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# Monta Loma Open Space Reconfiguration

September 9, 2021



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# Strategic Plan

# Strategic Plan 2027

- Goal Area 5 Equitable Distribution of Resources that Support Student Success
  - Goal 5a: Ensure facilities and resources equitably serve all students



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# Master Facility Plan and Monta Loma



































































# Master Facilities Plan

- Board approved a 10-year master facilities plan that accommodates growth while prioritizing the work ahead based on needs and input.
- The plan was approved on December 12th, 2019 prior to Measure T passing.
- New MFP continues the planning efforts of the former 2010 plan
- Solid foundation for student growth and upgrades to infrastructure
- Informs Bond Measure T

# Safety





- Securing our campuses to deter school violence and protect students and staff was a priority with the community (From the Safety Town Hall in 2018).
- Fences as well as cameras were listed in the Master Facilities Plan as a Priority 1 need.

## IN 3-5 YEARS







Bubb	    
Castro	    
Crittenden	   
Graham	    
Huff	        
Landels	        
Mistral	       
Montal Loma	     
Stevenson	    
Theuerkauf	      
Vargas	  

## PROJECTS TOUCH EVERY SCHOOL

### Safety

- Perimeter controls to monitor access onto campuses during school hours 
- Improved site lighting in parking, playground and other areas 
- Separate adult restrooms at playfields 
- Add storage, removing hazards 

### Operational Efficiency

- Replace aging mechanical HVAC systems 
- Replace windows with high-performing glass. 
- Add shade structures 
- Add solar arrays to offset electrical costs 
- Repair site plumbing lines 
- Upgrade electrical 

### Short-Term Growth

- Adding space to Landels and Huff, where the most short-term growth is predicted 



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# Monta Loma Previous Proposals

# Original Proposals

- The District had several proposals prior to the Monta Loma Work Group being formed.
- After community meetings, it was clear that the proposals would not meet the needs of stakeholders.













# Monta Loma Work Group

- To find a solution, the Monta Loma Work Group was formed and consisted of community members, teachers/staff, City representatives, and parents.
- The group worked to identify uses of the Monta Loma field
  - Data suggested that the school field is used regularly by many stakeholders



# School Use

Baseball diamond use:  
\* PE

Black top use:  
\* PE  
\* Outdoor Instruction  
\* Fire Drills  
\* Before school play  
\* Morning assembly  
\* Other



Field use:  
\* PE  
\* Recess  
\* Fire drills  
\* Before school play  
\* Walk-A-Thon  
\* Other

Drop off and pick up



# City/Park and Recreation

Little League



Soccer



# Community





# Parents/PTA



Similar to Community Use  
Meet the Teachers event  
Art Night  
Back to School Night

Drop off and pick up



# Work Group Findings

- The Work Group helped highlight the need for more solutions based on data.
- The discussions of the group illuminated that there are multiple items that need to be addressed for the field to serve both the school and community.
- The District and City proposed a redesign of the field area so we are able better meet the needs of all stakeholders.



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# Board Direction for Monta Loma Open Space

# Priority 1 Item

- On June 17th, 2021 the Board gave direction to move the Monta Loma open space reconfiguration to a priority 1 project and to bring on an architect.
- The final fee will be based on the scope of work to be completed.

# Priority and Cost of Items From MFP

Priority 1-3 Items	
Perimeter Controls (Prior to automatic gates and ornamental fencing)	\$764,200.00
K Playground Modernization	\$334,900.00
Playground Modernization and portable removal	\$7,226,200.00
Outdoor Learning	\$2,823,200.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,148,500.00</b>

# Monta Loma Site Project - Preliminary Project Area





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# Collaborative Selection of an Architect and Next Steps



# Process

July 6, 2021 Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued to a pool of architects

August 8, 2021 Proposals were submitted

August 11, 2021 Independent scoring of proposals by City and District staff

August 17, 2021 Interview of all firms and final scoring after interview

September 9, 2021 Award of contract

# Carducci Associates

- After the scoring and interviews Carducci Associates had the highest total score and was identified as the firm offering the best fit and value to the District.
- During the interview process the team was impressed by Carducci's willingness to hold as many meetings as needed.
- Offered to hold parallel meetings.
  - One during the week and one on the weekend.
- Carducci has the ability to conduct bilingual presentations and has used a variety of methods to involve community members



# Carducci Associates

- Understanding of the use of the school green space in proposal and interview
- Worked on similar projects where there was shared space
  - (Berkeley High School, City of Novato Hill School/Rec Park Public Process)
- Community outreach and building consensus is their specialty
- Communicated how they have implemented creative solutions at shared use outdoor facilities

# General Meeting Breakdown

- Initial meetings
- Site visit and walk with stakeholders on site
- Community input sessions
- Meetings with facility personnel, user groups, and design coordination

\*Defined schedule to be communicated once Carducci is fully onboard.



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# Interim Use

# Summer Pilot Program

- Both the City and District would like to continue the program piloted over the summer.
- As a result of the pilot program, the City and MVWSD recognized a need to add an asphalt pathway to connect the existing asphalt path from the Anna access point to the existing asphalt path that leads behind the baseball field
- The City expects to install the path later this fall.



Yellow triangles = Cones  
Blue rectangles = Signs  
Yellow line = Future  
asphalt path

Orange barricade has  
been placed by the yellow  
line as a temporary  
measure.

# Communication with Stakeholders

- Monthly postcards to the neighborhood (1,000 homes) in collaboration with the City
- Regular emails to Trustees, Council and the listserv (to sign up: <http://mvw.sd/ConstUpdates>)
- Regular updates to the Monta Loma construction webpage: [MVWSD.org/Construction](http://MVWSD.org/Construction)



# Communication with Stakeholders

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SHARING  
**MONTA LOMA**

Regular updates on shared community use of the school fields at Monta Loma Elementary from the residents of the Monta Loma neighborhood from the Mountain View Whisman School District



## NEW COMMUNICATION TO RESIDENTS

The Mountain View Whisman School District and the City of Mountain View are beginning their work on a joint exploration to best maximize school/community use of Monta Loma Elementary greenspace. This newsletter will come to you each month.

## THE LATEST

Welcome back to Monta Loma students and staff members! Best wishes to everyone for a safe 2021-22 school year.

**Summer Pilot Program:** This summer, you may have noticed yellow cones in the field. In June, MVWSD and the City launched a pilot program to provide public access to areas of the Monta Loma greenspace while summer school was in session. The District and City will continue the program to indicate the areas that are available for public use during the school day.

**Public Access Reminder:** Now that school is back in session, public access will follow the pilot program guidelines. Public access is limited to the designated areas (See map on reverse: Blue areas) during the school office hours of 7:30 am to 4:00 pm. Publicly accessible areas are the tot lot, the areas marked by cones at the front of the school and along the tree line adjacent to the tot lot, and at the back of the baseball diamond. The public will have full access to the Monta Loma school greenspace outside of school business hours.

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## Email updates

To sign up for email updates on this topic, please visit:  
<http://mvw.sd/ConstUpdates>



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## WHAT'S NEXT?

**Architect to be Hired:** On June 18, the MVWSD Board of Trustees voted to make the redesign of the Monta Loma greenspace a Priority 1 project. This means that the District will set aside funds for hiring an architectural firm. Since then, MVWSD has sent out a request for proposals for architects. At a September Board of Trustees meeting, the Board will hear an update from District staff. The Board will also consider approving an architectural firm that will be recommended jointly by City and District staff members. Please watch this webpage for meetings dates, times, agendas and supporting materials:  
<http://mvw.sd/agenda>

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marked by a temporary orange barrier until the asphalt is installed. The purpose of the temporary barrier and the new path is to provide a clear route for public access and maintain appropriate separation with students and staff when school is in session.

**Next Steps:** MVWSD and the City will work together to develop and guide the design process and to hold multiple meetings to hear community input. This process will be defined once the architectural firm has been hired. Please look for additional communication this fall.



## Monta Loma campus map

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- Blue rectangles = Signs
- Yellow line = Future path



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# Recommendations



# Staff Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve Carducci Associates as the architectural design firm and award an agreement in the amount of \$481,000 to Carducci Associates for the Monta Loma Fields and Site Improvements Project.



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# Questions