

AUSD Bond Projects to Continue as “Essential Function”

During its first virtual board meeting on Thursday April 2, the Board of Education unanimously approved a [resolution](#) designating several AUSD construction projects as “Essential Governmental Functions” that should proceed during the state- and county-ordered shelter in place.

The resolution and its approval conform to the March 30 [direction from the Alameda County Department of Public Health](#) (ACDPH) that allows certain public construction projects to move forward if they are designated essential by the lead governmental agency.

It is the district’s position that completing the construction projects at school sites is essential in order for AUSD to provide educational programs in safe, accessible, and structurally sound facilities once shelter in place orders are lifted and in-class instruction resumes.

The construction projects specified in the approved resolution are:

- Encinal Jr. & Sr. High School: modernization and gymnasium floor replacement
- Alameda High School: fence removal and gymnasium floor replacement
- Edison Elementary School: asbestos removal
- Woodstock Child Care & Development Center: floor replacement

These projects will move forward in compliance with ACDPH’s protocols for construction projects, such as mandating hand washing, social distancing, cleaning and disinfecting, and limiting the number of workers allowed on site at any one time.

“Ensuring the safety of students and staff when in-class instruction resumes is essential,” Superintendent Scuderi said. “It would not be prudent to allow students back on campus with construction half finished. We look forward to being able to apprise our stakeholders of our progress on these projects.”