

BUILDING FUTURES

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Library/Classroom/Admin Building to be Ready in January

We appreciate that construction is challenging for everyone: students, faculty, staff, and parents. The construction projects described below are made possible by voter-approved bond funds. Thank you for your support!

The Library/Classroom/Administration building is scheduled to be complete and ready for use in January 2021.

After erecting all the structural steel and building the roof, crews are prepping the inside of the building with electrical, plumbing, drywall and ceilings.

The three-story building has a main entrance to greet students and visitors on the ground level, as well as a parent center, and health, technology and security offices. The courtyard level has offices for the principal, assistant principal and counselor, other admin offices, computer labs, a multimedia center and the library, which will be shared by the high school and middle school initially, but will become the middle school library in a future phase of the Malibu campus plan.

The upper level will have three science labs and four classrooms.

Architects Working on New High School Building

Architects are now working on plans for the new Malibu High School building. After the Board of Education gave district staff the go-ahead to execute the Malibu campus plan, the contract to design the new Malibu High School was awarded to NAC Architecture, in collaboration with Konig Eisenberg Architecture.

The future high school building, planned for the former Cabrillo Elementary site adjacent to MHS, will be designed to foster 21st-century learning for enrollment of 450 and 600 students. It will be about 70,000 square feet and will include:

- General classrooms of various sizes that can flex in purpose according to need
- Project-based learning areas
- Visual and performing arts classrooms
- Special education classrooms
- Science, technology, engineering and math classrooms
- Campus food services, including the kitchen and high-school eating area (the middle school will have its own), a library and space for high school administrators. The campus plan envisioned a student eating area that would take advantage of Pacific Ocean views.

Like the Malibu campus plan itself, the design will be heavily informed by input from the school community.



What's In the Campus Plan

The campus plan features separate areas and distinct identities for the middle school on the south side of campus and high school on the north side. A large U-shaped drop-off quad, which community members lauded for the potential to reduce traffic along Morning View Drive, will create a distinct main entrance to the campus.

The plan will result in the removal of old buildings and the construction of the new campus over the next eight to 10 years. The high school building will be largely completed during the first phase and will be funded by Measure M, a \$195 million Malibu-only bond measure approved by voters in 2018. District officials anticipate construction could begin as early as 2022.

Noemi Avila-Zamudio, deputy bond program manager, lauded the inclusiveness of the process that involved more than 50 meetings with internal and external stakeholders. “We listened to the community and that showed in every one of the iterations of this plan,” she said. “That has allowed us to build interest and it has allowed us to build trust.”

Also as part of the process, a survey was conducted of current Malibu students, parents, staff and community members asking, among other things, what should be prioritized. Portions of that research, as well as heavy input from the steering committee, the site planning committee, and the Malibu Facility District Advisory Committee, all went into the plan that was developed by the master plan architect, LPA. Making the campus a community resource was an important goal of the process.

The campus plan includes:

- A shared performing arts center
- Athletic fields
- New pool
- 450 parking spaces for staff, students and the community, with improved access to the arts center and athletic facilities.
- Separate libraries and cafeterias for middle and high schools



New Middle School Building

School and district officials, teachers, staff, parents, students and city officials celebrated the opening of the new middle school building in the fall of 2019. The new Malibu Middle School building replaced the former Blue Shark building, also known as building E. The two story building has 12 classrooms, three sets of restrooms, an elevator, stairs and associated improvements.

The classrooms include LED lighting, heating and air conditioning, floor-to-ceiling windows, 21st-century learning technology and new easy-to-move flexible furniture to allow for many classroom set ups. The building faces what will be the future middle school quad. Other site

elements include a new walkway, landscaping, concrete seat walls, exterior courtyard, stairs and canopy. The building is sustainably made from repurposed shipping containers. The building is an essential step toward the Malibu Campus Plan.

Other Improvements

- A new, upper-level parking lot that provides easy access to the athletic fields.
- A new staircase provides safe and direct access from that parking lot to the main campus below.
- The main parking lot (left) and fire lane were patched and repaired before receiving a fresh seal coat and re-striping.
- Site landscaping and walkways between the main and middle school buildings will begin in September 2020.
- A new storm-water retention area was created to prevent water from pooling near the staff lounge, which was problematic in prior rainy seasons.

