



Los Cerritos Elementary Community Meeting Report

Transformation Project

Project: Los Cerritos Elementary School HVAC Installation & Transformation

Meeting Type: Community Information

Date + Time of Meeting: Tuesday, December 3rd, 2024, 5PM-6PM

Facilities Executive Team:

- *David Miranda, Executive Director, Facilities Development & Planning*
- Dana Grudem, Senior Program Manager
- Ferdows Fazeli, Senior Program Manager
- Doug Jordan, Principal Liaison – Measure E
- Shantel McCullough, Assistant Director, Public Information
- Erica Bonilla, Assistant Director, Contracts
- Sara Slater, Assistant Director, Fiscal Services
- Tracy Nishihira, Administrative Coordinator – Planning
- Dan Barr, Administrative Coordinator – Construction

Project Team: Los Cerritos HVAC

- Priscilla Garcia, Planning Project Manager
- Vanessa Ramirez, Assistant Planning Project Manager
- Adam LaFreniere, Construction Project Manager
- Saliba Toro, Assistant Construction Project Manager

Site Representative: Liseeth Ramos, Principal

Translation Services: Khmère/ Español

Report Author: Shantel McCullough (Assistant Public Information Director)

Date of Report: December 9, 2024

1. Approximate number of community participants:	<p>Approximately 91 + parents/community members + 18 children/students.</p> <p>David Zaid, Assistant Superintendent – Elementary & K-8 Schools LaShell Diggs, Instructional Director / Principal Supervisor – Elementary Schools & K-8 Schools.</p> <p>Members from the Executive and Project team: Priscilla Garcia , Vanessa Ramirez, Saliba Toro Ferdows Fazeli, Tracy Nishihira, Douglas Jordan and Dana Grudem.</p> <p>Representing TBP Architecture; Hung Cheng, Carolyn Loughrey , John Ha, Representing Balfour Beatty; Arnold Arsenault , Jeff Calvet, Emily Vu.</p> <p>Also, Principal Liseeth Ramos represented Los Cerritos Elementary School.</p>
2. Summary of the meeting:	<p>David Miranda introduced the team and began the presentation with an overview of the Bond Program, outlining its priorities, goals, and achievements to date.</p>



<i>Include a list of major concerns, ideas and suggestions brought up at the meeting.</i>	Next, attendees were provided with an overview of the construction scope for the upcoming HVAC and Modernization projects at Los Cerritos Elementary School, scheduled to begin in June 2025. The presentation concluded with the announcement that Birney Elementary School will serve as the interim housing site for grades 3–5 throughout the construction period, while TK–2 students will remain on the Los Cerritos campus. This was followed by a Q&A session, with plans for a follow-up meeting to be scheduled for Winter 2025.
3. Notes from Question and Answer Period	<p>The audience expressed overall satisfaction with the project, with most inquiries centered around seeking assurances regarding student safety during transit to and seeking clarification on the interim housing arrangements at the Birney campus.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the projected duration of the construction process? • Is Birney fully equipped and prepared to receive our students on campus? • When is the scheduled start time for the school day? • Could parents receive additional details about the bell system to mitigate traffic congestion near other schools? • Will there be a designated bus monitor assigned to accompany students during transportation? • Is the bus optional? Can I transport my child to school?
4. Follow-up steps:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share the presentation with the school site and parents/students • Ride the Route [Summer 2025]
5. Handouts distributed at meeting	Not Applicable
6. Outreach completed <i>Notices were distributed to who, how, and how many?</i> <i>Meetings attended prior to community meetings?</i>	<p>School site advertised to the parent/student community.</p> <p>Notices sent U.S. Postal Mail: Notices sent home with students at the following schools: Notices sent via school messenger: Notices delivered through broadcast, print and/or electronic media: Other means of promoting community meeting:</p> <p>Presentations, briefings and one-on-one meetings:</p>

AGENDA

- I. Welcome/Bienvenida
–Liseeth Ramos, Principal
- II. Brief Overview of Bond Measures/Breve Repaso del Bond Medidas
–David Miranda, Executive Director, Facilities Development & Planning
- III. Facility Master Plan /Plan Maestro de Instalaciones
- IV. Los Cerritos HVAC Brief Project Overview + Interim Housing Assignment/Descripción general del proyecto + Asignación de Vivienda Provisional
- V. Questions and Comments/Preguntas y comentarios



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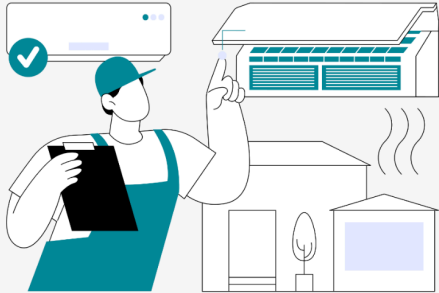
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PRE-CONSTRUCTION BULLETIN




LOS CERRITOS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
HEATING, VENTILATION AND AIR CONDITIONING (HVAC)
INSTALLATION & RENOVATION PROJECT
PRE-CONSTRUCTION INFORMATION
DECEMBER 2024



PROJECT COMPONENTS

- DEMOLITION: Removing
- CONSTRUCTION: New
- SITE IMPROVEMENTS: A

INTERIM HOUSING: Students will stay on site during construction – Interim Housing required.



CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

Project Location: 515 W San Antonio Dr., Long Beach, CA, 90807
Construction Timeline: June 2025 - December 2026
Work Hours: Monday - Friday 7 am to 5 pm Saturdays: 8 am - 6 pm (as needed)

All work will be performed in strict accordance with City of Long Beach Noise Ordinance unless an After Hours Request is submitted.
For information on approved after-hours workdays, please refer to our calendar at lbschoolbonds.net


FAQ

NAVIGATION TABLE

Timeline and Scheduling	Budget and Funding	Impact on School Operations	Communication and Updates
Noise and Disruption	Access and Parking	Post-Construction	Question & Answers from Los Cerritos Community Meeting 12/03/2024



HVAC + Renovation Project Frequently Asked Questions

 SPANISH Los Cerritos Elementary HVAC Project _ School Construction + Renovation Q&...

Timeline and Scheduling

When will construction start and finish?

*Construction is set to begin in **June 2025** and will be completed by **August 2026**, spanning a total of **14 months**. The renovations will be carried out in four or more phases.*

What is the scope of work?

DEMOLITION: Removing all ceilings and lighting affected by the new Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning [HVAC] ducting. Additionally, plumbing fixtures will be demolished to upgrade restrooms and drinking fountains to comply with current Americans with Disabilities Act [ADA] standards.

CONSTRUCTION: New electrical yard will be installed to support a complete campus utility upgrade. New HVAC Systems. Updates to ceilings, lighting, projectors, markerboards and flooring. Additionally, a wheelchair lift, and access ramps will be added to the Auditorium, Cafeteria, and Building 1000.

SITE IMPROVEMENTS: Exterior paint for all permanent buildings, portables and bungalows. New access ramps to the auditorium, cafeteria and Building 1000. New outdoor learning shade structure. New enhanced color paving between Building 1000 and 2000. New playturf area.

Phase is still being finalized and will be shared at the February 13th meeting.

What are the key milestones in the construction project?

Phase 2A & 2B for Buildings 1000/3000 will end in August 2026.

Who are the contractors and partners involved?

LLB General Contractor: Balfour Beatty



Architect: tBP Architecture

Electrical/Fire Protection Engineers: P2S, Inc.

Mechanical/Plumbing Engineers: P2S, Inc.

Structural Engineers: VCA Engineers, Inc.

Civil Engineer: FPL & Associates

Landscape Architect: None

Budget and Funding

What is the total cost of the construction project, and how is it being funded?

*The cost for the project is estimated to be roughly **\$16.9 million**. This funding comes from Bond Measure E, which was approved by voters in 2016. Additional funding from Bond Measure Q will support **Master Plan** upgrades to the campus.*

Impact on School Operations

Will there be any changes to school hours or schedules due to construction?

No, there will be no changes to school hours or schedules during construction.

How will construction affect access to school facilities, such as gyms or libraries?

This item is still in planning and will be addressed at our February 13th meeting.

Will there be any temporary relocations or changes in classroom assignments?

No new interim housing will be added to the site. Instead, each phase of construction will involve relocating TK-2 classrooms to existing interim spaces around the campus. 3-5 students will be relocated to Birney campus for the duration of the construction project.

Communication and Updates



How will families be kept informed about the progress of the construction project?

Families can stay informed about the HVAC project by visiting our school bonds website at lbschoolbonds.net. For updates on campus operations during the construction process, please feel free to contact your school office.

Who can we contact for updates or to voice concerns about the construction?

For updates or to express any concerns regarding the HVAC construction, you can email schoolsbond@lbschools.net or call the Facilities Department at (562) 997-7500.

Will there be community information meetings to learn more about the project?

The final Los Cerritos Community Meeting for the HVAC and Renovation project was held on Thursday, February 13th, 2025.

Noise and Disruption

How will construction noise and dust be managed to minimize disruption?

Construction activities will be scheduled during designated hours to limit noise during testing days. We will monitor noise and dust levels, managed by the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan [SWPPP] plan throughout the construction process to ensure compliance with local regulations and to address any concerns promptly.

What hours will construction work take place, and will it affect the school day?

Construction will occur Monday through Friday from 7 AM to 4 PM, and on Saturdays from 8 AM to 6 PM as needed. All work will be conducted in strict compliance with the City of Long Beach Noise Ordinance, unless a request for after-hours work is submitted and approved.

Are there plans to mitigate the impact of construction on nearby residential areas?

The construction laydown area and parking will be located on campus. Workers are strongly discouraged from parking in residential areas.



Access and Parking

How will construction affect drop-off and pick-up zones for students?

Construction will not affect the current drop-off and pick-up zones for students, however, a bus transportation loading and unloading zone will be created, which may impact those areas.

Will there be changes to parking availability for families and staff?

Parking may be impacted due to phasing of the Construction Project.

Are there alternative routes or entrances to the school during construction?

Yes, there will be alternative entrances during construction. We are currently working with the contractors to determine those locations. One option being considered is relocating the main entrance from San Antonio to Del Mar. We will continue to provide updates as plans are finalized.

Post-Construction

What improvements or benefits will the new construction bring to the school community?

The new construction will create a seismically safer school with energy-efficient, accessible and air-conditioned spaces to better withstand heat waves and rising temperatures.

How will the new facilities be maintained, and who will be responsible for upkeep?

HVAC systems will be maintained by our maintenance department. They will be responsible for all upkeep. If any issue is found, you can submit repair requests through a ticket system on our website: <https://www.lbschools.net/departments/business-and-finance/maintenance> . This ensures that any issues are addressed promptly and efficiently.

2024, December 3 Los Cerritos Community Meeting Questions + Answers

Safety and Security Measures

What safety measures are in place for our TK-2 students on campus during construction?



To ensure the safety of our TK-2 students during construction, certain buildings will be fenced off and designated as restricted areas. This means that construction zones will be clearly marked, and access will be limited to authorized personnel only, preventing students from coming into contact with potentially hazardous areas. Additionally, the most intrusive work, such as heavy construction and equipment use, will be scheduled during the summer months when there are no students on campus. This scheduling strategy minimizes disruption and ensures that construction activities do not interfere with student safety or daily routines.

What security measures are in place at Birney to ensure our 3-5 students are supervised and not exposed to extra people?

At Birney, several security measures are in place to ensure that our 3-5 students are supervised and not exposed to unauthorized individuals. These include security cameras, a buzzer system for controlled entry, and gates that are locked at certain times. Additionally, Birney is a closed campus, meaning that access is restricted to only authorized personnel and visitors.

Will the windows be bolted shut as a part of the construction project?

No, the classroom windows will not be bolted shut as part of the construction project.

Logistics and Daily Operations

What will the school start times be at Los Cerritos and Birney for the 2025-2026 school year?

The school start times for the 2025-2026 school year will be as follows:

Los Cerritos: 9:00 AM

Birney: 8:00 AM

Will busing be provided for students who will be in grades 3-5 at Birney?

Birney. The details will be finalized after assessing needs through a parent/family survey.

Programs and Activities

Will our after-school programs be disrupted during the construction process? YMCA, ELOP, ect.?

No, after-school programs at Los Cerritos, including YMCA and ELOP, will not be disrupted during the construction process. These programs will remain at Los Cerritos. For students attending the Birney campus, buses will transport them back to Los Cerritos



to participate in after-school activities.

Will all before-school care programs still be provided at Los Cerritos?

Yes, before-school care will continue to be provided at Los Cerritos in the same manner as it is currently. Any changes to the before-school care program will be communicated from Principal Ramos.

Will Los Cerritos students at the home site and the interim housing site still have recess?

Yes, students at both the Los Cerritos home site and the interim housing site at Birney will still have recess time. The play zones for our 3-5 students at Birney are still being finalized.

Will VIPS be able to volunteer at Birney (Los Cerritos 3-5)?

Yes, parents will be able to volunteer at Birney (for Los Cerritos 3-5). They will go through the same VIPS application process as usual, but will select Los Cerritos as the site where they'd like to volunteer.

Transition and Communication

Will there be any opportunities for the 3-5 students and parents to get to know the campus before the start of school?

Yes, in the summer, before the start of school, students and families will have the chance to participate in a "Ride-the-Route" event. During this event, they can board the bus and travel from Los Cerritos to the Birney campus, allowing them to become familiar with the new environment.

Unfortunately, they will not have the opportunity to view inside their assigned classroom, but our team will work together to provide pictures in advance.

How will I reach my 3-5 students who are attending the Birney campus for the 2025-2026 school year?

To reach your 3-5 students attending the Birney campus for the 2025-2026 school year, you can call the usual phone number for Los Cerritos. An automated message will prompt you to select the option for either the Los Cerritos campus or the Interim Housing Campus at Birney.

While the early-out pick-up location for 3-5 students will be at Birney, all communications will still be handled by the Los Cerritos office staff, ensuring consistency in the process.



Staffing and Leadership

Who will be the staff that are supporting our 3-5 Los Cerritos students at Birney?

The staff supporting our 3-5 Los Cerritos students at Birney will include their assigned grade-level teachers, recreational aides (such as Ms. Debbie), and a rotation of office and support staff. This rotation ensures all personnel become familiar with the Birney campus. Additionally, coffee chats with the principal will be held more frequently to foster connection and collaboration, helping to prevent any sense of disconnect and ultimately benefiting the students.

Can we be guaranteed that Principal Ramos will not be removed from the school during construction?

It is not standard practice in our district to move a principal from a school during construction, especially when there is offsite interim housing. We can confidently assure you that Principal Ramos will continue to serve at Los Cerritos throughout the duration of the construction project.

Construction Timeline and Impact

How accurate is the project timeline? Will the project be completed in the projected 15 months?

Yes, the project is expected to be completed within the projected 15 months. Contingencies have been included in the contract to ensure that the project stays on track and is completed on time.

Is there any data to show if test scores and/or grades are impacted when students are relocated during school construction?

Yes, there is data available showing the impact on student outcomes for those relocated during past school construction projects. Specifically, standardized testing results (SBAC) indicate that students in grades 2-5 who attended school at an interim campus during previous construction projects showed an increase in academic achievement. This data suggests that, despite the relocation, students were able to maintain or even improve their performance, which highlights the effectiveness of the temporary solutions in providing a stable and supportive learning environment during the construction process.

Parent Options



Can parents transfer their students to a different school site if they are not comfortable with the temporary housing at Birney?

Yes, the School of Choice option is available to all families across the district. Parents can submit a School of Choice (SOC) application online through their ParentVUE account starting in January 2025.

Questions that will be answered at or before the February 13th meeting:

Logistics and Schedules

1. Could a staggered start and end time be considered for parents with children at both schools who may not want their older child bussed daily?
2. Where will the monthly assemblies be held during construction?
3. Will PTA activities be affected by this transition?

Transportation and Drop-off/Pick-up

4. What is the bus schedule for pick-up and drop-off for grades 3-5?
5. When students are dropped off for breakfast, will they eat at Los Cerritos or be bussed to Birney and then eat?
6. How will staffing and school bus pickup/drop-off times be managed? How will you ensure all students are on the bus before leaving for Birney and when returning to Los Cerritos?
7. For students not taking the bus, what time will the Birney campus be able to accept drop-offs for 3-5 students?

Student Activities

8. What is the plan for 5th-grade graduation activities for the 2025-2026 school year?
9. How will Los Cerritos coordinate with Birney so that our 3-5 students can participate in assemblies?
10. Will there be opportunities throughout the year for the TK-2 and 3-5 students to come together for activities?

Support Services and Childcare

Who do we call when we have a...

Communication: Concern about how information regarding the school site and how updates will be shared | Principal Liseeth Ramos

Construction Questions: Schoolbonds@lbschool.net, (562)997-7550

School Operations Inquiry: David Pittman, dpittman@lbschools.net, (562) 663-3048



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