



# MAGNOLIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## Board Of Directors

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Board Agenda Item #	V C
Date:	November 12, 2015
To:	Magnolia Board of Directors
From:	Caprice Young, Ed.D., CEO & Superintendent
Staff Lead:	Frank Gonzalez, Chief Growth Officer
RE:	Monthly Facilities Report

### Magnolia Science Academy 1

1. Escrow has closed on the acquisition of 18220 Sherman Way. This is the building that is immediately adjacent to the school that will allow for the expansion of enrollment and academic services to neighborhood students.
2. The new building will be redeveloped and be ready for occupancy by July 2017. Various options are being considered including tenant improvements of the existing space or the construction of a new building. The new facility will include state of the art spaces for robotics, creative technical design, computers, physics, chemistry and sciences. We are looking at utilizing the new building for HS students and the existing building for MS students. A bid package will be brought to the Facilities Committee of the Magnolia Board of Directors in December 2015 with a presentation and vote to the full board in January 2016.
3. The city of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Kings hockey team have provided an updated draft site plan for the construction of the athletic facilities in the parking lots behind the school. The plans include two skating rinks, an indoor gymnasium, serving kitchen and rooftop practice soccer field. We will be providing feedback to the development team and city council office to ensure that the complete needs of the school are being met.

### Magnolia Science Academy 2

1. Met multiple times with Birmingham Community Charter High School and LAUSD to address short and long term co-location issues. The short term issues have been resolved, with MSA 2's rights to use shared space restored; and, a clear, professional and respectful communication process established.
2. Met with BCCHS to develop a long term shared use agreement that includes additional shared space for physical education, science laboratories and use of the auditorium for graduation and other periodic events.



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3. A plan to utilize existing LAUSD bond dollars slated for charter schools will be developed and presented to the superintendent and Board of Education to modernize and improve existing facilities and build new ones on the campus.

## Magnolia Science Academy 3

1. Applied for Proposition 39 for school year 2016-2017, which included asking for equitable space and dedicated science labs.

## Magnolia Science Academy 4

1. Applied for Proposition 39 for school year 2016-2017, including asking for equitable space, dedicated science labs, computer labs and other needed facilities.
2. Addressed ADA compliance issues with LAUSD.

## Magnolia Science Academy 5

1. Applied for Proposition 39 for school year 2016-2017, including asking for equitable space, dedicated science labs, computer labs and other needed facilities.
2. Looking at various communities for a permanent location for the school, including Reseda, North Hollywood and Van Nuys.

## Magnolia Science Academy 6

1. Applied for Proposition 39 for school year 2016-2017, including asking for equitable space, dedicated science labs, computer labs and other needed facilities.

## Magnolia Science Academy 7

1. Improving existing space including ADA requirements, safety issues and cosmetic improvements.
2. Working with the city of Los Angeles on a conditional use permit that will allow the school to increase enrollment to 450 students. Held multiple meetings with city planning, LADOT, LA City Fire Department, LA Department of Building and Safety. Applying for the CUP on an expedited basis.



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## Magnolia Science Academy 8

1. Working on extension of the Public School Choice Use Agreement. The district provided extension language that is being reviewed by legal counsel. There are aspects of it that would possibly deny MSA 8 the right to continue to be located at its current site in Bell.
2. Applied for Proposition 39 for school year 2016-2017 for the current site at Orchard Academies as an added measure to ensure that the school stays on the site.

## Magnolia Science Academy Santa Ana

1. Construction is progressing. There were initial challenges with the condition of the soil and the compaction rate that needed to be achieved which have been solved and signed off on by the inspector. Currently underground utilities and foundations are being built.
2. The State Allocation Board voted to fully fund the Final Apportionment for the construction of the project. Full Fund Release will happen in approximately 6 weeks, with MPS receiving \$12.5MM+.
3. The gym will be constructed beginning in early 2016. A separate board action is scheduled for this meeting.

## Magnolia Science Academy Santa Clara

1. Participated in the annual Santa Clara County Office of Education site review. The site review team expressed support for the continuation of the school and stated that there are few STEM schools serving a low-income population in Santa Clara County, and especially in San Jose. They are supportive of the school re-establishing itself in east San Jose and developing a permanent presence in the community.
2. Met with National Hispanic University and they expressed willingness to extend the lease for the existing site for an additional academic year.
3. Met with a representative of the Mayor in San Jose who provided information on a couple of potential school sites that might be available. Followed up with site visits and found that they are not easily available as there are existing plans being developed for both sites. Will be meeting with owners of the site to discuss opportunity to acquire or lease the sites.
4. Held a meeting with a housing developer that owns a multi-acre site in San Jose. They are completing plans to entitle a multi-residential development and would like to have MSA SC as part of the development. They are interested in selling up to 3 acres of empty land to Magnolia Public Schools so that a school facility can be developed in time for Fall 2017. The site is approximately 3 miles away from the current NHU site. Due diligence is being conducted and this item will be brought back to the board in January 2016 if the project is affordable and the timing works.



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## Magnolia Science Academy San Diego

1. Signed an LOI with the school district for a ground lease for a 3-acre campus where MSA SD can relocate to in future years. Currently negotiating the particulars of a ground lease for the site, and are close to coming to terms. The ground lease will be brought to the MPS Board in January 2016 and will be taken to the SDUSD board for approval in early 2016.
2. An attorney was hired to represent MPS in negotiations with Preface, the housing developer that acquired the current school site. Their new position is not to sell any of the current site to MPS nor extend the lease.
3. Parents and elected officials that are supportive of the school remaining at the current site will begin a public campaign to put pressure on the company extend the lease. Neighbors and civic organizations in the community have already expressed willingness to protest the housing development.
4. An application for conceptual pre-development funds will be submitted to the Prop. Z committee of SDUSD. These are the first steps necessary to garner resources to plan, acquire and develop a new school facility using local bond funds.

## Additional Work

1. Supported the Academic Team in developing petitions for new schools in Fremont and Anaheim. Assisted in the revision of MSA Santa Clara's petition.
2. Conducted an analysis on how to best grow in the San Fernando Valley, looking at enrollment, academic performance, student demographics and other factors leading to the successful growth of existing schools. Developed multi-year facilities strategies for existing schools.
3. Conducted an analysis on what communities to start new schools in Orange County, looking at enrollment, student demographics, academic performance of existing schools, availability of facilities and other factors leading to the successful launch of existing schools that drove the strategy to write 4-5 new charter school petitions.
4. Verified information with CDE on the availability and requirements of the Public Charter Schools Grant Program that will provide up to \$575,000 per school. Magnolia is applying for multiple grant awards.