

WEST COVINA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
2023 FACILITIES UPDATE



Promoting Student Excellence Through Modern, Engaging Learning Communities



A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



Dear West Covina Unified community,

West Covina Unified knows that the best learning occurs in a safe, clean and well-attended school environment. Our District is committed to ensuring our students have access to modernized school facilities,

up-to-date classrooms and advanced technology that help increase student health, boost morale and inspire academic excellence.

Utilizing the 2016 voter-approved Measure ES funds, West Covina Unified has achieved a series of groundbreaking projects and completed facilities in 2023. We continue to work closely with our architects and construction teams on each project and conduct weekly check-ins throughout the year.

I want to let our greater community know that the West Covina Unified Performing Arts Center and the Hollencrest Middle School gym and music building projects have been slightly pushed back. Our new estimated completion date for these state-of-the-art facilities is Fall 2024. We appreciate your flexibility and understanding as we work quickly and efficiently to bring these projects to fruition.

We maintain open communication with our Business Services Department regarding our budget and all bond-related matters to ensure we maximize the District's financial resources and that our campuses contain high-quality learning tools and facilities that allow our students and staff to succeed.

Thank you to our Board of Education, Independent Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee, Business Services Department and our facilities team for your hard work and commitment to ensuring our facilities meet the needs of our outstanding students, teachers, staff, faculty and entire West Covina Unified community.

I am proud to share the 2023 Facilities Brochure with you, filled with recently completed campus modernizations, updates on in-progress projects and announcements regarding exciting new additions coming to our District soon!

Dr. Emy Flores

Superintendent of Schools
West Covina Unified School District

MEASURE ES



AMOUNT:
\$143 million



PASSED:
November 2016



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

The West Covina Unified School District's Board of Education adopted the Facilities Master Plan in 2017, ensuring that all projects comply with the District's critical enhancements and repair requests. Throughout the past year, the District continued to use the allotted bond dollars granted through Measure ES for a number of high-quality school facilities, including construction of the culinary arts lab and parking lot at West Covina High School, replacement of HVAC and outdated electrical systems and much more.

The District has more than \$35 million in bond funds remaining for additional projects, which will be allocated to providing top-notch facilities and resources. The goal with these funds is to help make teaching and learning in all West Covina Unified schools as effective and successful as possible.

The District will continue to ensure transparency regarding project spending by maintaining active communication with the Independent Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee and the Board of Education at regular public meetings.



INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE:

Carolyn Arndt, Manal Elhusseiny, Roger Garner, Sandra Moitozo, Jorge Ronquillo, Robert Torres, Michelle Wong

WEST COVINA UNIFIED BREAKS GROUND IN 2023

West Covina High School Stadium Parking Lot

West Covina Unified is continually adapting to the student population throughout the District, seeking the best solutions to provide various resources to support our growing WCUSD family.

The West Covina High School parking lot project will add 124 parking spaces underneath existing solar panel structures and include a stormwater retention system. The parking lot renovations aim to assist the campus athletic facilities, including the baseball field and football stadium.



GROUNDBREAKING	EST. COMPLETION	EST. COST
June 2023	December 2023	\$2.4 million



Culinary Arts Facility at West Covina High School

The West Covina High School Culinary Arts facility project aims to support the District's expanding career technical education programs which ensure students are ready to succeed in college and their chosen career path.

The existing space will be modernized with advanced kitchen equipment and upgraded learning spaces to create a state-of-the-art culinary facility. The center of the lab will include a collaborative demonstration and instruction station along with six individual cooking stations with dedicated exhaust hoods.

In addition, the facility will include an outdoor seating area designed for students to proudly share their cooking and baking creations with their peers.

GROUNDBREAKING	EST. COMPLETION	EST. COST
June 2023	December 2023	\$2.4 million

COMPLETED

Mt. SAC Early College Academy Multipurpose Room, Stage & Kitchen

The updated Mt. SAC Early College Academy multipurpose room, stage and kitchen feature new air conditioning and lighting and restroom upgrades. The facilities re-opened in September 2023, providing students with revamped learning spaces to engage in instructional and extracurricular activities, collaborate with their peers and much more.

COMPLETED	COST
September 2023	\$1.8 million

New Marquees

West Covina Unified completed new marquee installations at various school sites as part of the District's ongoing commitment to increasing communication and sharing great news across the District with families and the greater community. Additionally, the project aims to provide school communities with a warm and inviting welcome and boost students' sense of belonging.

COMPLETED	COST
June 2023	\$500,000

FINALIZING FALL 2024

District Performing Arts Center

The West Covina Unified School District Performing Arts Center will offer a space for students across the District to practice and perform for their drama, dance, music and choral programs. Students will also be able to stage their own visual and performing arts events in the venue.

This 650-seat Performing Arts Center will include a dance studio, dressing rooms, a black box theater and dedicated spaces for the school's theater and choir departments.

The West Covina High School Performing Arts Academy will also utilize the complex as a hub to present one-of-a-kind opportunities to students, including advising, internship and advanced educational and career opportunities.

The Performing Arts Center will elevate the visual and performing arts opportunities and resources offered to West Covina Unified students and will be a groundbreaking addition to the community.



EST. COMPLETION	EST. COST
Fall 2024	\$32.6 million

FINALIZING FALL 2024

Hollencrest Middle School
Gym and Music Building

The Hollencrest Middle School Gym and Music Building will provide a state-of-the-art and modern facility for students to sharpen both their athletic and musical skills. This 750-seat building will include locker rooms, a music room, an indoor and outdoor stage and upgraded basketball and volleyball courts.

The modern facility will aid athletes and students in the performing arts to better pursue their passions and will help fulfill their various needs.

The building will seamlessly blend with the school's existing design allowing the new facility to truly feel like part of the original Hollencrest Middle School.



EST. COMPLETION
Fall 2024

EST. COST
\$15.8 million

COMING SOON

Science Classrooms/Labs
at West Covina High School, Edgewood High School and Walnut Grove Intermediate School

EST. COST
\$15.2 million

The District is in the planning and design stage to begin renovating science classrooms and labs at West Covina High School, Edgewood High School and Walnut Grove Intermediate School. The updated facilities will provide students with innovative learning tools to explore science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

The elevated labs will include durable, functional equipment and materials, as well as larger work surfaces and tables to promote collaboration during lab projects.

HVAC Systems
at Wescove Elementary School and Walnut Grove Intermediate School

EST. COST
\$3.2 million

The District is working on replacing the heating and air conditioning systems with energy-efficient models at Walnut Grove Intermediate School and Wescove Elementary School. The project is designed to reduce costs, improve student and staff comfort and productivity and create a better overall learning environment for students.

RECENTLY COMPLETED

Tennis Courts
at the Edgewood Sports Complex

West Covina Unified finalized the construction of the new tennis courts at the Edgewood Sports Complex. The new athletic facility includes eight new courts, new fencing and an advanced lighting system, which will help our students and District community enjoy the activity during the later hours of the day.



COMPLETED
August 2022

COST
\$1.0 million

Track and Field
at West Covina High School

West Covina High School's completed Thyberg Stadium includes a new all-weather track and field. The Bulldog community is enjoying this upgraded facility along with the stadium's new bleachers, restrooms and high-tech sound system.



COMPLETED
August 2022

COST
\$1.2 million



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PREVIOUSLY COMPLETED

West Covina High School CTE/Science Building



COST
\$16.8 million

COMPLETED
June 2021

Edgewood Event Center and CTE Building and Sports Complex



COST
\$33.1 million

**EVENT CENTER
COMPLETED**
April 2020

**SPORTS COMPLEX
COMPLETED**
September 2020