

# BUILDING FUTURES

SMMUSD IS DEDICATED TO BUILDING THE FUTURE OF THE COMMUNITY THROUGH SUSTAINABLE AND INNOVATIVE SCHOOL FACILITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS



**WORK ON PERFORMING ARTS CENTER TO BEGIN; AIR CONDITIONING BEING ADDED**

SPRING 2019

## QUICK FACTS



**Funding for most of these projects is from bond measures previously approved by voters.**

**1,022**

**Number of students** enrolled in the sixth through the eighth grades for the 2018-2019 school year.

**114**

**Total staff**, 61 of whom are certificated teachers and administrators.

**3**

**Number of counselors** -- one for each grade -- whose mission is to help students better understand themselves and their world.



As of Nov. 26, Adams had generated 87.8 kilowatt hours of electricity for fiscal year 2018-2019 **via solar panels**, the second-most of any school in the district.

There are so many improvements occurring on the John Adams Middle School campus it is challenging to pick a favorite. Perhaps the most exciting is the looming replacement of the auditorium with a state-of-the-art performing arts center seen in the rendering above. Though students and staff might be most excited about the addition of air conditioning to the campus.

After numerous stakeholder and community meetings, construction will begin this spring on a modern performance space with seating for 750 and a larger stage, big enough to hold the orchestra or band. The theater will include a new choir room and backstage support facilities. The music building will be reconstructed and modernized to support the orchestra and band classes. The center will include a multi-purpose rehearsal room, that will be used for dance, community meetings and theater rehearsals, and an expansive courtyard.

The current plan calls for demolition of the current auditorium to begin in May. The original auditorium was closed when seismic issues were discovered in late 2014. Construction will be in full swing when students return in August, with the new spaces projected to be ready for use by the start of school in 2021. The music building will be completed for school to start in fall 2021

The new Performing Arts Complex is a joint project between SMMUSD and Santa Monica College. SMC is providing \$20 million in funding from Measure V to this joint use project. SMMUSD funding is from Measure ES. Find more renderings and information at <http://fip.smmusd.org/pdf/FIP-2018-JAMS-MEETING.pdf>

**The Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) and Fire Alarm project** is in full swing. This phase of construction is upgrading and adding HVAC to 40% of the buildings. This work is to be completed this summer. The second phase that will improve the other buildings will commence this summer.

## THANK YOU

We appreciate the patience, cooperation and support of parents, students and staff as we make important improvements that are paid for with funds from bond measures BB and ES — approved by voters previously — and measure SMS, approved in November.



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# COMPLETED THIS SCHOOL YEAR



## GYM

- Removed and replaced the gym floor
  - Painted the gym
  - New volleyball poles and nets were installed
- Americans With Disabilities Act-compliant improvements were made in the:
- Boys and girls locker rooms
  - Boys and girls showers
  - Boys and girls restrooms
  - Staff restrooms

## BOTTLE-FILLING STATIONS



The stations have been installed inside and outside, and encourage the use of reusable containers instead of one-and-done plastic water bottles.



## TURF FIELD

Removed and replaced the entire field and striping. New environmentally-friendly cork infill material was used that can reduce field temperature by 20 degrees versus standard crumb-rubber-filled turf.

- Removed existing dirt softball field and replaced with artificial surface.
- Improved field drainage.
- Paved the area along the property line fence.



## FORMER CHURCH PROPERTY

The district acquired the former Sunset Park Christian Church on the corner of 16th and Maple Sts. The building has been demolished and the site improved temporarily to support swing space parking for the JAMS faculty during the construction of the performing arts center. The long-term use of the property is being planned.