

Facilities & Construction Update

September 2026 | An update for our families, staff and neighbors

Our facilities crews had a full summer, and our campuses show it. Projects were completed at schools across the district before students returned, and planning is moving forward on several new classroom buildings and a district-wide performing arts center. Here is what is happening at each site, and how you can share your voice as these projects take shape.

RIBBON CUTTINGS: COME CELEBRATE WITH US

The district celebrated the new Petaluma Junior High courtyard with a ribbon cutting this past Friday, August 28. Up next, join us at Petaluma High School this Friday, September 4, as we cut the ribbon on the new track and field. We hope to see you there!

Mary Collins at Cherry Valley: New Classroom Building Underway



Architect's rendering of the new two-story classroom building

Construction is underway on the new two-story classroom building at the north end of the Cherry Street campus. The project received Division of the State Architect (DSA) approval on July 8, and crews are completing grading, utility work and site preparation this fall. Construction of the building itself will follow upon additional state approvals. The new building will replace four aging portable classrooms with seven modern classrooms, offices for counseling and student support, and new restrooms.

The construction zone is fully fenced and separated from campus, and noisier work and deliveries are coordinated around the school day. A big thank you to the school community and neighbors for their patience during the weekend site closure on August 22, which allowed crews to safely complete crane operations.



Site preparation underway at Mary Collins at Cherry Valley

Petaluma High School: New Track and Field Complete

The track and field replacement is complete, and the Trojans returned to a brand-new turf field and track this fall. Join us for the ribbon cutting at the new field this Friday, September 4. Work on the new campus-wide clock and speaker system continues during breaks and off-hours as needed to avoid interrupting the school day.

Petaluma Junior High School: A New Courtyard for the Bantams

The courtyard at the heart of campus was fully replaced this summer, an investment of approximately \$1 million. The renovated courtyard was ready to welcome students back on the first day of school, giving Bantams a refreshed space to gather every day. The district celebrated with a ribbon-cutting this past Friday, August 28. Thank you to everyone who came out to mark the occasion.



Casa Grande High School: A Fresh Look for the Gauchos

Exterior painting of the school buildings was completed over the summer, and Gauchos returned to a refreshed campus. Installation of the new campus-wide clock and speaker system is finishing up inside the buildings, and exterior work continues during breaks and off hours as needed. Current systems remain up and running in the meantime.

Kenilworth Junior High School: Spruced Up for the Kolts

Campus-wide pressure washing was completed this summer, cleaning building exteriors, walkways and gathering spaces so Kolts could start the year on a clean, welcoming campus.

Penngrove Elementary School: A Bright Welcome Back

Exterior painting across campus was completed this summer, and Panthers returned to a bright, welcoming campus for the new school year.

Valley Vista Public Waldorf School: New Classroom Building Moving Forward

Exterior painting of the campus was completed this summer. There is more ahead. Planning continues for a new classroom building at Valley Vista, designed to incorporate outdoor space for visual and performing arts (VAPA). The design-build selection process for the contractor and design teams is now in process. Once teams are selected, the district will hold a public information and input meeting so the Valley Vista community can learn about the project and help shape the design. Watch for details on the date and location.

McDowell Elementary School: New Classrooms in the Works

Plans are taking shape for a new classroom building at McDowell Elementary. Interviews with prospective design-build teams are complete, and the district is now working through the selection and agreement process. Once a team is on board, design development will get underway with opportunities for students, families, staff and neighbors to share input. We look forward to sharing plans, renderings and timelines with the McDowell community as the project develops.

District-Wide Performing Arts Center: Join Us September 8

Petaluma City Schools is planning a new district-wide performing arts center, and a community meeting is coming up. We will share updates and next steps for the project's design and construction, and gather community input on the design of the new facility to make certain it meets the needs of our students, staff and surrounding community. All students, staff, families and neighbors are welcome.

COMMUNITY DESIGN MEETING

Tuesday, September 8 at 5:30 pm | Board Room, District Office, 200 Douglas Street, Petaluma

District-Wide Energy Efficiency

The lighting upgrade at the District Office is underway, and heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) and solar installations are in planning at campuses across the district. These improvements support comfortable learning environments, lower operating costs and environmental stewardship.

Stay Connected

Our next set of quarterly campus project updates will be published later this month, with a one-page flier for every campus with active construction or planning work. For project updates, plans and meeting materials, visit petalumacityschools.org/departments/facilities-construction. Questions about a project or the bond program? Email us at construction@petk12.org and we will follow up with you directly.