, Phase I
- Clovis West High School, Phase I & II
- Cole Elementary, Phase I & II
- Community Day School
- Copper Hills Elementary
- Dry Creek Elementary
- Fancher Creek Elementary
- Fort Washington Elementary
- Freedom Elementary
- Fugman Elementary
- Garfield Elementary
- Gettysburg Elementary
- Jefferson Elementary
- Kastner Intermediate
- Liberty Elementary
- Lincoln Elementary
- Miramonte Elementary
- Maple Creek Elementary
- Mountain View Elementary, Phase I & II
- Nelson Elementary, Phase I & II
- Pinedale Elementary
- Sierra Outdoor School Phase I & II
- Sierra Vista Elementary
- Solar power system at 19 school sites
- Tarpey Elementary
- Temperance-Kutner Elementary
- Valley Oak Elementary
- Weldon Elementary

Generally these projects consist of upgrades to HVAC systems, technology infrastructure, lighting, flooring, roofing, restrooms, irrigation systems, landscaping, video security system, and some additions (administration, library, multipurpose) to older schools.

Modernization projects for 2016 have been designed and are either under construction or will begin once the 2015-16 school year is complete. These projects are at the following schools:

Century Elementary, Fancher Creek Elementary, Clovis East Secondary Complex, Phase II Cedarwood Elementary, Mickey Cox Elementary, Riverview Elementary, Liberty Elementary, Gateway High School, Clovis West Career Technical Education, Banking & Finance.

In addition, a 5.86-megawatt solar production system which includes solar parking lots and play area shade structures was constructed on 19 school sites around the district. This project was completed during the 2013-14 school year

and is saving the district more than \$2.5 million per year in operational costs.

In closing, the committee would like to thank Assistant Superintendent, Facility Services, Dr. Don Ulrich, Administrator, Facility Services, Kevin Peterson, Senior Accountant, Kyle Ellis and Facility Services Senior Administrative Assistant, Lussy Vang for their organized and forthcoming presentations at our meetings. With their assistance and guidance we have been able to fulfill our responsibilities of overseeing these many projects on behalf of you, the voters of our district.

Citizens' Oversight Committee

The CUSD Governing Board appointed the following members to serve on the Citizens' Oversight Committee for the expenditure of Measure A Bond Funds:

Rick Snow, Chairperson

Mike Prandini, Co-Chairperson

Valerie Araki | Hugh Awtrey | Darrell Copeland

Burke Jones | Kyla Rose

Projects funded through CUSD's school facility bond Measure A, passed by voters June 5, 2012



Photo special to CUSD Today.

Virginia R. Boris Elementary School, construction of the Multi-Purpose Room.



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Clovis East High School, polished concrete floor in the 600 wing hallway.



Photo special to CUSD Today.

Clark Intermediate School, new classroom wing with polished concrete hallway.



Photo special to CUSD Today.

Cole Elementary School, extended entrance and remodel of the administration building.



Photo special to CUSD Today.

Maple Creek Elementary School, new reading area created with an open design to allow better supervision and a spacious classroom reading area.



Photo special to CUSD Today.

Red Bank Elementary School, new reading area created with an open design to allow better supervision and a spacious classroom reading area.



Photo special to CUSD Today.

Mt. View Elementary School, new computer lab.



Photo special to CUSD Today.

Sierra Vista Elementary School, new Multi-Purpose Room remodeled after fire damage.

Construction: Cedarwood, Jefferson among schools planned for summer work

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experience similar, modern amenities.

"Just as important as a new school are the modernizations we do," Ulrich said, noting the bulk of summer construction is spent on this. The bond measure supported building one to two new schools and site purchases, but the majority of funds, he said, about 80 percent, was allocated for modernizing existing schools.

"The goal is to provide equitable facilities for all of our schools so the students at an older school would have the same kinds of components available as students at a brand new school," Ulrich said.

Century, Cedarwood, Fancher Creek, Liberty, Mickey Cox, and Riverview elementary schools are all scheduled for modernization work this summer, as are Reagan Educational Center and Gateway High.

Modernizations include a variety of work such as installation of new audio and

visual technology, new technology band width to provide broader access to the internet at high speeds, new lighting, flooring, casework and air conditioning systems. In some cases, library sizes are being expanded or an administration building is being increased to provide a conference room or additional office.

The district is careful in its scheduling and makes it a top priority to have all classroom modernizations finished before school resumes Aug. 22.

Deferred maintenance is also planned at some sites this summer. Ulrich said there could be up to 15 small maintenance projects occurring such as paving, roofing or working on boilers, chillers and flooring.

"Doc [Buchanan, the district's founding superintendent] said a long time ago, 'We're too poor to buy cheap.' Put into practice, that means spend the dollars that you need in order to maintain your facilities," Ulrich said.

"We have top-notch facilities, and we want to keep them up to best serve our students."

Also this summer, planning will be underway for Phase 2 of the district's solar production system. Several schools and district parking facilities will have solar systems installed starting in mid-September. Once completed, it is estimated that the system will save the district approximately \$1 million a year for the next 25 years.

Solar will be installed between September and the new year at Bud Rank, Cedarwood, Cole, Copper Hills, Freedom, Gettysburg, Jefferson, Liberty, Maple Creek, Miramonte, Orazo, Sierra Vista, Tarpey, Temperance-Kutner and Valley Oak elementary schools; Clovis Adult School; Gateway High; and Veterans Memorial Stadium. All five high schools are also scheduled for continued solar panel installations throughout the 2016-17 school year.

Summer construction work planned on campuses

include:

Century Elementary – expansion of library; upgrades to classrooms, restrooms, administration building, MPR and kitchen; installation of new fire alarm system, intercom, clocks, phone and PA system; improvements to parking, sidewalks, play courts, landscape and irrigation; and repairs to roofing.

Fancher Creek – expansion to administration building and nurse's office; installation of new intercom, clocks, phone and PA system; upgrades to classrooms, MPR sound system, library and roofing; and improvements to parking, sidewalks, parent drop-off area, landscape and irrigation.

Reagan Educational Center – installation of air conditioning in large and small gym at CEHS and gym at Reyburn; upgrades to central plant heating and cooling system, exterior site lighting and interior of large gym; and adding electrical conduit to soccer field.

Cedarwood – modifications to library and administration building including expansion of teacher workroom and student computer lab; upgrades to classrooms, restrooms; installation of new fire alarm system, intercom, clocks, phone and PA system; improvements to parking, sidewalks, landscape and irrigation; and replacement of roofing.

Mickey Cox – modifications to library and administration building including expansion of nurse's office and student computer lab; upgrades to classrooms, restrooms; installation of new fire alarm system, intercom, clocks, phone and PA system; improvements to parking, sidewalks, landscape and irrigation; and replacement of roofing and underground gas lines.

Riverview – modifications to library, MPR and administration building; upgrades to classrooms, phone system and restrooms; improvements to parking, sidewalks, signage, fire alarm system and east

parking lot.

Liberty – modifications to library and administration building including adding conference room; upgrades to classrooms, restrooms, MPR and kitchen; installation of new fire alarm system, intercom, clocks, phone and PA system; improvements to parking, sidewalks, play courts, landscape and irrigation; and replacement of roofing.

Gateway – expansion of administration building; upgrades to classrooms, science lab and restrooms; installation of new fire alarm system, intercom, clocks, phone and PA system; improvements to parking, sidewalks, landscape and irrigation; modifications to library and MPR; and repairs to roofing.

During the 2016-17 school year, Lamonica and Veterans Memorial stadiums are scheduled to have handrails added to the stadium stairways. Planning is also underway to create privacy changing stalls in secondary school locker rooms.