



In 2019 LPA initiated a Facilities Master Plan process to envision the future of the Orange Unified School District. Our planning team tailored an approach to engage the broadest range of stakeholder groups possible and that was unique to the District and their four distinct high school feeder communities of Orange, El Modena, Villa Park, and Canyon High School. Very early in the process we learned of the District's desire to innovate in order to attract and retain students with a program vision built upon the OUSD EDGE Strategic Plan vision.

Below are Planning Considerations that influenced the development of the Facilities Master Plan process and resulting program concepts for the future improvement of the District's facilities infrastructure in support of the educational vision for the future of student learning. These Planning Considerations include the following areas of exploration:

- Background Challenges
- Why Master Plan
- Purpose of Master Plan
- Board of Education Overarching Goals
- Planning Assumptions



BACKGROUND CHALLENGES: STATING THE PROBLEM

- OUSD possesses old sites with aging infrastructure.
- To date, the District has not invested a lot of dollars in facilities improvements at the Elementary and Middle School sites.
- Some sites are not educationally appropriate in context with the OUSD EDGE Strategic Plan Vision.
- Future enrollment is projected to decline.
- Surrounding districts are rebuilding and rebranding facilities while innovating programs.
- OUSD is competing with other districts and private schools for students.
- The District needs a vision for how to improve the facilities.

WHY A MASTER PLAN: BENEFITS FOR ORANGE USD

- A Facilities Master Plan (FMP) is the first step in the facilities improvement process.
- An FMP facilitates good stewardship through the development of a "Road Map" to spend dollars wisely.
- As parents are shopping for schools, districts are innovating to compete for students.
- The FMP process solicits input and priorities from stakeholders as data points for future Board decision-making.
- An FMP helps to determine the next steps regarding development of funding and implementation plans as dollars become available for facilities improvements.