

**AUSD to Celebrate Completion of
Encinal Modernization and Revitalization**
*City Leaders and Project Team to Join in Commemorating
"Transformation" of 70-Year-Old Campus*

ALAMEDA, Calif. (July 19, 2021) – The public is invited to a ribbon cutting ceremony for Encinal Jr. & Sr. High School on August 6 at 3:00 pm. The ceremony will mark the completion of the two-year modernization project of the 70-year-old campus at 210 Central Avenue, Alameda.

Although the school opened part-time this past April, public health guidelines made an official gathering difficult. As such, AUSD staff decided to wait until pandemic-related restrictions eased.



Project Background

Located along the shore of the San Francisco Bay, Encinal Jr. & Sr. High School's (EJSHS) classroom buildings playing fields have long featured gorgeous views of water and sky. Since the school was built in 1950, however, the buildings had become worn, critical infrastructure was nearing the end of their service life, classroom space began to feel small and outdated, and the grounds were marred by portables and a lack of gathering spaces.

The 152,00 square updated space to which EJSHS staff and students returned this spring is something entirely different, a gleaming 21st-century learning environment that includes:

- A new classroom building overlooking the Bay
- Fully modernized 200, 300, and Science Buildings
- New building exteriors that include expanded windows to let in more natural light
- Updated science classrooms
- Student gathering areas
- New landscaping and student gathering areas in the front of the campus
- Outdoor learning spaces
- Outdoor basketball courts
- Upgraded fire alarms, PA systems, phones, clocks, and campus power systems

“The renovation and new construction at EJSHS improves many of the school’s facilities in a way that utterly transforms this aging campus,” lead architect Mark Quattrocchi says. “This transformation embraces the campus’ mid-century modern features, including exposed steel and large window walls, while modernizing the 60-year old spaces to create a next generation school. The work creates new and renovated Next Generation learning environments that will impact generations of future Encinal students.”



The modernization — which was designed by QKA, built by Lathrop Construction Associates (Lathrop), and managed by AUSD Senior Director of Construction Robbie Lyng — was made possible due to funds from the 2014 Measure I Facilities Bond.

“During this last long and difficult year, the continued progress on the Encinal campus has been a continual bright spot,” says Superintendent Pasquale Scuderi. “I’d like to thank the design and construction team for their remarkable work in transforming this campus, our staff and families for their patience during the construction, and I’d like to thank the community again for their support of the Measure I bond measure.”

In addition to remarks by public officials and a symbolic ribbon cutting, student and staff-led tours will be available after the ceremony.

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