

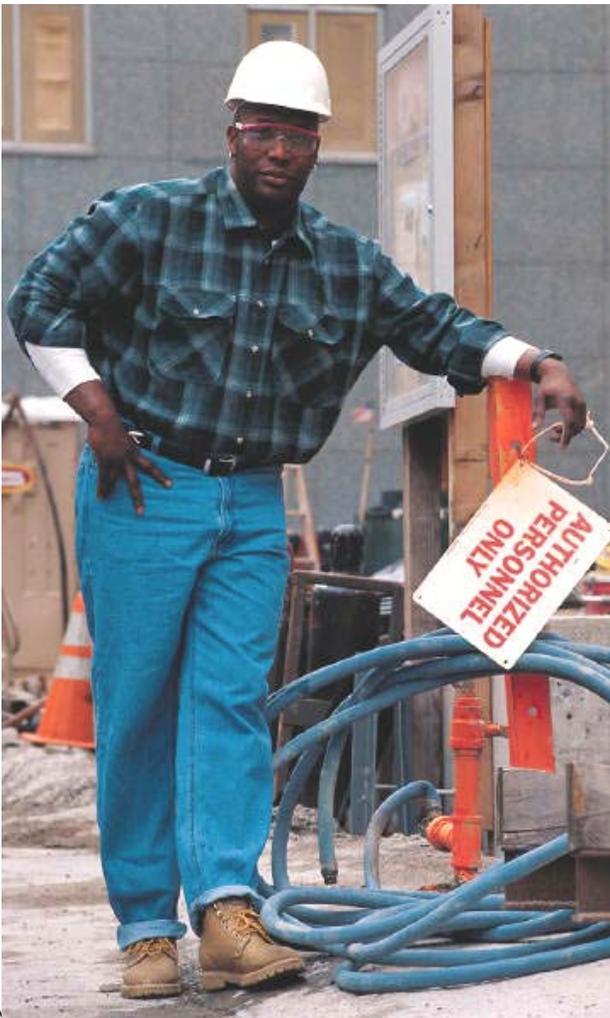


Master Plan Implementation

“A bond measure can improve the quality of education in our neighborhood schools. By upgrading science labs, classrooms, computer learning classrooms, improving school libraries, and renovating arts and music education classrooms, we can make sure that children have the tools they need to learn and excel.” Sandy McGrath, former AUSD Teacher of the Year

PROPOSED NEXT STEPS

To insure the future success of the Arcadia Unified School District (AUSD), Facilities Master Plan program, timely implementation is essential. The following “Next Steps” should be taken into consideration for immediate action in order to lock in the both the Projected Funding Sources dollars available, and Projected Expenditures cost estimate assumptions made as part of the development of the recommended and prioritized Facilities Master Plan base program :



1. Secure release of the California State “School Facility Program” (SFP), matching funds for new construction for which the District is currently eligible.

The Arcadia Unified School District is eligible for State matching funds under the “School Facility Program” (SFP), for new construction at Arcadia High School. The amount of funding is adjusted annually and is tied to the current school site enrollment based on the October CBED’s taken each year. To maximize this funding potential, the application to the State for the proposed new classroom construction should be made no later that October 2007. This application must include Division of the State Architect (DSA) approved construction documents.

2. Consistent with the recommendation of the District Wide Facilities Improvement Committee, facilitated by Fred Good and Associates, to the AUSD Board of Education in March 2006, maximize all potential sources of funding for the Facilities Master Plan program including the solicitation of community support for the placement of a Local Bond Measure on the ballot in November 2006.
3. Minimize volatile and costly construction escalation by moving key Facilities Master Plan projects forward immediately and accelerating the Program into a 5-year construction timeframe.

By initiating the construction of larger key District projects as soon as practical the potential exists to minimize and accurately forecast the construction cost escalation. According to McCarthy, as the District’s Construction Management advisor, at this time the best estimates for this escalation is 8% per year times the cost of construction. The Facilities Master Plan as currently proposed has assumed and included this projected inflation rate for 3 ½ years in the Projected Expenditure assumptions. This length of time reflects the anticipated mid-point of construction for the implementation of a 5-year construction program. Delays in the implementation of the Facilities Master Plan could have the impact of jeopardizing the full and successful completion of some important projects.