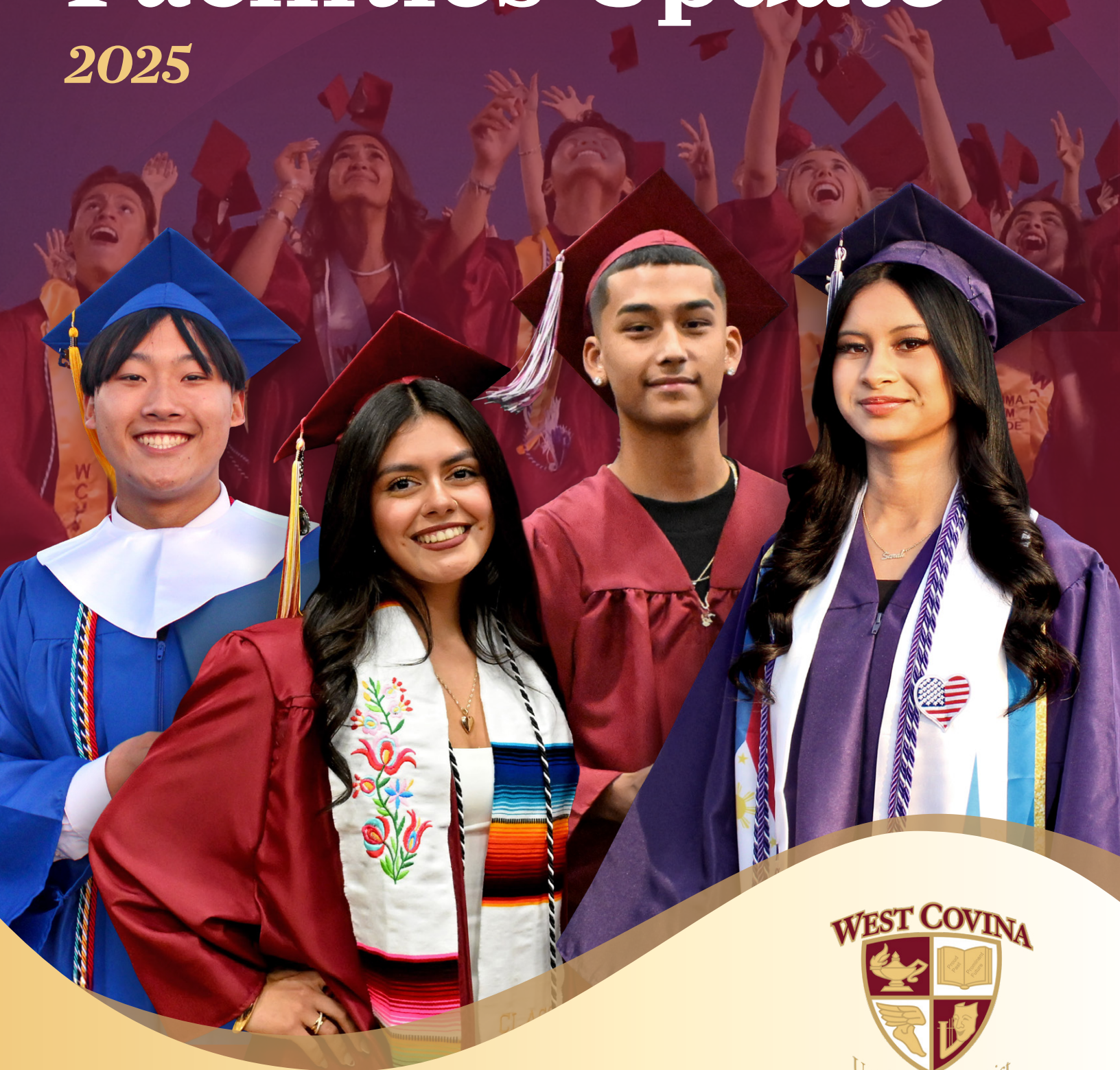


WEST COVINA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Facilities Update

2025



A MESSAGE FROM THE Superintendent

Dear West Covina Unified community,

As we reflect on another year of growth and progress in West Covina Unified, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for the continued, unwavering support we have received from our community. Together, we continue to shape learning environments that inspire creativity, support academic excellence, and nurture the talents and passions of every student.

We are thankful to our community for trusting West Covina Unified and overwhelmingly supporting Measure ES more than eight years ago. That investment has modernized our aging schools, which were originally built in the 1950s and '60s, to fully meet the needs of our students today and in the future. Measure ES has also equipped our District with state-of-the-art facilities where students can explore their passions and achieve success.

Since implementing Measure ES, our District staff has worked diligently and strategically to manage these vital bond dollars. Through prudent financial planning and careful oversight, we sold our final Measure ES bonds eight years ahead of schedule.

After years of hard work and thoughtful planning, we are proud to unveil several transformational projects designed to enhance the student experience. The highly anticipated Performing Arts Center is nearing completion, scheduled to be completed in Fall 2025, and will soon serve our current students and future generations as a hub for artistic expression and creativity.

During the 2024-25 school year, Hollencrest Middle School completed its state-of-the-art gym and music building, providing students with a modern space to explore their athletic and musical passions. Walnut Grove Intermediate School also opened three dynamic science labs this spring, fully equipped for hands-on, inquiry-based learning.

These projects reflect our ongoing commitment to fostering innovative learning experiences and ensuring every student is equipped with the knowledge, skills, and opportunities needed to thrive in college, career, and beyond.

This commitment is made possible through the vision of our Board, the dedication of our Independent Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee, and the tireless work of our Business Services and Facilities, Maintenance, and Operations teams. I extend my heartfelt thanks to each of you for your efforts to ensure our campuses reflect the brilliance and potential of the students we serve.

I am proud to present the 2025 Facilities Update, which offers a closer look at how your support is shaping the future of West Covina Unified. Together, we are creating schools where students feel supported, inspired, and ready to succeed.

Sincerely,

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
\$35.6 million
in 2024 Series C bonds sold

West Covina Unified School District remained steadfast in its commitment to fiscal responsibility and transparency throughout the implementation of Measure ES. The \$143 million bond, approved by voters in 2016, empowered the District to modernize aging campuses and provide safe and positive learning environments for all students and staff.

With every completed project, Measure ES continues to improve daily learning experiences and shape a more innovative future for students across the District. During the 2024–25 school year, bond dollars fueled several exciting new developments and transformations in West Covina Unified, including the District Performing Arts Center, the Hollencrest Middle School Gym and Music Building, three science labs at Walnut Grove Intermediate School, and ongoing HVAC system replacements across the District.

Measure ES funds were distributed through three bond sales: \$75 million in Series A (2017), \$32.4 million in Series B (2020), and \$35.6 million in Series C (2024). The District executed its final bond sale eight years ahead of schedule, capitalizing on favorable interest rates to save taxpayers millions of dollars.

Transparency and accountability remained top priorities in the District's use of Measure ES funds. The District's Facilities Master Plan, adopted by the Board of Education in 2017, guided the expenditure of Measure ES funds to ensure they were spent as intended by the voters and the Board. The Independent Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (ICBOC) monitored project spending, and the District regularly communicated Measure ES updates at ICBOC and Board meetings.

The most recent independent audit for the 2023–24 fiscal year confirmed that the District properly accounted for all bond expenditures and spent funds exclusively on voter-approved projects.



INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE:

Juan Alarcon, Manal Elhusseiny, Sandra Moitozo, Susanne Sotelo, Robert Torres, Michelle Wong



DISTRICT

Performing Arts Center

Students from all West Covina Unified schools will soon have access to the state-of-the-art District Performing Arts Center, which features a 650-seat auditorium, a black box theater, a fully equipped dance studio, dressing rooms, and dedicated spaces for theater and choral programs.

Located at West Covina High School, the facility reflects the District's commitment and innovative approach to arts education. The space aims to inspire creativity and elevate the student experience, serving as a dedicated space for students to rehearse, perform, and stage their own visual and performing arts events.



EST. COMPLETION
Fall 2025



EST. COST
\$38.6 million

Established in 2020, the West Covina High School Performing Arts Academy will call the center home once it officially opens for use. The Academy offers students a hub of unique educational and career opportunities in the arts, while the Performing Arts Center will serve as a professional-grade venue to support student growth in drama, dance, music, and visual arts.

West Covina Unified is proud to expand creative opportunities for students districtwide and provide a vibrant space where student talent can shine for years to come.





HOLLENCREST MIDDLE SCHOOL

Gym and Music Building



COMPLETED

April 2025



COST

\$17.2 million

Hollencrest Middle School opened the doors to its gym and music building during the 2024–25 school year. The exciting new addition to campus provides students with a state-of-the-art venue where they can explore their athletic and musical passions.

With a seating capacity of 750, the multi-use facility offers students the tools and environment they need to grow, compete, and express themselves. The new complex is equipped with locker rooms, a dedicated music room, and both indoor and outdoor stages.

The gym features a main championship basketball and volleyball court and the capacity to accommodate three full-sized volleyball courts or two full-court basketball configurations. As part of the project, the school's existing outdoor basketball and volleyball courts were also upgraded.

The building was thoughtfully designed to complement the school's existing architecture, creating a seamless extension of the campus that instills a strong sense of continuity and pride for students, families, and staff.

WALNUT GROVE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Science Labs

 **COMPLETED**
February 2025

 **COST**
\$2.4 million



Walnut Grove Intermediate School opened three new science labs in February 2025, providing students with a dynamic, hands-on space to explore science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Upgraded classrooms include teacher demonstration areas, durable lab equipment, expanded work surfaces, and new cabinetry, flooring, and ceilings, all designed to foster collaboration and support inquiry-based learning.

MERLINDA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Parking Lot

 **COMPLETED**
Summer 2025

 **COST**
\$500,000

A new parking lot was completed at Merlinda Elementary School, adding 43 parking stalls on campus. The project was designed to ease traffic during drop-off and pick-up times and provide safer, more convenient access for families, staff, and visitors.

WALNUT GROVE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

HVAC Systems

 **COMPLETED**
February 2025

 **COST**
\$1.8 million

West Covina Unified completed the replacement of heating and air conditioning systems at Walnut Grove Intermediate School with new energy-efficient models. The upgraded systems are designed to reduce costs, improve indoor air quality, increase comfort for students and staff, and support a more productive learning environment.

IN PROGRESS

EDGEWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL

Science Labs

 **PROJECT STATUS**
Under Construction

 **EST. COST**
\$3.6 million

West Covina Unified is currently in the construction phase for three new science labs at Edgewood Middle School. Once completed, the renovated labs will offer students an engaging, modern environment equipped with durable materials, larger workspaces, and collaborative tools to support interactive science, technology, engineering, and mathematics learning. The project is part of the District's ongoing effort to modernize science facilities and prepare students for college and career pathways.



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PROMISES MADE,

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COMPLETED PROJECTS

When voters approved Measure ES in 2016, West Covina Unified made a promise to revitalize aging schools, modernize classrooms, and create safe, inspiring learning environments for all students. Nearly a decade later, the District has delivered on that promise, completing major facility upgrades that have transformed campuses across the community. Every project reflects the District's deep commitment to providing students with the tools and spaces they need to thrive.

2017

- Elementary Playgrounds and Shade Structures

2018

- Edgewood High School Track and Field
- West Covina High School Stadium/Tennis Court Renovation

2020

- Edgewood High School CTE/Event Center and Sports Complex
- Hollencrest Middle School Modernization
- Mt. SAC Early College Academy Modernization

2021

- West Covina High School CTE/Science Building

2022

- Edgewood High School Tennis Courts
- West Covina High School Track and Field

2023

- Mt. SAC Early College Academy Multipurpose Room, Stage & Kitchen
- Wescove Elementary School Parking Lot
- West Covina High School Stadium Parking Lot

2024

- West Covina High School Culinary Arts Facility
- Wescove Elementary School HVAC System
- Hollencrest Middle School Roofing