



# San Leandro Unified School District



## Update on Measure B

Fall 2008

Together, we've made history and will leave a legacy for current and future generations of students.

## Groundbreaking for new parking lot paves the way— San Leandro High School begins major campus transformation

On October 23, at noon, San Leandro Unified School District Superintendent Christine Lim and the Board of Education were joined by local dignitaries, District staff, architects, project managers and community members for the groundbreaking of the new District Parking Lot at San Leandro High School, the first of several groundbreakings transforming the campus at San Leandro High School.

The former PG&E lot has remained vacant for years, with the exception of a few PG&E power towers. The ceremony began with a ceremonial passing of a gold shovel from PG&E's Public Affairs Manager Tom Guarino to Board of Education President Ray Davis.

"I cannot think of anything better for the use of this land," said Tom Guarino, "than to become part of our public education system."



photo: Tony Farley

left to right: : SLHS Principal Amy Furtado, Board Trustees Mike Katz and Linda Perry, Yes on Measure B Co-Chair & Measure B Citizens Oversight Committee Chair Deborah Cox, SLUSD Board President Ray Davis, Superintendent Christine Lim, PG&E Public Affairs Manager Tom Guarino, City Councilmember Joyce Starosciak, Interim City Manager Steve Hollister, Board Trustee Rick Richards, Director of Bond and Measure B Projects Michael Murphy, Board Trustees Pauline Cutter and Stephen Cassidy, and Yes on Measure B Co-Chair Leroy Smith

Others who participated in the ceremonial groundbreaking included SLHS Principal Amy Furtado, Measure B Co-Chairs Deborah Cox (also Chair of the Citizens Oversight Committee) and Leroy Smith, Board Trustees Rick Richards, Linda Perry, Mike Katz, Pauline Cutter and Stephen Cassidy, San Leandro Interim City Manager Steve Hollister, City Councilmember Joyce Starosciak and Director of Bond & Measure B Projects Michael Murphy.

"The parking lot is the cornerstone of all our major Measure B projects," said Board

President Ray Davis, "essential to the completion of the Arts Education Center and the 9th Grade Campus." He added that the new parking lot would have 348 spaces, a net gain of more than 100 additional spaces, and have a positive impact on reducing student parking on neighborhood streets.

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— PG&E Public Affairs Manager Tom Guarino

The parking lot, the Arts Education Center, and the 9th Grade Campus are all being funded through Measure B, the \$109 million school facilities bond passed in 2006 by San Leandro voters. The Arts Education Center, which will also contain a 550-seat theater will be located on the current high school parking lot; and the 9th Grade Campus will be built on the property between Bancroft and East 14th Street and 138th Avenue. Other major construction projects at the high school include a 2,200 sq. ft. expansion of the library, and

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— Superintendent Christine Lim

a complete renovation of the Career Technology Center.

Work began on the lot Monday, and by Thursday at noon 7,000 cubic yards of dirt—or approximately 200 truckloads—had been transferred a mile away to the site of the old pencil factory and future home of Preferred Freezer. Transferring the dirt to another local construction job was fortuitous and resulted in multiple savings. "We are thinking green," said Measure B Director Mike Murphy. "Our trucks only traveled a short

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### San Leandro Unified School District

#### Board of Education

Stephen Cassidy \* Pauline Cutter  
Ray Davis \* Lisa Hague  
Mike Katz-Lacabe \* Linda Perry  
T.W. "Rick" Richards

#### Christine Lim, Superintendent

Cindy Cathey, Asst. Supt., Educational Services  
Song Chin-Bendib, Asst. Supt., Business Services  
Michael Potmesil, Asst. Supt., Human Resources

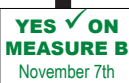
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## Measure B Milestones



• Community Forums  
• Design Teams

Land Purchase for  
9th Grade Campus



Modernization Projects Begin  
• Roofing at Garfield, McKinley,  
Monroe, Roosevelt, Washington,  
and San Leandro High

Bancroft Sports Field  
Ribbon Cutting & Inaugural Lap

Approve Designs for the Arts Education  
Center; the Career Technical Education  
Building; and the SLHS Library Expansion

District Awarded \$8 million  
in Career Technical Education  
Grants

November 2006

March 2007

April 2007

Summer 2007

October 2007

December 2007

March 2008

District Took Possession of the  
former PG&E Lot

July 2008

Modernization Projects: Roofing at  
Monroe, Madison Interior Trim and Paint, San Leandro  
High School Music Building Roof and HVAC

Summer 2008

Restroom Ribbon Cuttings at  
McKinley and Washington

September 2008

Groundbreaking for new District  
Parking Lot at SLHS

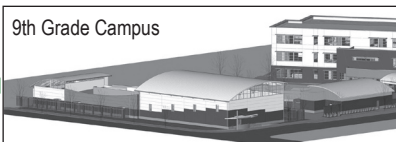
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SLHS Music Building Roof and  
HVAC System

November 2008

Groundbreaking for the new 9th  
Grade Campus at SLHS

November 2008



### Looking Ahead

Spring 2009  
Construction begins on Arts Education Center  
Summer 2009  
Construction begins on the 2200 sq. ft. SLHS Library Expansion  
(Estimated Dates)

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## Measure B Citizens Oversight Committee accepting applications for vacancy — “Taxpayers” representation sought

Deborah Cox, Measure B Citizens Oversight Committee Chair recently announced that the group has a vacancy.

“We need representation on the committee for a person who is active in a bona fide taxpayers’ organization,” she said, explaining that a bona fide taxpayers’ organization is defined as one that represents taxpayers or has a stated concern about the amount of property and other taxes paid by property owners in a given area (as opposed to income tax).

In 2000, voters approved Proposition 39, which amended Article 13A of the Constitution to permit school districts and community college districts to

issue general obligation bonds with the approval of 55% of the voters. Each district which passes a successful Proposition 39 bond is required to create a Citizens Oversight Committee. The purpose of the Citizens Oversight Committee is to “actively review and report on the proper expenditure of taxpayers’ money for school construction.”

In March 2007, the San Leandro Board of Education appointed a Measure B Citizens Oversight Committee.

By law, the Citizens Oversight Committee is required to have a minimum of seven members. This must include:

- A student involved in student government
- A person who is active in a business organization
- A person who is active in a foundation which supports the District
- A person who is active in a senior citizens organizations
- A person who is active in a bona fide taxpayers’ organization

In order to broaden the scope and still have a functioning committee, the Board of Education expanded the committee from the required seven members and approved ten committee seats representing those listed above. Committee members diversely represent the San Leandro community and provide a critical role in keeping the community informed on expenditures and progress of Measure B projects.

“Applications for the vacant position will be accepted until filled,” said Deborah Cox, adding that anyone, regardless of affiliation, who is interested in serving on the Committee should apply, as they will be considered in the event of future vacancies.

If you would like more information on the Citizens Oversight Committee, or would like to request an application, please contact: Kathy Morrison, 510-667-6220 or by email at [kmorrison@sanleandro.k12.ca.us](mailto:kmorrison@sanleandro.k12.ca.us). You may also download

an application on the District Web site: [www.sanleandro.k12.ca.us](http://www.sanleandro.k12.ca.us).

### Measure B: what projects are funded?

#### Modernization

- Renovate and modernize restrooms.
- Replace aging and deteriorating roofs.
- Upgrade heating, ventilation, electrical and plumbing systems at elementary and middle schools.
- Classroom painting and lighting.
- Upgrade telephone system.

#### New Construction

- Purchase property near San Leandro High School to build a new 9th grade campus.
- Construct an Arts Education Center at San Leandro High School, including a theater.
- Refurbish the industrial arts shop building at San Leandro High School, greatly enhancing the Career Technical Education programs for San Leandro students.
- Add 2,200 square feet to the San Leandro High School library.
- Parking lot and grounds improvements.
- Synthetic Turf for new Bancroft Sports Field.

### Measure B Citizens Oversight Committee

Deborah Cox, President  
James Moher, Vice President  
Andrew Kopp, Secretary  
Mary Beth Barloga  
Robert Brannan  
Charles Gilcrest  
Juan Gonzalez III  
Gabrielle Koizumi (student)

## Parking Lot

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distance, greatly reducing the carbon footprint, and we saved money.”

Thelma Johnston, a San Leandro resident for 52 years, watched the morning activity and said that she was very excited about the project. “I have two boys who graduated from San Leandro High School and U.C. Berkeley, each with successful careers. I am proud of our high school!”

“The new District parking lot will pave the way for any new and exciting projects at San Leandro High School, including the new 9th Grade Campus and the Arts Education Center,” said Superintendent Lim, adding, “Thank you, San Leandro voters!”

## Other Groundbreakings

The groundbreaking for the new 9th Grade Campus at San Leandro High School took place on Wednesday, November 19, 2008. The next groundbreaking, which will be on the Arts Education Center, is anticipated to happen in the spring.

Visit our website at [www.sanleandro.k12.ca.us](http://www.sanleandro.k12.ca.us) to read more about all of our Measure B projects and to sign up for e-News about any and all District events.

## Ribbon Cutting: SLUSD’s two oldest schools, McKinley and Washington, celebrate new restrooms at Back-To-School Night

Back-to-School Night is often a cause for celebration and excitement as students settle into the new school year and families meet new teachers. This year’s Back-to-School Night at Washington and McKinley Elementary Schools in the San Leandro Unified School District was even more exciting, with the addition of a restroom ribbon cutting at each school site to celebrate the brand new restrooms funded through Measure B, the \$109 million school facilities bond approved by San Leandro voters in 2006. The restrooms were remodeled through the summer months, with minor overlap the first two weeks of school, in order to not disrupt instruction.

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— Board President Ray Davis

As noted by San Leandro Superintendent Christine Lim, “One of the requests made by our School Board regarding restroom renovations is that work begins on a “Worst is First” basis.”

“By ‘worst,’ we mean the oldest ones,” she explained, holding up a photograph of the original bathrooms.



Before and After photos of one of the Measure B restroom renovations

McKinley and Washington, which opened in 1917, are the District’s oldest schools and while both buildings retain much of their historic architectural charm, the restrooms were in critical condition.

With a great deal of cheering from proud students, families, school staff, district administrators and school board officials, ribbons were cut with ceremonial scissors at Washington Elementary School by students Amaya Finley, D’Angelo Finley and Celia Aceves Martinez, and at McKinley Elementary School

by students Jasmine Jackson and Omar Santos.

On hand to celebrate the ribbon cuttings were Yes On Measure B Co-Chairs Deborah Cox and LeRoy Smith, who enjoyed seeing the tangible results of their dedication and hard work. President Ray Davis, on behalf of the Board of Education, thanked the school community, saying, “I want to thank each and every one of you for what you have done to make the Measure B program a success. Without your support, and your votes, we would not be here today.”