

Melrose Leadership Academy Measure Y MODERNIZATION

September 2026 Project Updates

We are building a NEW and IMPROVED MLA!

✓ Budget **\$42.2 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

✓ Estimated **Schedule and Milestones**

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

✓ School **Contacts**

- Principal: Jonathan Mayer
- Assistant Principal: Charity Balona
- Community School Manager: Sagnicthe Salazar

✓ 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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A groundbreaking ceremony was held on July 30th to mark the start of construction on the modernization project. Alumni, school community, city, and District leadership gathered to celebrate the momentous occasion.

Construction continued to move forward, with significant progress made on the building's foundation and elevator area. Recent accomplishments include:

- Continued foundation construction, including reinforcement and concrete placement.
- Advanced construction of the elevator pit, including waterproofing and backfilling.
- Began preparing the building for the future concrete floor.
- Continued coordination for the new PG&E electrical service.

The project team will continue coordinating construction activities to maintain safe access around the campus and minimize impacts to the school community.



Project Rendering



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