



Fullerton School District

FACT SHEET: 2024 School Facilities Improvement Project

Background: The Fullerton School District (FSD) has been providing a caring learning environment of students, parents, staff, and community members since 1888. As the local provider of TK-8 public education, Fullerton School District has **two key priorities:** first, to ensure academic and career success for every one of our 11,500 students; and second, to make sure that our 15 elementary schools, two TK-8 campuses, and three Junior High Schools are healthy, safe, secure, technologically current, well maintained, and equipped to provide FSD students with the *very best* educational setting possible.

Safe, modern school facilities are essential to maintaining the quality of FSD schools. ALL children deserve to learn in quality classrooms and school facilities. There's a direct relationship between quality school facilities and student achievement and studies show that children and teachers perform best in safe, modern classrooms and schools with up-to-date technology.

Although the district has a solid academic track record, the quality and condition of school facilities has not kept pace. Many schools in the district were built decades ago and require the removal of hazardous materials where encountered and older schools need to be retrofitted to meet current health codes and provide proper access for students with disabilities. Additionally, extensive repairs are needed to address leaky roofs, old rusty plumbing, and faulty electrical systems. There is also a clear need to improve student safety and security, as well as equip classrooms and technology labs so students are prepared for college and in-demand careers in fields like health sciences and engineering.

Our facilities assessment work is continuous, and every FSD school is impacted. Facilities assessment and planning continues to be a top priority in planning for student success. Our Facilities Assessment was recently completed to identify and confirm the needs at every school site. Every FSD school has facility needs that require attention. **Our goal is to address individual school needs while also striving to achieve equity among all school sites so ALL local public schools provide the same quality education.**

To meet this goal, we have identified our most critical facility NEEDS:

- **PROVIDING** modern labs, technical facilities, and equipment so students are prepared for college, in-demand careers in fields like health sciences, engineering, robotics, and technology fields.
- **REPAIRING** older classrooms and school facilities including deteriorating roofs, plumbing, sewer, heating, ventilation, and electrical systems. Removing hazardous materials from older school sites, where encountered.
- **UPGRADING** older schools so they meet current health codes, building safety codes, provide proper access for students with disabilities, and meet the same academic and safety standards as newer schools.
- **IMPROVING** student safety and campus security including fencing, intruder protection systems, emergency communications systems, smoke detectors, fire alarms, and sprinkler systems.
- **ENSURING** that all students have equal access to outdoor learning, athletics, physical education facilities. Ensure that children's' playground equipment and play areas meet current health and safety standards.

Our school district makes every effort to use resources wisely. But, with limited help from the State, the burden is growing to adequately repair and upgrade our aging school facilities and classroom technology. We need to work together to protect the local quality of education.

We're working hard to conduct an open, transparent, consensus-building process to ensure quality school facilities for the future and community input is welcome.

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