

**FREMONT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOND MEASURE "E" SERIES B IMPLEMENTATION PLAN:  
AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AREA CLASSROOM ADDITION PROJECTS**

**Q1. Which schools are receiving classroom additions through Series B?**

**A1.** Under the Measure E Bond - Series B Implementation Plan, approved by the Fremont Unified School District Board of Education on November 18, 2015, three schools will receive new classroom additions in order to accommodate growing enrollment. Brookvale and Patterson Elementary schools will both receive a new 8-classroom building, and American High School will receive a new 18-classroom building.

**Q2. Many students throughout the District are not able to attend their neighborhood school due to overcrowding. Why were these three schools chosen? Why not Ardenwood or Forest Park?**

**A2.** Currently, the District has 2,040 students overloaded from their own attendance areas to other schools. The American High School attendance area is the most impacted. It is located in northern Fremont and serves students at Ardenwood, Brookvale, Forest Park, Oliveira, Patterson and Warwick Elementary schools, and Thornton Junior High School. After analyzing enrollment trends, staffing projections, and facilities needs due to enrollment growth, staff determined that the immediate needs for the 2016-17 school year are *at least 33 classrooms* throughout the District. Of those 33 classrooms, American High School needs at least seven classrooms; and the attendance area elementary schools need at least 18.

Brookvale and Patterson have more space for building than Ardenwood or Forest Park (which are adjacent to City of Fremont parks), and where there simply isn't enough space to build. Oliveira will continue to be an overload school, with the Board of Education approving nine temporary portable classrooms for the 2016-2017 school year. It is important to note that the middle school conversion projects will also help alleviate overcrowding by moving sixth grade to a sixth through eighth grade middle school (the current instructional model is a seventh through eighth grade junior high school). For more information on the Middle School Conversions, [click here](#).

**Q3. Bringing additional students to these schools will impact common areas, such as the multipurpose room. How will you accommodate for PE and lunch, especially in bad weather?**

**A3.** New lunch shelters for outdoor dining were included in the new Classroom Building project at Brookvale and Patterson Elementary Schools. The shelters are now up at both schools and measure 30' x 40', with size dictated by the budget, location, and adjacent buildings. The ... shelters can seat 80 students per seating.

The administration at each school works with staff to develop a master schedule for serving lunch and providing physical education to students.

**Q4. Are there any plans for increasing the size of the library, or building a science lab at the elementary schools? What about the teachers' lounge and restrooms?**

**A4.** Increasing the size of the libraries, or building science labs at Brookvale and Patterson Elementary are not part of the scope of work. The approved budget is for the classroom additions building, which will include student and staff bathrooms.

**Q5. Will the new buildings be architecturally consistent with the rest of the property?**

**A5.** Each school has formed a Site Construction Committee comprised of the principal, teachers, classified staff, and parent. The Committee will work with the architects on recommending what is most aesthetically pleasing for its particular campus, including selection of colors. Additionally, for American High School, a special Design Review Committee was formed to review proposals and make recommendations.

**Q6. Are there plans to upgrade the rest of the buildings on the property to bring them to the same standard of the new building?**

**A6.** Every school in the District will benefit from modernization, which varies from site to site based on need. All three schools receiving the new classroom buildings through Series B are also receiving, or have received, technology infrastructure upgrades, flooring upgrades (asbestos containing materials removal and repairs, as needed), and exterior lighting, to name a few. It is important to remember, however, that Measure E is a \$650 million school facilities bond, but \$1.6 billion in need were identified in the Long Range Facilities Plan.

**Q7. What are the plans for addressing parking changes and traffic flow for drop off and pick up (which is already a major concern)?**

**A7.** The architects have analyzed each site and discussed traffic issues with the Site Construction Committees, as well as concerns, such as bus loading and unloading, drop off and pick up. Traffic continues to be a concern throughout the city, and not just for the District. While there is no crystal ball, there is hope that when students are able to attend their neighborhood schools, traffic patterns will improve.

**Q8. How is student safety handled during construction?**

**A8.** Student and staff safety is of the utmost concern. The entire construction area is fenced off, and all entrances to the area are kept secured. Construction crews are not to interact with students, and all are fingerprinted and undergo background checks. First choice for delivery of materials and large equipment is before and after school, when students are not present. Whenever large equipment needs to be on the site when school is in session, bell schedules are taken into consideration. This means that if a large truck needs to pass, it does so while students are in class and is always accompanied by safety persons monitoring foot traffic.

**Q9. Will the new classrooms have furniture provided? If so, will it be the 21st Century Learning – or movable – furniture?**

**A9.** Yes, all classrooms in the district will receive 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Environments as part of Measure E - Series E. Series E projects are currently scheduled to take place 2023-2025. The District is currently in the process to develop standards for 21<sup>st</sup> century learning furniture.

**Q10. Will the new classrooms be for new students in the attendance area, or will the District bring back students currently being overloaded to different schools?**

**A10.** The intent is to bring back students to their neighborhood schools first. Some families might request keeping their students enrolled in the schools they have been previously attending, and this will be decided upon a case-by-case basis.

**Q11. Is it necessary to cut down more trees for construction to proceed?**

**A11.** The architects try to save trees wherever possible. The proposed layouts are taken to the Site Construction Committee for discussion and feedback before being submitted to the Board of Education for approval.

**Q12. What impacts will the new construction have on before and after school child care?**

**A12.** This is difficult to predict, based on any new changes that may result due to the District's recent request for proposals for child care joint use agreements. However, the same safety protocols used for student safety will still be in place.

**Q13. When will the new classroom buildings open? Have the other construction projects stayed on schedule?**

**A13.** The new classroom buildings at Brookvale Elementary, Patterson Elementary, and American High School are anticipated to be ready for the 2017-2018 school year. Although there were a few delays on other classroom addition projects, such as a rain delay during the construction at Irvington High School, adjustments were made. Irvington High's new 12-classroom Math and Science Building and Warm Springs Elementary School's new 12-classroom building both opened their doors to students the first day of this academic year. Additionally, both Azevada and Mattos Elementary School open doors to their new buildings last fall. Videos of these ribbon cuttings may be found [here](#).

**Q14. What grades will use the new buildings?**

**A14.** That is still being determined, and will be decided by the school administration.

**Q15. Currently, the field used for little league at Patterson Elementary is fenced off for construction. We were told it would be available for little league use. Is this still the case?**

**Q15.** Yes. The construction use of the field will be finished prior to the start of the season, with any turf damage repaired or replaced by January 2017.