

Dear SFSD Friends and Neighbors,

I thought it might be good timing to share an update on the district construction/facility projects underway. Our future Silverton Middle School is shaping up nicely as we upgrade the one story portion of the building. Activity on the outside is in preparation for placement of the modular classrooms along with additions such as new fire hydrants and electrical supply. We have some exciting work underway inside as well. We're also working to salvage materials (cabinets and shelving) from the two-story building for reuse in the middle school and are seismically upgrading the old brick walls that attach to the newer portion to improve the safety of our students and staff members. Our planning and construction teams have been working hard to keep us on schedule to open in September of this year.

At Mark Twain, we've just about completed the design for the covered play area and playground for next year's students in grades K through 2. You should expect to see that construction work taking place there in the coming months.

While upgrading the old Schlador campus was not our ideal solution, there's no question that we'll have a middle school building to be proud of that provides our students and staff members with a safe and positive learning environment. This plan will also allow us to finally move our younger students out of the Eugene Field building permanently.

I want to thank our Mark Twain, Eugene Field and Robert Frost teachers and staff members for their support and collaboration during these transitions. They are working hard during this very busy time in our school district to ensure the moves go smoothly and that our students enjoy a great start to the new school year.

The community funded gift of turf installation at McGinnis Field is

scheduled to begin on June 6 and will be completed in time for fall sports.

Finally, the grant-funded seismic upgrades at Scotts Mills and Butte Creek schools are scheduled to begin in June. The district contractor, engineer and architect are finalizing plans for each site and are working with staff members at both schools in preparation for these summer changes.

If you would like more information, visit our [District Facilities/Construction Page](#) on the SFSD website. You can also communicate with your school principals and teachers or get in touch with me directly via phone at [\(503\) 873-5303](tel:5038735303) or email: bellando_andy@silverfalls.k12.or.us.

On an unrelated note, if you haven't yet had an opportunity to participate in our online survey process (ThoughtExchange), there is still time. The first phase of the survey will be complete on Thursday, April 28. Follow the link recently sent to your e-mail address or please visit the district website before then to share your thoughts: <https://tsu001.thoughtexchange.net/silverfalls/TS/app/signup?to=3896f94a057649c18f99347989604439>. We value your input and would love to hear from you.

Thanks for your ongoing support!

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