



GARFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

COMMUNITY INPUT SESSION

OCTOBER 2, 2024

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In this community-wide meeting, the OUSD Project team and QKA Architects discussed the project scope based on community feedback collected in the Spring, culminating in the Programming phase.

During the Spring, the community emphasized the need for educational program enhancements, Family Resource Center expansion, and Multi-Purpose Room upgrades. Community priorities also included improved Transitional Kindergarten, Special Education facilities, landscaping, and play areas. Top family-voted priorities were Family Resource Center expansion, modernized restrooms, and better outdoor play areas.

Additionally, the architect team reviewed the results of assessments focused on Garfield Elementary's physical condition. The assessment evaluated Garfield Elementary School's health, safety, accessibility, and equitable learning and access. Some of the improvements needed include improving the quality of interior and exterior spaces, building and electrical systems, structural integrity, indoor-outdoor connections, and overall security.

To launch the Schematic Design phase, the project team shared potential layouts and gathered input from meeting participants. The current project design emphasizes inclusivity, adaptability, sustainability, and well-being, with accessible, flexible spaces encouraging health and outdoor learning. Key inclusivity features include a redesigned entry to showcase school pride, fully accessible restrooms, and improved access in the courtyard. Flexible spaces include reconfigured rooms for maker space and after-school programs, an expanded library, and small group rooms.

The design also includes a Family Resource Center that will offer a welcoming lobby, dedicated EBAYC offices, family services, and health support areas. Sustainability upgrades for the project include structural improvements, façade repairs, roof replacement, an efficient heat pump system, enhanced ventilation, upgraded security, and expanded windows for natural light.

Participants suggested outdoor water stations, more shaded areas, a lobby or covered waiting area for parents, reinforced steel posts for safety, and added security for upgraded systems.

Parents also expressed the need for more than 3,000 square feet of space at the Foothill Boulevard entrance originally planned in the project design.

BUDGET

The total budget for the project is \$56.7 million. The construction budget and mandatory soft costs will be determined once the project scope is finalized.

NEXT STEPS

- **October 16, 2024:** Meeting with the Project Advisory Committee to discuss proposed designs and collect feedback during the Schematic Design phase of the project.
- **October 22, 2024:** Meeting with school staff to discuss proposed designs and collect feedback during the Schematic Design phase of the project.
- **December 12, 2024:** Community-wide Meeting to share the final Schematic Design for the project.

