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Muir / SMASH Campus Renovation Project Progresses

Updates to the Muir / SMASH campus water intrusion repair project were provided to the school board during a regular January 2023 meeting. Progress continues on this high priority project following the approval of the design architect at the September 2022 school board meeting. Initial projection for school reopening of August 2024 has been moved to January 2025 at the earliest, with possible reopening in August 2025. This delay is due to expectations of the Division of the State Architect (DSA) that structural upgrades be made to the buildings as part of the repair project. This additional work was not anticipated and will increase the design timeline, construction duration and cost of the project. Additional sources of funding will be required.

“We believe that this is the right time to make these structural upgrades considering the scope of the repair project and access to exposed infrastructure during construction,” said Carey Upton, Chief Operations Officer. “This became clear following the initial site investigations conducted.”

Concurrent with the facility repair project, the District is undertaking a parallel study to determine which educational programs will return to the campus. Dr. Steven Richardson, Executive Director, Elementary, is overseeing discussions with parents in the Muir neighborhood, SMASH families and staff from both schools to consider the future of the planned neighborhood school. The school board unanimously affirmed that the campus will be a neighborhood school following project completion.

[Read the resolution from the Nov. 17, 2022 school board meeting.](#)

[Muir / SMASH campus update presentation to the school board](#), January 19, 2023.

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