

PALOS COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 118

Dear Community:

It is with great pride that Palos School District 118 announces the start of construction of our new Early Learning Addition at Palos West Elementary School. The new addition will provide a permanent home for our district-wide pre-kindergarten and early childhood programs. This addition is specifically designed to meet the needs of our earliest learners.

Construction of the new addition will begin in April 2017 and we anticipate completion by January 2018. Below is a summary of the three-phase project.

Phase 1 of the project will include site work contained within the front lawn area of the school adjacent to 104th Avenue. This work is scheduled to begin in April and be completed this summer.

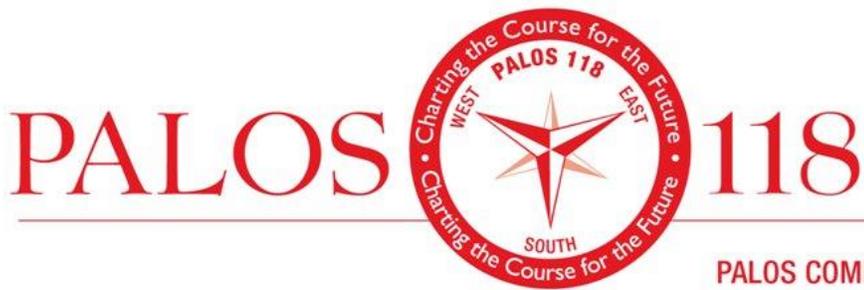
Phase 2 of the project will begin after school is out in June and includes demolition and renovations of existing interior spaces as well as construction of the exterior shell of the new addition located at the front of the building. Parking lots and drives will be reconfigured to allow for improved safety and efficiency with arrivals and dismissals. We anticipate work on the existing interior space will be completed by Labor Day.

Kindergarten rooms will be located to existing spaces at Palos West. Pre-kindergarten and early childhood programs will relocate to Palos East for the first half of the 2017-2018 school year. Parents of pre-kindergarten and early childhood students will receive additional information about program relocation to Palos East from our Student Services Department.

Phase 3 of the project includes the completion of the interior space of the new addition. This work is projected to be completed by January 2018. We anticipate pre-kindergarten, early childhood, and kindergarten students will move into their new spaces at Palos West when they return from winter recess in January 2018.

During Phase 1 and Phase 3 of our construction project, we highly encourage all parents to utilize the school district's transportation system. Allowing your student to ride the bus will reduce congestion in parking lots and minimize delays during arrival and dismissal. Our Transportation Department is a point of pride for our school community. Our caring drivers and modern buses can transport your student safely to and from school daily. Please consider utilizing our buses until the construction project is complete. For questions regarding transportation, please contact Mary Meyer at 708-448-4405.

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Additional information regarding our construction project can be found on our website at www.palos118.org. If you have any immediate questions or concerns, please contact Justin Veihman, Chief School Business Official at jveihman@palos118.org.

This is an exciting time for our school district, specifically for our early learners. I look forward to seeing our students in their new home next January.

Sincerely,

Dr. Anthony M. Scarsella
Superintendent of Schools

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