



Garfield Elementary School Modernization

January 2026 Project Updates

We are building a NEW and IMPROVED Garfield ES!

✓ Budget: \$104.5 Million

✓ Current Project Features

- Phased construction that will include new buildings and building systems
- Two new buildings that will house all classrooms: Three Pre-K, four TK, three Kindergarten, fifteen Grade 1-5 classes, specialized day classrooms
- One new building that will house administration
- New building systems, including mechanical, structural, electrical, plumbing, fire protection, and intrusion
- Overall new building square footage of 76,200
- New outdoor spaces including gardens, playgrounds, sports fields, and basketball courts

✓ Proposed Project Scope Expansion

- **Status:** Pending Board Approval
- The project team identified several major challenges with the current modernization approach, including significant structural upgrades, which would drastically increase the scope and complexity of the project.
- The Department, therefore, is proposing the project scope be expanded from modernizing the existing building to constructing a **brand-new, larger building** to serve more Garfield students and families.
- The proposed scope expansion requires a new budget increase from the previous budget, but this proposed change in scope does **not reduce or reallocate funds** from any other Measure Y bond projects.
- **See Page 2 for Proposed Project Features.**



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Proposed Project Features

- Early Childhood program so children can start learning earlier and stay at Garfield from pre-school through fifth grade (up to 7 years!)
- New classrooms, library, multipurpose room, and family center
- Safer and more modern campus
- No portable or temporary classrooms
- Better use of play and outdoor spaces and a new turf field



Schedule and Milestones

- **Current Scope | Construction:** March 2027
- **Current Scope | Completion:** December 2028
- **Proposed Scope Expansion | Construction:** March 2027
- **Proposed Scope Expansion | Completion:** September 2028



School Leadership

- **Principal:** Alex Brandenburg



Project Information

- **Project Manager:** John Esposito
- **Project Engineer:** Daniel Ortiz
- **Engagement Specialist:** Ray Bermudez
- **Architect:** Quattrocchi Kwok Architects
- **General Contractor:** Swinerton Builders
- **Website:** bit.ly/GarfieldProject



District Project Meetings

The OUSD Board members want to hear from residents and families.

Your voice matters! You can attend or comment at these meetings:

- February 9, 2026 – Bond Oversight Committee – 6:30 PM
- February 19, 2026 – Facilities Committee (vote to move forward) – 6:00 PM
- February 25, 2026 – Board of Education Meeting (final vote) – 6:00 PM



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