

FAQs Longfellow Modernization Project

How did we get through an entire summer without starting a project?

- Unfortunately while the Division of the State Architect had indicated that we would have project approval in March, there was a significant delay in receiving this. School Districts are not allowed to request formal pricing, initiate contracts or begin construction prior to the necessary approvals.

What's your actual construction start date?

- End of October, Now that the State Architect has approved the plans, the Governing Board can approve a contract so construction can begin. The contract is scheduled to go before the Board for approval on October 4, 2023 at it's regularly scheduled meeting. Once the contract has been approved, documents can be executed, procurement and mobilization can begin.

Do you have allowances and permits in place? Yes

When will we get our library back? Fall 2024

When will we get our Locker room back? Fall 2024

Was this Community meeting calendared?

- The community engagement process has been robust, and the meetings were calendared in advance and well attended. These meetings occurred on 2/18/21, 3/12/21, 4/15/21, 3/1/22, and 5/10/23 and each date included two separate meetings, one in Spanish and another in English. Additional engagement meetings with groups including students, staff, PTA, affinity groups, and the school site steering committee were held on 2/8/21, 2/17/21, 2/18/21, 2/23/21, and 4/23/21. Following these engagement sessions that led to the design, there were follow up meeting with the Longfellow community that occurred on May 10th and September 12th of 2023.

With regards to the wall baffle/ windscreen (at Sacramento St.) in previous meetings there was discussion of a process to design the mural. Was there notification of a discussion?

- No, the mural design discussion has not occurred yet. We are targeting to begin this discussion in the beginning of 2024.

The Library is not complete, and it is impacting students. I would love to see a portable on campus to facilitate this need. Can we place a portable on campus to serve as the Library?

- The option of a portable was studied and discussed and it was determined that due to the existing site space constraints, this was not a feasible option.

Is there a phasing plan that indicates how and when the sports fields will be affected by construction?

- The sports field will be under construction from October 2023 to Fall 2024

There is construction by the City occurring on Derby St. How will this affect the school?

- The City and BUSD have collaborated about this and the City is committed to minimal impact to school operations.

How will this affect our after school program?

- While room locations will move throughout the project, the after school program will continue to operate throughout construction.

What are the possibilities of bringing in book carts and shelving to facilitate the Library?

- This was already done.

Does the Library grow in size? No.

Are there Gender-neutral restrooms added to the project?

- Yes, there will be three upon the completion of the project.

What will be complete by the end of this school year.

- Basement level of main building, rooms 301A, 301B, 302, 303, 306, 307, 325 and small garden on California Street

Is there a reason why we cannot use the restrooms in the main building on the ground floor?

- The restroom on the floors with active construction can not be accessed during construction to ensure student and staff safety.

Why is the library closing when there is no identified work going on in it?

- The library is receiving flooring, paint and new furniture. Additionally, the library had to be closed to allow for contractor access to the work area while ensuring student and staff safety.

What will happen to the synthetic turf regarding climate change? Will it be changed to natural grass?

- The Design team and the Facilities Department is finalizing the study to understand the implications and requirements to switch to a natural turf field while also addressing the substrate and drainage issues.