

ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL FACILITIES MASTER PLAN

ORANGE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newsletter #4

SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY MEETING #4

January 29, 2014

CELEBRATION!

On Wednesday, January 29th, the community came together to celebrate the completion of the master planning phase for Orange High School. The presentation, including renderings and video, provides a virtual tour of a transformed Orange High School campus. This vision, developed after months of community engagement, will be shared with the Board of Trustees on Thursday, February 13th, at 6 p.m. in the OHS Cafeteria. Community members, students, faculty, alumni and other interested stakeholders are encouraged to attend!



As a 60 year old campus, Orange High School is in real need of significant repairs and renovation. The master plan will help guide that effort. Highlights include:

- I. Replace portable classrooms with permanent 21st Century Learning Environments New Building(s)
- 2. Provide New Facilities for Performing Arts Instruction
- 3. Install an all weather track & other field/court improvements
- 4. Add New Competition Gymnasium, Panther Plaza and Renovate the "Dome"
- 5. Create a New, Secure Main Entry and Alumni Corner
- 6. Improve outdoor spaces including the Student Amphitheater
- 7. Replace Aging Cafeteria with Food Court/Nutrition Center
- 8. Replace Aging Library with a Student Union Concept
- 9. Renovate the 300, 400, 500 and 800 Wings
- 10. Plan a 600 Seat Theater



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NEXT STEPS

Joe Sorrera, Assistant Superintendent, and the design team responded to questions regarding the next steps in the bond planning process.



How much money will be available to Orange High School if the bond passes?

The Board of Trustees will determine the total amount of a bond to be put in front of the voters in November of 2014. That amount will be "split" evenly among the four comprehensive high schools.

What can be accomplished with the maximum amount of money available in the first phase?

The design team is working on cost models as we speak. What we do know is that the maximum bond availability will not complete the vision of the master plan(s). We understand that transforming our aging high schools will be a longer term process.

If the bond doesn't pass, what is our alternative to improve our high schools?

There is no alternative. Accessing state funding requires the District to have "matching" dollars, so for us to be able to leverage those funds, we must have money at the local level. Currently, the state funds have been exhausted. It is unknown at this time whether the state will be placing a School Facilities Bond on the 2014 ballot. We will certainly put ourselves in line for those future funds, but again, we have to have our matching money to be granted any state dollars.

Will the Board of Trustees approve the Master Plan on February 13th?

No. In February and March, the Board of Trustees will see and hear the vision for the master plans at each of the four high schools. Additionally, we will be doing voter polling to determine the level of support that the community is willing to give. All of these factors will influence the Board's decision regarding a local General Obligation Bond. We urge you to come to these Board sessions and show your support!





The community attended 4 workshops to develop, refine and support a vision for the future of Orange High School.

PLEASE JOIN US AT THE NEXT MEETING:

OUSD Board Of Education Meeting Thursday, February 13th 2014 @ 6pm

OHS Cafeteria

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