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# Outdoor Learning

December 19, 2024



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# Board Resolution

# Board Resolution 05-012623, Climate Change and Green Schoolyards

- The resolution, passed by the Board on January 26, 2023, has guided the work of the District and Sustainability Advisory Council.
- Greening is a part of the plan created by the Sustainability Advisory Council
- Greening is understood in a broader sense to include playgrounds, trees, and outdoor work areas.



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# Strategic Plan 2027

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## 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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# Process for Outdoor Learning

# Funding

- **Board Decision (May 30, 2024):**
  - Allocated **\$15,089,962** from unallocated Measure T funds to Outdoor Learning.

#	Description	Total Construction	Soft Costs	Additional Funds (Priority 2 Balance)	Revised Construction
1	Bubb	\$ 463,457	\$ 127,945	\$ 646,000	\$ 1,237,402
2	Castro / Mistral	\$ 926,914	\$ 255,890	\$ 1,292,000	\$ 2,474,804
3	Crittenden	\$ 926,914	\$ 255,890	\$ 646,000	\$ 1,828,804
4	Graham	\$ 1,158,643	\$ 319,862	\$ 646,000	\$ 2,124,505
5	Huff	\$ 463,457	\$ 127,945	\$ 646,000	\$ 1,237,402
6	Landels	\$ 463,457	\$ 127,945	\$ 646,000	\$ 1,237,402
7	Monta Loma	\$ 463,457	\$ 127,945	\$ 646,000	\$ 1,237,402
8	Stevenson	\$ 463,457	\$ 127,945	\$ 646,000	\$ 1,237,402
9	Theuerkauf	\$ 463,457	\$ 127,945	\$ 646,000	\$ 1,237,402
10	Vargas	\$ 463,457	\$ 127,945	\$ 646,000	\$ 1,237,402
11	Totals	\$ 6,256,671	\$ 1,727,256	\$ 7,106,000	\$ 15,089,926

# Feedback and Challenges

- **Feedback and Challenges:**
  - Some community members request additional meetings; others urge faster progress.
    - Feedback options that can be done asynchronously
  - Board member suggestions:
    - Have specific meetings with Parks and Recreation, Little League, and neighborhood associations.



# Partnership with Canopy

- **Google Tree Donation (2024):**
  - Partnership with Canopy to plant trees at schools.
  - **Bubb Elementary** selected as first site due to community engagement.
- **Funding and Scope:**
  - \$30,000 contract awarded to Canopy for tree planting, educational activities, and care at Bubb.
  - Estimated tree cost per site: **\$10,000** (if trees purchased).
- **Future Plans:**
  - RFP for planting trees across other school sites. This would include tree care and community engagement for 3 years.
  - Coordination with Carducci to align tree planting with Outdoor Learning designs.

# Timeline-subject to change

**September 19, 2024**-Board presentation **DONE**

**October- early November 2024**-Community meetings to review scores and suggest prioritization based on limited budget **DONE**

(staff, students, community, Canopy, Living Classroom)

**November 21, 2024** Board Presentation on initial plans **DONE**

**December 19, 2024** Board Presentation

**December-January 2024-2025**-Community meetings for feedback on designs

**January 2025**- Carducci to updated designs based on feedback

**February 13, 2025**- Board presentation on plans and feedback received.

**February/March 2025**- Community meetings to review designs with Carducci

**April 24, 2025** - Board approval of schematic design plans \*TBD



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# Recommendations

# Staff Recommendation

## 1. **Continue Outdoor Learning Project with Refinements:**

- Respond to feedback
- Schedule additional Carducci-led engagement meetings
- Realize cost savings through simultaneous construction at all campuses in spring/summer 2026.
- Add asynchronous feedback option
- Include playgrounds in outdoor learning designs
- Take the time needed to do this work properly-gain broad community support at each site.

## 2. **Amend Contract:**

- **Carducci Meetings:** Additional meetings will add a cost of **\$30,000.**

## 3. **RFP:**

- Continue forward with RFP for tree planting, tree care, and community engagement.