

Walters Middle School Update

April 16, 2018



Dear Staff, Students, and Families,

On June 3, 2014, Fremont voters approved the \$650 million Measure E general obligation bond initiative, under the requirements of Proposition 39 (2000) the School Facilities Local Vote Act. The scope of bond work includes upgrading and repairing neighborhood schools by updating technology and aging classrooms; upgrading electrical wiring to current safety codes; fixing or replacing leaky roofs, aging plumbing and restrooms; removing asbestos; and repairing, constructing and acquiring equipment, classrooms, sites, and facilities. It also includes converting FUSD's five junior high schools to middle schools, beginning with Walters and Horner.

Converting the campuses from an instructional program serving grades 7-8 to an instructional program serving grades 6-8, will better align the instructional model with the California State Standards (which are designed for K-5 and 6-8 grade configurations), it will also ease overcrowding at the elementary schools.

Walters Middle School will provide approximately 54 teaching stations, including 22 new classrooms, an innovation laboratory, learning center, new lunch shelter, parking lot extension, locker room reconfiguration, student and staff restrooms, HVAC and technology retrofit, and accessibility improvements.

Modernization work is well underway at Walters and the Board of Education approved a new construction contract with Rodan Builders in March. A ceremonial groundbreaking will be held May 1, 2018, to kick off the new construction work, and barring any unforeseen conditions, Walters Middle School is on schedule to open its doors to sixth, seventh and eighth graders in Fall 2019.

The District would like to thank more than 400 participants in the Long Range Facility Plan process, and the Walters Middle School Site Construction Committee for attending several meetings, offering input and reviewing designs. And, of course, the Fremont voters, who approved passage of Measure E with a 61.8% YES vote.

Walters Middle School Milestones

January 2014 – Long Range Facilities Plan Approved

May 2014 – FUSD Holds First of Several Middle School Parent & Community Forums

June 2014 – Measure E passes with a 61.8% YES vote

November 2014 – Board Approves Horner and Walters Middle School Conversions

May 2015 – Board Approves Contract with ATI Architects

September 2015 – Site Construction Committees Formed

Middle School Instructional Task Force (MSITF) Formed (2-year commitment)

February 2016 – May 2017 - MSITF Board Presentations and Parent Forums

April 2017 – Board Approves Contract with Vila Construction for Walters Modernization

September 2017 – Board Approves the Final Environmental Impact Report

March 2018 – Board Approves Construction Contract with Rodan Builders

April 2018 – New Construction Begins

Fall 2019 – Anticipated Completion



To learn more about the middle school conversion projects, please visit the FUSD Website at www.fremont.k12.ca.us

SAVE THE DATE!

Walters Middle School
Ceremonial
Groundbreaking

Tuesday, May 1, 2018
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The Walters Middle School Project Team includes Rodan Builders, ATI Architects and CCM/STV. Vanir Construction Management is providing Measure E Program Management.