

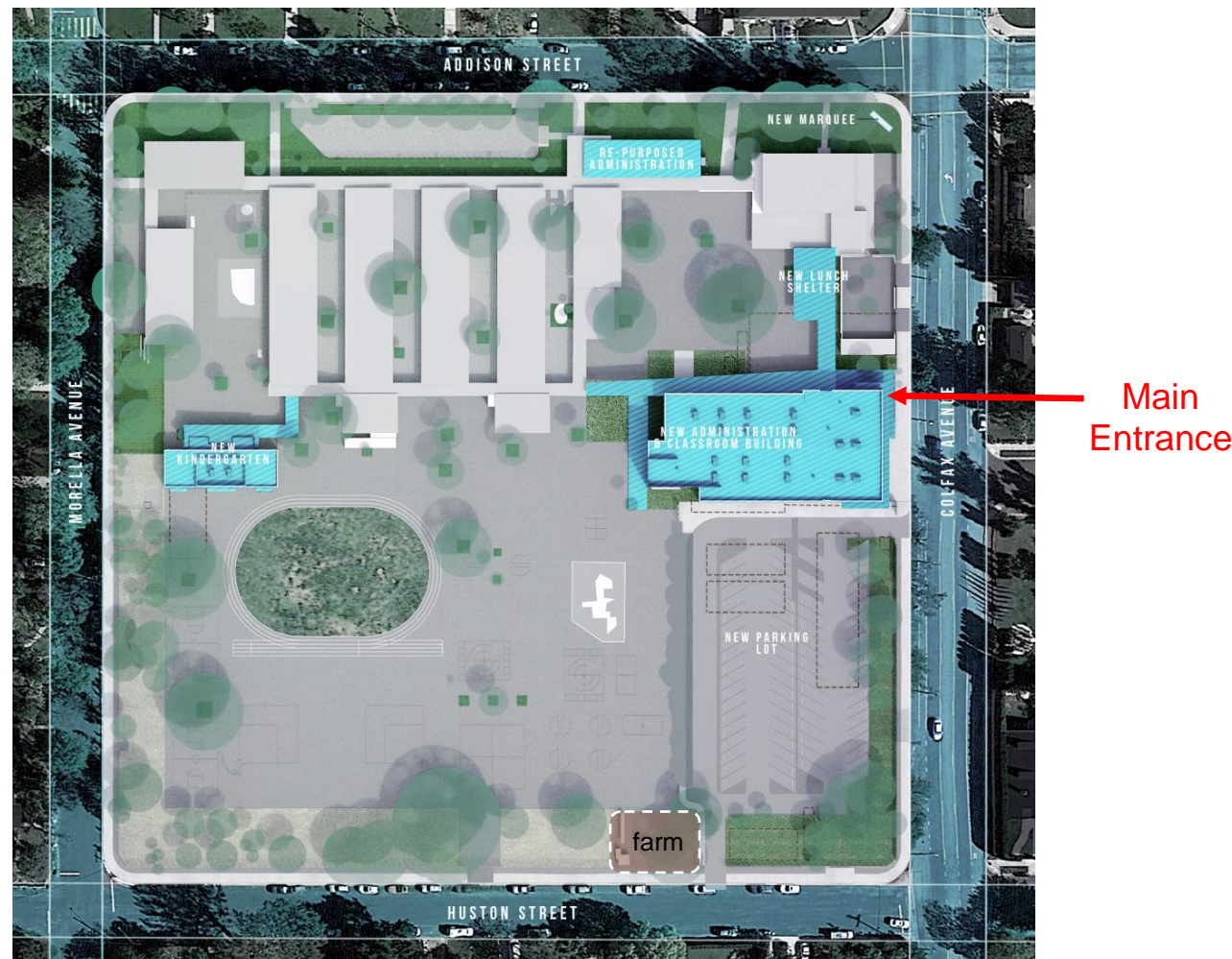


# Colfax Charter Elementary School Classroom Addition Project Information Bulletin

## Campus Upgrade Project includes:

- New two-story 16 classroom building
- New 2 classroom kindergarten building
- New administrative and support spaces
- Repurpose existing administration building
- Expansion of existing lunch shelter and arcades
- Site improvements including student drop-off site utilities, and landscaping/irrigation
- Increased parking
- Accessibility improvements
- New marquee
- Interim classrooms during construction

## New Site Plan



## Frequently Asked Questions

### Trees

Can you please confirm the percentage plan to plant a tree for every tree removed?

The same number of trees being removed, will be replaced. Typically the 2:1 ratio applies to trees within the City's right of way (ROW) or when removing protected trees there is a 4:1 ratio.

Can we bring in an arborist for a second opinion on sick or old trees? **Yes.**

If an outside arborist determines that a tree deemed sick or unsafe by LAUSD can be saved with pruning, can we use removal budget to prune those trees instead? **Yes, however LAUSD will follow the most conservative approach as student safety is our priority.**

Is there a thought process to the types of new trees planted?

Yes. The landscape architect has designed the landscape plan for Colfax per code and LAUSD greening standards while taking into account the following:

- Ability to thrive in Valley climate
- Species that will provide maximum shade, oxygen and a noise barrier from nearby freeways
- Historical significance to the arboretum originally on the site

Will we have mature trees planted?

Yes. 36" – 48" box trees of a significant size. They average 12'-15' based on the type. The trees will take several years to reach maturity.

Can LAUSD purchase a mature Bauhinia tree to replace the one that was destroyed? **A 36" – 48" box Bauhinia tree will be planted. (Depending on availability)**

Why did the 'mascot tree' need to be cut? **It was impacted by the location of new construction.**

### Farm

Will the farm be reduced?

No. The auxiliary space within the Transportation Bldg. has been removed. A new auxiliary area to serve the farm will be provided.

Is there an additional gate being added near the farm?

An access gate will be provided to the farm from the school's playground area.

If our shade trees are removed in the farm, how will you provide interim shade? **The construction team will provide temporary shade.**

### Traffic, Dust and Noise

Is it safe to have a parking lot on Huston Street and was the District granted approval of your plans by LADOT?

Yes, it is safe to have a driveway onto Huston Street from the parking lot. The potential for pedestrian safety impacts was analyzed during the environmental review process and determined to be less than significant. The District entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with LADOT, which set the agreed upon parameters of the traffic study. The traffic study and the Mitigated Negative Declaration were submitted to LADOT for their review. No comments or objections were received.

Have you studied what the impact will be with a drop-off and pick-up on Colfax Avenue considering that heavy morning traffic in the direction of North Hollywood HS?

Yes, the impacts of having an internal drop off zone off of Colfax Avenue was analyzed as part of the CEQA process. There are currently three designated drop off areas on campus. The location of these zones has not significantly changed as a result of the new design.

What protections will be in place to protect and buffer kids from noise? Where will the sound barriers be installed?

Noise reduction blankets are scheduled to be delivered the week of 9/17/18. The sound barriers will be located along the construction fence facing the school and neighbors. If needed, additional mitigation measures will be considered. There is ongoing communication between the Project Manager and Colfax Charter ES Principal to coordinate activities in order to minimize impact to students.

What specifically is in place to protect our kids from the debris and dust that will be in the air from jackhammering?

There is a construction fence around the areas of work to protect students. To control dust, watering during demolition and construction work will actively be used.

Are the students, staff and community at risk from exposure to hazardous materials in the soil? Where can I find the report saying the site is safe?

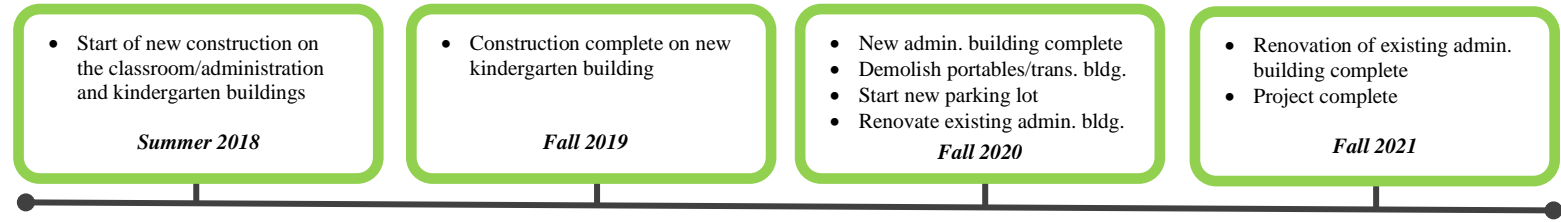
No, there is no risk to the students, staff and community from exposure to hazardous materials in the soil. LAUSD completed a Preliminary Environmental Assessment-Equivalent (PEA-E) report for the Classroom Addition Project at Colfax Charter Elementary School. The PEA-E report presents the findings of environmental investigations performed at the site.

Shallow soil analytical results for organochlorine pesticides (OCPs), lead, arsenic, and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) at the site were either below detection or below regulatory screening levels. Based on the finding of the PEA-E report, LAUSD has concluded that No Further Action is warranted for the site.

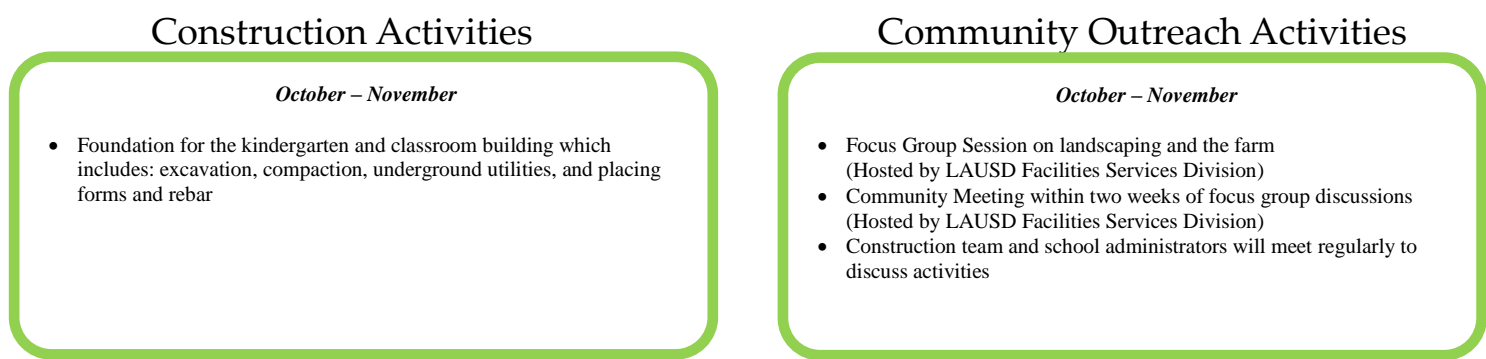
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**Construction Phases**



**Upcoming Construction Work and Community Engagement**



**Farm Upgrade and Relocation**

The farm will be relocated away from the future parking lot and include:

- Electrical and water
- Appropriate sizing
- Storage
- The cost will be absorbed by the Classroom Addition Project

**A safe and sound learning environment is our priority**

- Noise mitigation – sound blanket scheduled for delivery week of 9/17/18 (continuous sound level monitoring)
- Dust mitigation – compliance with South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) Rule 403 for controlling fugitive dust
- Construction team and school administrators will meet weekly to discuss activities
- Deliveries will be conducted outside of pick-up and drop-off hours
- Unusual construction impacts will be addressed in the school updates

**How to Access Colfax Environmental Health and Safety Reports**

- The Preliminary Environmental Assessment-Equivalent (PEA-E) report is available on the Office of Environmental Health & Safety’s website at: <https://achieve.lausd.net/siteassessment>
- The Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and all associated technical studies in support of it are available on the Office of Environmental Health & Safety’s website at: <https://achieve.lausd.net/ceqa>

**Proposed New Landscaping and Tree Replacement Plan**

- 45 *minimum* number of new trees
  - Environmentally Sound Trees being considered:
    - California Sycamore
    - Jacaranda
    - Fern Leaf Catalina Ironwood
    - Coast Live Oak
    - Engelmann Oak
- Mascot tree replacement
  - Bauhinia tree
  - 36” – 48” box tree (Depending on availability)
- 1700 new shrubs
- New and/or upgraded irrigation system
- Additional trees and locations are under consideration

**NOTE:** The initial LAUSD arborist’s assessment was conducted in August 2015. On Wednesday, September 12, an independent arborist identified a tree and an LAUSD arborist identified a second tree as being in very poor health and potentially posing an immediate danger. LAUSD immediately removed the two trees. The District will be conducting a new risk assessment of all the trees on campus.

**153 Initial Trees on Campus**

- 45 identified for removal:
  - 32 due to construction
  - 12 due to unstable condition
  - 1 small shrub/tree
- 21 have been removed

