

DEPARTMENT OF FACILITIES PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT

Thank you to everyone who joined the most recent McClymonds community meeting focused on the **Division of the State Architect (DSA)** process. Below is a summary of key updates and information shared by OUSD staff and Facilities team members. For those who did not attend, we encourage you to join a future meeting.

Meeting Discussion

The meeting focused on the **Division of the State Architect (DSA)** review process for the McClymonds Modernization project. The construction team shared details about the DSA's review purpose, scope, and procedures, and gave three examples of questions the agency has asked as part of their review of our plans. Participants learned about the steps involved in the DSA process and gained a clearer understanding of the work required to prepare for construction.

The group also had a second opportunity to hear about the field turf and track **upgrades** at several school sites, including McClymonds High School, and check out samples of the turf, track, and infill materials that will be used in the upgrades.



Meeting Questions & Responses

Q1: Who takes meeting notes, and how are they shared with the community?

A1: Meeting notes are developed by the Project Team (Project Engineer and Community Outreach Partner). Summaries are shared as follow-up attachments to meeting invitations sent via email to parent contacts associated with McClymonds High School. The team is exploring additional opportunities to share meeting notes more broadly.

Q2: What does the DSA do, and why does the review take so long?

A2: DSA reviews plans for public K–12 schools to ensure that plans, specifications, and construction comply with California's building codes. DSA's plan review is comprised of four disciplines: Accessibility; Fire and Life Safety; Structural Safety; and Sustainability. While the process can sometimes take time, it is essential to ensuring that all schools are safe and accessible.

Older structures often require additional review because previous construction and maintenance records may be incomplete. In some cases, the project team must provide DSA with historical information from decades earlier. Additionally, a high volume of projects under review statewide—particularly following recent Southern California fires—has contributed to longer timelines.

Q3: How long will it take to complete the McClymonds High School campus modernization?

A3: Construction is anticipated to be completed and ready for the 2027-28 school year.

Next Steps

The next McClymonds Community Meeting will be held on **Thursday, November 6, from 8:30–9:00 a.m.** at the **McClymonds Creative Design Lab (Room 106)**. The November meeting will focus on the **safety and security components of the modernization project** and provide an overview of how students, staff, and community members will be safe during the construction period.

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