



2020 FACILITIES UPDATE

*Promoting Student Excellence
Through Modern, Engaging
Learning Communities*



Superintendent's Update



Dear West Covina Unified community,

West Covina Unified School District believes that engaging, safe and innovative learning environments play a vital role in delivering high-quality education and fostering student success.

Our community passed Measure ES in 2016, authorizing up to \$143 million for school facility upgrades, campus improvements and instructional buildings. West Covina Unified has worked tirelessly to bring these plans to fruition while maintaining its longstanding practice of fiscal responsibility.

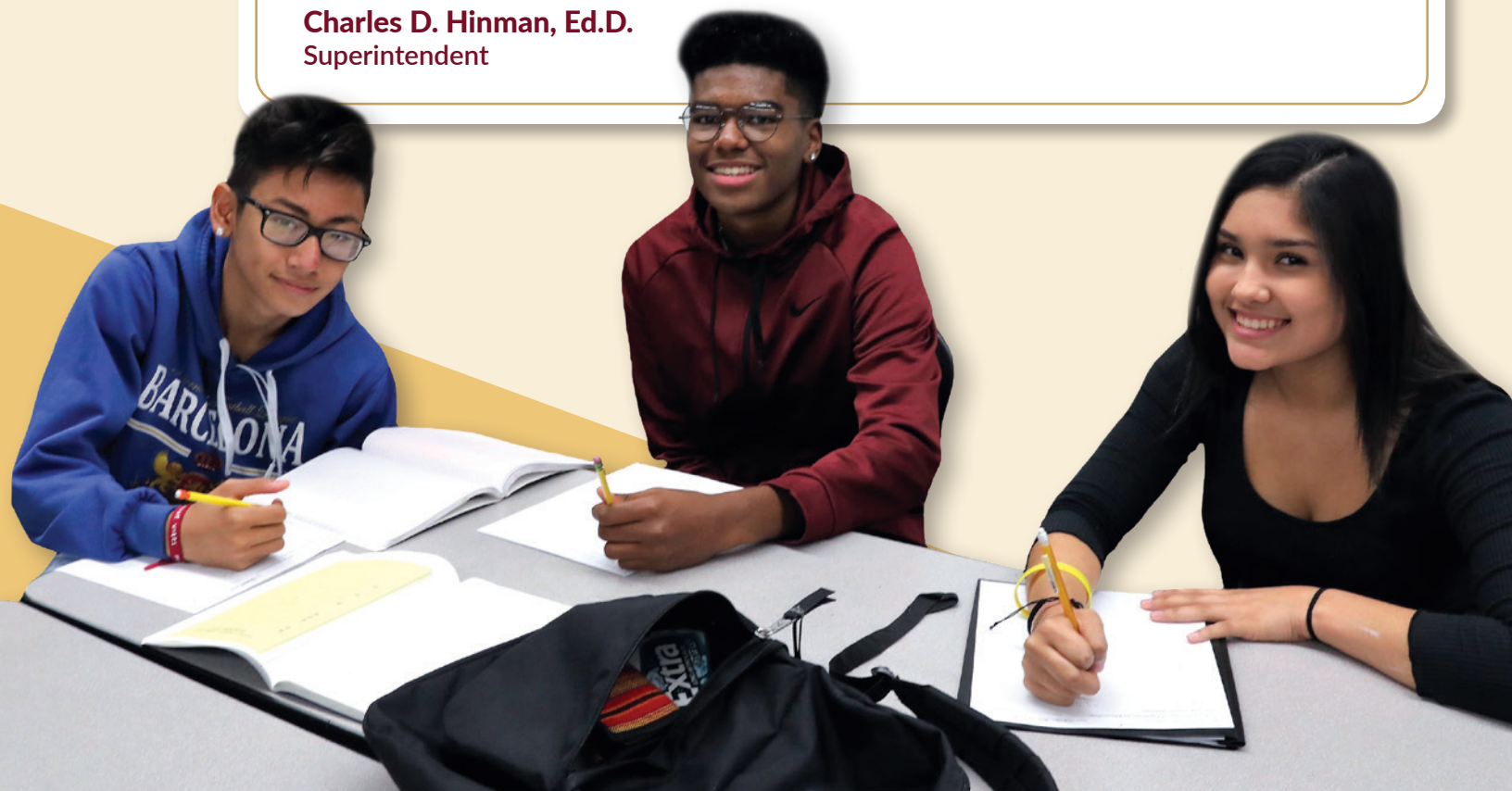
I am proud to present our 2020 facilities update, highlighting the progress made on our outstanding facilities and showcasing what is still to come.

With the gracious support of our community, we have been able to implement vital infrastructure updates, bolster our science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics (STEAM) programs and career technical education pathways, and strengthen our athletic programs.

When the COVID-19 pandemic prompted school closures in March 2020, work on these projects continued to progress steadily, with the goal of welcoming students back to campuses featuring state-of-the-art facilities.

Together, we are working to better the lives of our students. I would also like to thank our Board of Education, Independent Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee and facilities team for their hard work and dedication to ensuring our bond projects meet the needs of our exceptional West Covina Unified students.

Charles D. Hinman, Ed.D.
Superintendent



Measure ES

Passed:
November 2016

Amount:
\$143 million

Breakdown:
\$75 million in 2017 Series A bonds sold
\$32.4 million in 2020 Series B bonds sold

District Management, Planning Save West Covina Unified Taxpayers \$11 Million

Strong management and conservative budget practices have secured West Covina Unified its lowest bond interest rate in District history, saving taxpayers \$11 million in bond repayment costs.

Bond credit rating firm Moody's has assigned the District an "Aa2" rating, indicating that it is a high quality investment with very low risk. The firm praised West Covina Unified for its healthy financial position and strong reserves.

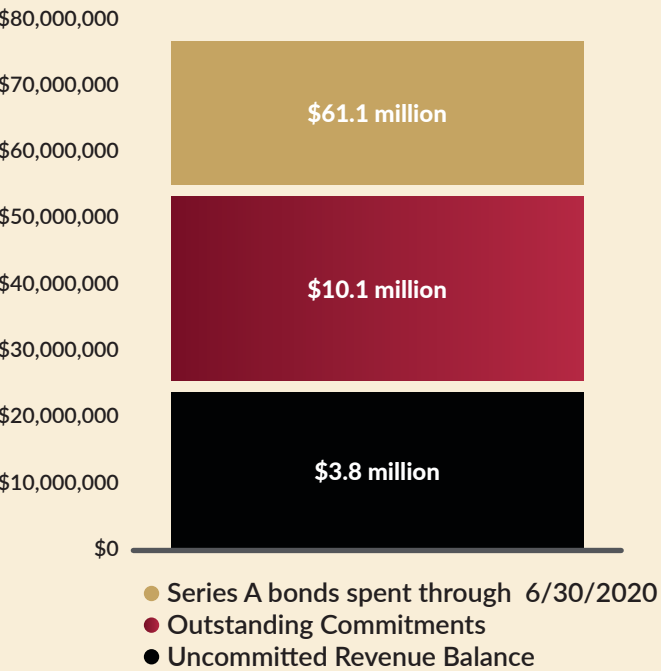
As a result, the District received an interest rate of 2.23 percent for its \$32.4 million Series B bond sale, completed in September. The bond sale is part of Measure ES, which authorized \$143 million in bonds for repairs and facility improvements.

The Series B issue is the second conducted by the District; \$75 million in bonds were sold as part of a Series A sale in 2017. More than \$35 million in future bonds remain available for District needs, ensuring students have access to the best possible learning environments for decades to come.

West Covina Unified's Facilities Master Plan, adopted by the Board of Education in March 2017, established project sequences and timelines designed to meet West Covina Unified's most pressing needs for repairs and improvements.

All project spending is monitored by the Independent Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee, which holds regular public meetings to ensure transparency into the construction program.

Measure ES Spending



Independent Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee

- Carolyn Arndt
- Linda Curiel
- Roger Garner
- Patricia Ornelas-Jarquín
- Jorge Ronquillo
- John Shewmaker
- Jefferey Zhu

COMPLETED

Edgewood High School Event Center/CTE Building and Edgewood Sports Complex

Groundbreaking: October 2018 **Completed:** Event Center: April 2020 **Estimated Cost:** \$31.9 million
Sports Complex: September 2020

The Edgewood High School Event Center features a 350-seat auditorium and freestanding seats, providing a stately venue for District and school stage events and meetings. The center also houses Edgewood’s career technical education programs, including studios and classrooms for the Cisco Networking Academy, gaming design, video production, International Baccalaureate dance, and theater production.

The state-of-the-art Sports Complex hosts an Olympic-size swimming pool, featuring a movable bulkhead that will allow multiple games and competitions to occur simultaneously, thermal shade structures that will reduce pool heating costs and bleachers that can accommodate 350 people.

The complex also includes four locker rooms – two each for Edgewood High School and West Covina High School – two digital scoreboards capable of video playback, a high-quality sound system, and updated basketball courts.



Hollencrest Middle School Modernization

Groundbreaking: May 2019 **Completed:** July 2020 **Estimated Cost:** \$8 million

Hollencrest Middle School received new air conditioning systems, flooring and ceilings, roofing, paint and a new entry courtyard.



Mt. SAC Early College Academy Modernization

Groundbreaking: June 2019 **Completed:** August 2020 **Estimated Cost:** \$4 million

Mt. SAC Early College Academy’s campus has been updated with new air conditioning systems, flooring and ceilings, roofing and paint. The school also received new science teaching spaces outfitted with a chemistry and biology lab. The Academy provides students the opportunity to earn up to two years of college credit and work toward an Associate of Arts degree as they pursue their high school diploma.



IN PROGRESS



West Covina High School CTE/ Science Building

Groundbreaking: July 2019
Estimated Completion: January 2021
Estimated Cost: \$15.7 million

West Covina High School's 26,400 square-foot science and career technical education building will include chemistry and biology labs, a state-of-the-art video production lab and broadcast studio, engineering computer labs and robotics spaces that feature a competition arena and manufacturing lab.



Hollencrest Middle School Gym and Music Building

Groundbreaking: February 2021
Estimated Completion: April 2022
Estimated Cost: \$13.6 million

Hollencrest Middle School will benefit from a new, 750-capacity gym featuring an indoor stage, locker rooms and a music room. The school will also receive an outdoor stage area and upgraded volleyball and basketball courts.



District Performing Arts Center

Groundbreaking: November 2020 **Estimated Completion:** November 2022 **Cost:** \$32.6 million

West Covina Unified's Performing Arts Center will be housed at West Covina High School, offering multiple performance and practice spaces for the high school's visual and performing arts programs.

The 650-seat performing arts complex will feature a dance studio and dedicated spaces for the school's theater department – including a black box theater – and choral department. All West Covina Unified schools will have the opportunity to stage visual and performing arts events at the center.

The center will also serve as a hub for the West Covina High School Performing Arts Academy, which will offer an exclusive fine arts education in a free, public school setting, launching in 2021-22.





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COMPLETED PROJECTS (2017-18)

Elementary School Playground Equipment & Shade Structures

Cost: \$3.3 million



Edgewood High School Track and Field

Cost: \$5 million

West Covina High School Stadium/ Tennis Court Renovation

Cost: \$7.4 million

