

January 2026 Project Updates

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✓ Budget **\$39.5 Million**

(\$3.32M is allocated for accessibility projects and a Living Schoolyards Project)

✓ Project **Features**

- A new middle school building will include six new classrooms, including specialized classrooms, a science laboratory, and gender-neutral restrooms
- Solar panels and battery storage technology will be installed in the new building
- Systems improvements will include a new heat pump system in the new and existing buildings, plumbing renovations, and fire and life safety enhancements across campus
- Renovations will be made to the main building, including seismic retrofitting and enhanced administrative spaces
- Air quality will be improved with heating, ventilation, and air conditioning, and climate-controlled classrooms

✓ Schedule and **Milestones**

- **Design starts:** March 2024
- **Construction starts:** June 2026
- **Completion:** June 2028

✓ School **Contacts**

- **Principal:** Jonathan Mayer
- **Assistant Principal:** Susan McGrath
- **Community School Manager:** Andi Gonzales

✓ Project **Information**

- **Project Manager:** Victor Manansala
- **Assistant Project Manager:** Jorge De Anda
- **Architect:** HKIT Architects
- **General Contractor:** Cahill Contractors
- **Engagement Specialist:** Ray Bermudez
- **Website:** bit.ly/MLAProject



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Exciting news—MLA is expected to break ground in early 2026! Below is an early concept of the future middle school building, offering a first glimpse at what's ahead. Please keep in mind this is a preliminary rendering and some features may evolve as the design process continues.

We're thrilled to keep collaborating with the school community to shape the final artwork and design touches that will make this campus distinctly MLA!

Exterior Perspective of New Middle School Building



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