Wedgeworth K-8 School Community Meeting



September 14, 2019

September 18, 2019

Ground Rules

- Be respectful of one another.
- One speaker at a time.
- Reserve questions until the end of the presentation. We can always go back to a specific slide if there is a question.
- We have comment/question cards at the registration table. Please provide your comments/questions.

Agenda

1. Background of Wedgeworth Property
2. History involving Highlander Baseball League
3. Current State of Wedgeworth
4. Design of the New School
5. CEQA
6. Next Steps
7. Q&A
8. Review Design Boards

History of Wedgeworth

- In the mid 1960's, the District approved acquisition of the school site for future use
- In the early 1970's, the District made the decision to install temporary portables for instruction until a permanent school could be built
- The intent was to build a permanent school to meet enrollment growth
- Mid 1970's – Enrollment declines and decision to build new school was postponed

Baseball Fields Initial History

- Highlander Little League of Hacienda Heights originally played at Salto Field when that District property was turned over to the county, baseball was no longer able to play there.

- Since the little league no longer had access to Salto Field, in November 1977, the Highlander Little League of Hacienda Heights approached the school Board to request access to the vacant field until a new school is constructed.

- On April 1978, the Board approved the use of the fields by the league. The fields have been used at no charge to the little league for 40 years.

- The Highlander Little League agreed that the fields would only be used until the District determined that the site would need to be sold or developed for a permanent school site.

Open Public Meetings
Commence on Surplus Properties

- On February 2009, the Board established the Facility Advisory Committee ("7-11 Committee") and appointed 11 community members to serve on the committee

- This committee is required to meet, review information on district needs for real property, and make recommendations to the Board before the disposal of real property in accordance with Education Code 17389

- As a Board committee, all meetings were subject to the Brown Act open Meeting law and agendas were posted at the District Office

7-11 Committee Meet

- The Committee met during 9 separate occasions in 2009 to discuss possible surplus properties.
- Meeting dates listed: 3/24, 4/14, 4/21, 4/28, 5/12, 5/26, 6/23, 7/15, 8/12.
- The 7-11 Committee provided its report and recommendations in March 2010
- On May 2010, the School District coordinated a special board meeting to discuss the recommendations made by the committee.

Surplus Properties

- By December 12, 2013, due to changes in the law related to the disposal of property, the Board took action to declare several properties surplus to preserve the District's rights with respect those properties. The vote limited the ability of Charter Schools to take control of surplus district property.

- Those properties included, Glenelder, La Subida, and Wedgeworth.

- Per legal requirements, public agencies, including the County were informed and offered an opportunity to consider to purchase the properties.

- On January 2015, the California Board of Education granted the District a waiver to the bid requirement on surplus properties.

Youth Sports & Hacienda Heights History

- The District has and continues to allow use of the fields to youth sports in the community.
- HLPUSD Orange Grove site was developed as a passive use park.
- The only Aquatic Facilities in the community are provided by HLPUSD. Project costs was over $4 million and the County contributed $1.5 million.
- The District provided at no charge to the County, nine acres of the Hillgrove site for the County to build the Community Center.
- The District has access to the Community Center 30 days out of the year, but the District still has to pay for access.

HLPUSD Commitment to Youth Sports

- Hacienda La Puente USD has made repeated requests to the county to meet to provide a solution to the fields that will be lost. To date the County has not been willing to participate in a joint planning session.

- The District has informed the County and Baseball that they are able to make other district properties available for baseball use. Conversations and meetings have also taken place with Highlander Little League.

- District remains committed to addressing the needs of baseball and the invitation to meet remains open to the County and Highlander Baseball Little League.

Hacienda La Puente USD
Facilities Master Plan

- In 2016, the School District released the Facilities Master Plan which included the needs of the school district
- The report provided information on proposed school site improvements across several campuses districtwide – including Wedgeworth
- The needs outweighed the available resources for facilities improvements:
  - Need: $1.2 Billion

  Funds identified to address the need:

  - $100 million from Bond Measure A (June 2000)
  - $78 million state matching funds (June 2000)
  - $148 million from Bond Measure BB (November 2016)

Wedgeworth Facilities Master Plan



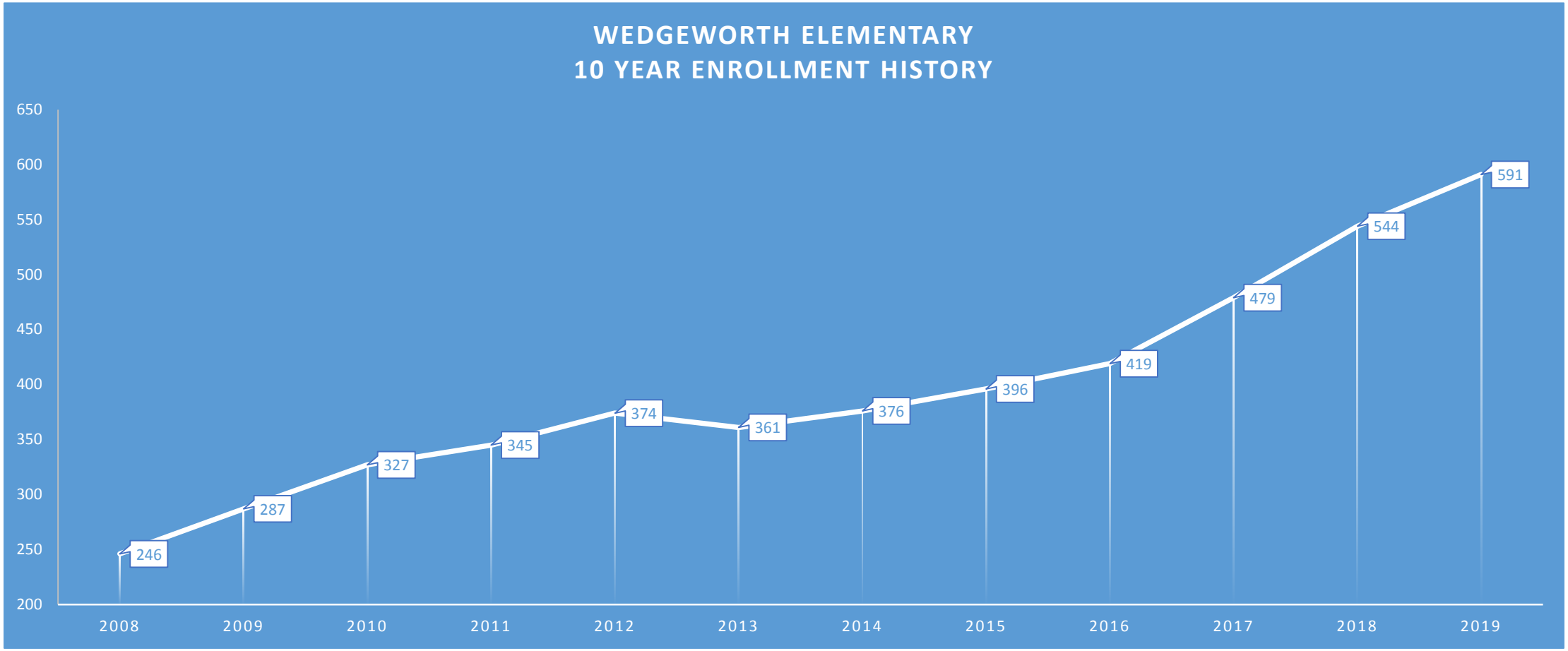
APPROACH

Wedgeworth Elementary was acquired by the district in the 1960s as a site to build a new campus when there was a great need. Portables were used as an accelerated and temporary solution, assuming a fully permanent school would be built within a few years. More portables were added in the early 1970s, but by the mid to late 70s, overall district enrollment projections were dwindling and this continued into the 1980s. The plan to build a permanent school was canceled but the campus continued to operate and the students still flourished. The large property has been developed further with the construction of the Highlander Field Complex, taking up a very large portion at the north of the site. Design and construction of a new fully permanent campus is needed for this school.

- **21st Century Classroom New Construction**
- **New STEM/STEAM Lab and Outdoor Learning Area**
- Support Spaces New Construction
- Shade Structure New Construction
- Site Work Improvements
- New Parent Center
- Portable Removal

NOTE: Proposed plans and placement of new construction are conceptual in nature for this facilities master plan. Further examination, research, and site findings are needed at each site to determine best overall placements, circulations, and positioning.

Wedgeworth Elementary School



Recognitions





U.S. Department of Education
National Blue Ribbon School
2017

GOLD RIBBON SCHOOLS
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A CALIFORNIA DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL

CALIFORNIA
BUSINESS
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EXCELLENCE

TITLE I ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
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Architect Selection Process

- Extensive selection process in early 2017
- School Board interviews Architects in September 2017
- Four (4) architects are selected to participate in Design Competition (Nov. 2017)
- Architects meet with the community to gather design ideas (Jan. 2018)
- Three design proposals presented to the Board in February 2018
- PBK was selected as architect in May 2018

Project Design

- Multiple meetings with the community to listen to what they wanted.
- Based on the community feedback. PBK designed project to meet the budget of $39.7 million construction budget.
- Total project cost is approximately $50 million
- The board reviews and provides input on the design program in August & September 2018
- Environmental Consultants selected in January 2019 at Board Meeting

Meetings with Highlander Baseball

- Upon selecting PBK as the architect, the District meets with Hacienda Heights Little League at Highlander Field about the start of the Planning process for the school (May 2018)
- Meetings continue with Little League President in September 2018
- Additional meetings with HH Little League in April 2019 and consistent meetings throughout the Summer 2019 providing status updates on the project

Preliminary Options



Previous Option 1



Previous Option 2

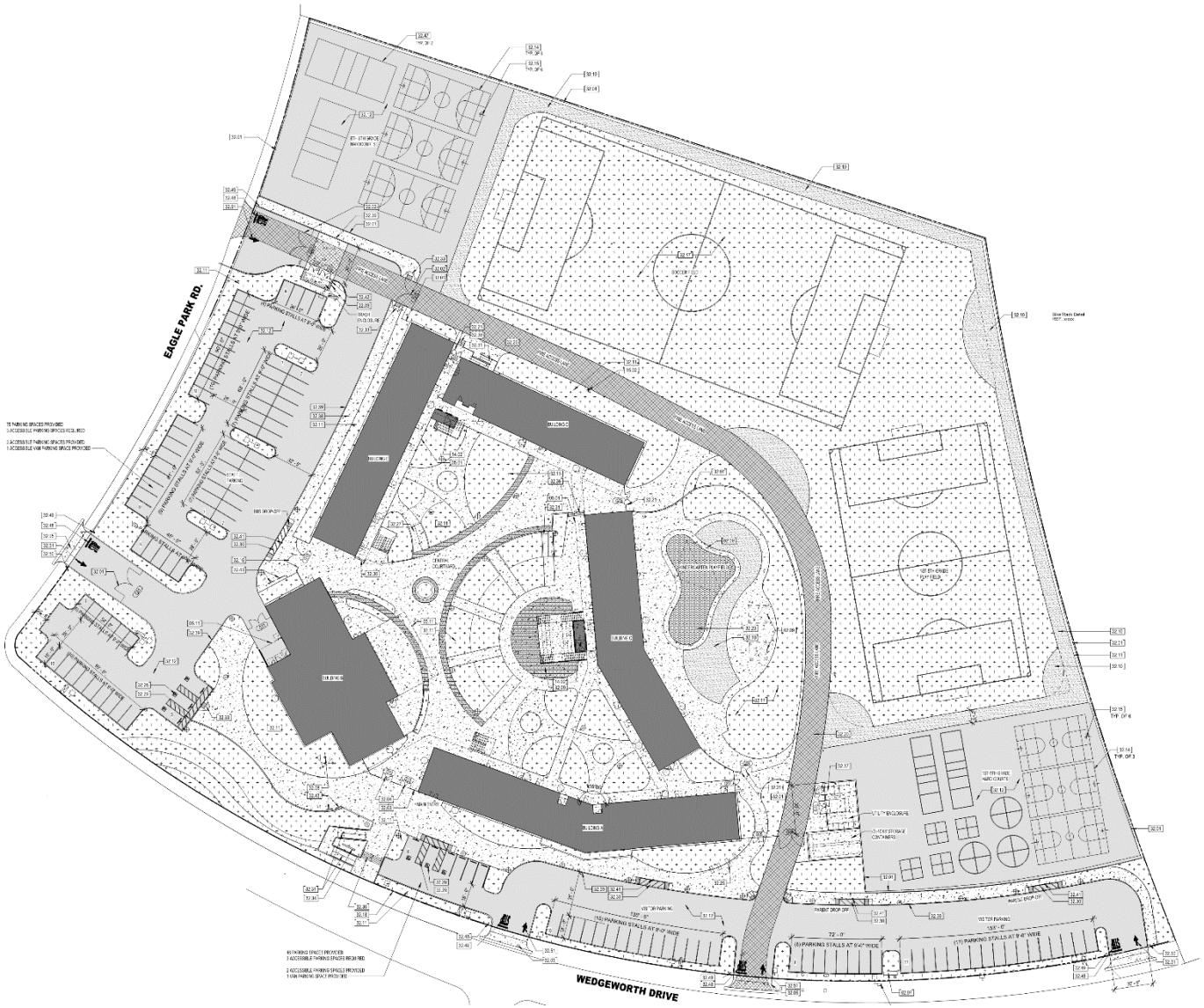
Schematic Design



Design Development



Construction Documents



Current Design



Wedgeworth School
Hacienda La Puente Unified School District

Overall Site Plan



Wedgeworth School

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Conceptual Design



Birdseye View from South

Conceptual Design



Main Front Entry to South

Conceptual Design



Courtyard View to MPR

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

- Purpose of CEQA
  - Inform elected decisionmakers and the public of the environmental impacts of projects approved by government agencies
  - Reduce or avoid impacts
  - Foster public participation in planning
  - Disclose reason for approval when there are significant impacts

Four Stages of the CEQA Process

- Preliminary Review
  - Only applies to actions that may have an environmental impact
  - Some projects may be exempt
- Prepare Initial Study **(This is where we are at now)**
  - Questions on all possible impacts, aesthetics to utilities
- Prepare CEQA Document
  - Negative Declaration, Mitigated Neg. Dec., Environmental Impact Report
- Board Decision whether to approve:
  - CEQA Document
  - Project

Overview of the CEQA Process

- Environmental Impact Analysis
  - CEQA applies only to physical environmental impacts
  - Possible outcomes:
    - Negative Declaration (30-day review)
    - Mitigated Negative Declaration (30-day review)
    - Environmental Impact Report (45-day review)

Next Steps

- Environmental Impact Report (EIR) released in mid-October 2019
  - 45-day review (Public Comment Period)
- Board can vote to approve the project in January 2020
- Contracting process to occur in Spring 2020 for Construction
- Highlander Baseball will be able to continue using the site through at least May 2020

Questions?

- One Speaker at a time.
- Please provide your questions and comments on cards available at the registration table.
- We will provide a response, if not today, at a future time on the website.
- Please sign-in and provide your email to receive information pertaining to the project.

- Thank you for attending the meeting.

- Please review the design boards. We are here to help share information about the project.