



**Wilson Elementary School**

**March 2019**

## Greetings!

Greetings to both the Wilson Elementary School Neighborhood and the greater area of Kennedy High School!

Since last January the District Facilities Department, the Design and Build Team (DBT) of Overaa Construction and Gould Evans Architects, in association with the Principal and her staff at the Wilson Elementary School have been very busy. In little over a year, the design of the New Wilson Elementary School has gone from a concept to construction documents. On December 7, 2018, the project was submitted to the Division of State Architect (DSA) for an approval to build. We are hopeful that the approval will be granted by May of 2019.

### Activity

In December of 2018 four existing portables on the site were moved off. In Spring 2019 demolition is scheduled to begin at the existing site, making way for the new school.

Our partners, Principal Claudia Velez and the Wilson staff have been very instrumental in review of the functional layouts of the educational spaces.

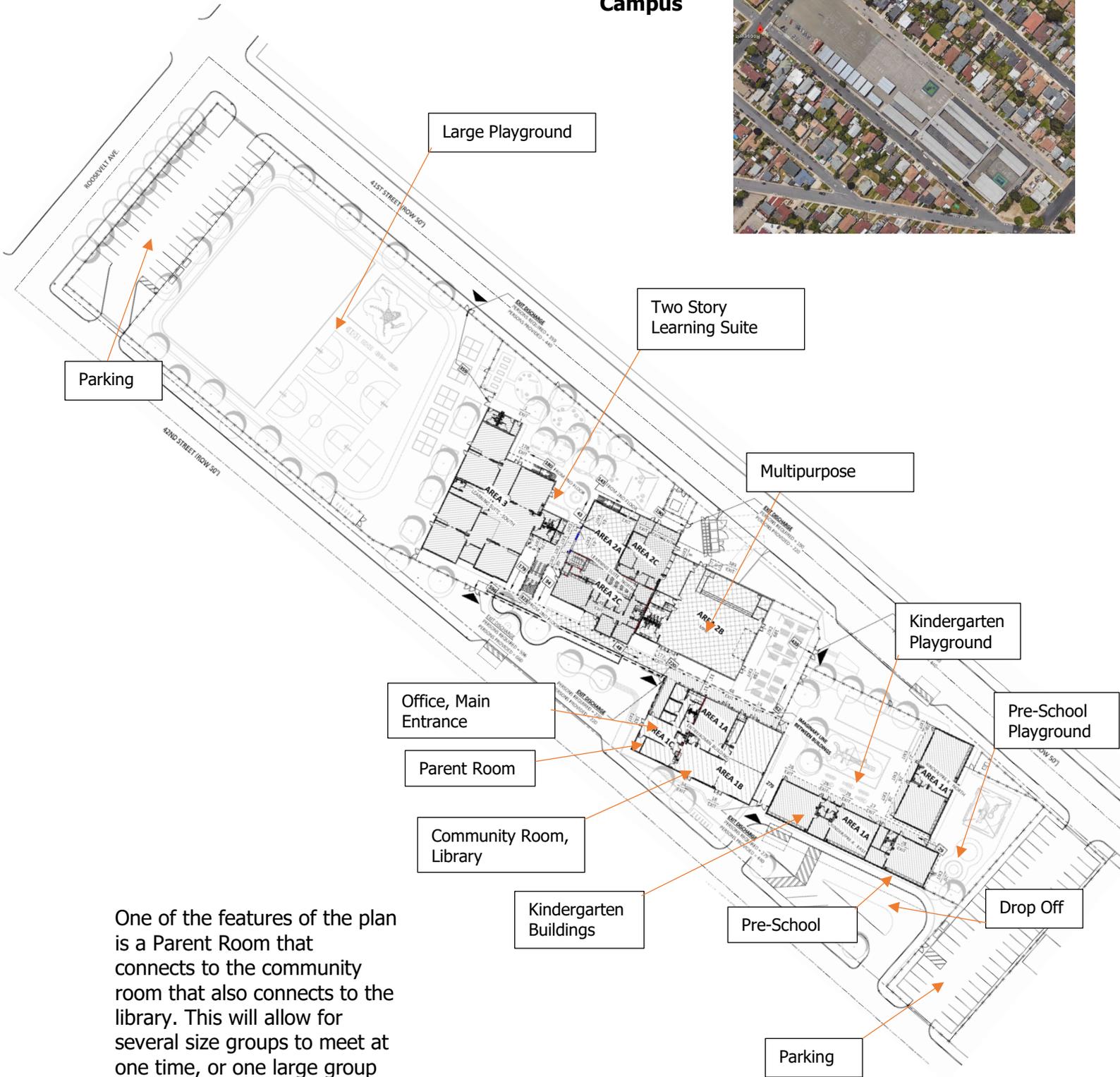
Design of the project has involved many meetings with

- Wilson Elementary Staff
- Wilson Parents / Community
- District Administration / Facilities
- Local and State agencies



# Site Plan New Campus

## Old Campus



One of the features of the plan is a Parent Room that connects to the community room that also connects to the library. This will allow for several size groups to meet at one time, or one large group

## What's Next

The DBT has been busy distributing documents for final bidding, this will conclude in June. During the process the District has monitored the budget, making adjustments to maintain cost control in a quickly changing market. Inflation in the construction industry has been extreme.

This school is an exciting project. The design is amazing. The functional layout of the Learning Suites is the District's initiation into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century school facility design. The Design-Build process has been and continues to be collaboratively allowing for flexibility. A 21<sup>st</sup> Century school allows for staff and student collaboration, interaction, and flexibility.

We are proud to be part of this project, and as progress is made, we will keep our neighbors informed.



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