



FACILITIES PLANNING & MANAGEMENT

The Center | Central Kitchen, Instructional Farm, and Education Center
Construction Update: January 14, 2016

Dear Neighbor:

After many months of community engagement, public hearings and studies, we are excited to announce that construction is set to begin on The Center (Central Kitchen, Instructional Farm and Education Center), which will be built at the former site of the Marcus Foster School at 2850 West Street.

The Marcus Foster site was cleared in December 2015 to thoroughly document the site, with still photos and video footage, in preparation for construction. In January 2016, hazardous waste removal and site demolition will begin and are expected to conclude in February. The construction crew will mobilize on the site in February to set up construction trailers and other infrastructure to prepare the site for construction. We expect construction of the new facility to begin in early February or late March. This is a 16-month project that will culminate with The Center opening for the fall of the 2017-18 school year. For your reference, here is the construction timeline as of January 14, 2016.

<p>December 2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site preparation completed • Initiated community notifications • December 31: Last day to use Marcus Foster gym 	<p>January 2016</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighborhood Construction Liaison hired • Site documentation completed • Demolition equipment (e.g., crane) will be set up at the site • Placement of project signage at the site • Hazardous waste removal started • Demolition started
<p>February 2016</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint Venture construction team will start to set up at the site, including placement of construction trailers on site • Hazardous waste removal, demolition completed • Rooftop mechanical equipment (e.g., heating and cooling systems) removed • Groundbreaking ceremony (tentative) • Construction begins (late February or March) 	<p>March 2016</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction begins (or continues) <p>April 2016 □ Summer 2017</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction continues <p>Fall 2017</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Center opens for the fall 2017-18 school year

This timeline is subject to change, and any significant changes will be communicated to the community and posted on the project website (www.ousdthecenter.org). Community engagement and input remain incredibly important to this project, which is why we are in the process of hiring a Neighborhood Construction Liaison from the community. This person will work with the community, OUSD staff, and the construction team to update the community about the project construction and to ensure local concerns and needs are taken into account throughout the construction process. Until the Neighborhood Construction Liaison is hired, please contact John Esposito, Oakland Unified School District (OUSD) Construction Project Manager at 510-535-7049 (work), 510-277-6530 (after 5:00pm) or john.esposito@ousd.org for construction related issues.

Sincerely,

The Center Project Team