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Glenview Reconstruction FAQ

Why is Glenview scheduled for reconstruction?

- Glenview has been considered for renovation for some time. In fact, amongst all OUSD school sites, Glenview was ranked as the 9th most in need of renovation when the previous bond measure was passed in November 2006.
- California's Department of General Services, Division of the State Architect includes Glenview on AB300, a list of buildings that do not meet current seismic safety standards. More information about AB300 and its classifications can be found here: <http://www.dgs.ca.gov/dsa/aboutus/ab300.aspx>
- A seismic engineer's report commissioned by PTA showed that Glenview's portables were unsafe.
- Glenview families have lobbied for reconstruction of the campus for years in order to make the building safer and to create more usable space for student enrichment. Parents started a petition, gathered more than 100 signatures and pushed for change. After much negotiation, OUSD agreed to replace the current structure with a new building, contingent upon passage of a Bond Measure, which occurred in November 2012 when Oakland voters adopted Measure J.

When is the Glenview projected scheduled to begin?

A final decision on how to proceed with the Glenview renovation has not been made. Regardless of how we proceed, work on the project would not begin until June 2016. The start date of the project was delayed by one year to allow for more community engagement after concerns were voiced about the project. The current timeline is June 2016 through June 2018.

Where will Glenview students attend school during the renovation?

- A final decision on how to proceed with the Glenview renovation has not been made. Regardless of how we proceed, work on the project would not begin until June 2016. We have developed a series of options, each with distinct advantages and drawbacks. Specifically, we are considering:
 - A renovation of the existing structure that allows students to remain on-site. This approach requires phasing and takes substantially more time and expense than the other options.
 - An off-site renovation or replacement where the students are moved to an unoccupied campus. This option expedites completion of the project, but requires bussing of students to another neighborhood.
 - An off-site renovation or replacement where the students are housed in portables on a neighboring campus currently in use. This option keeps the students in the neighborhood, but offer the disadvantage of portables and a shared campus.
 - A piecemeal project where certain grades are housed off-site while other grades remain on campus. This prolongs the project, creates added expense and splits the school.



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What is the project timeline?

- The project is scheduled to begin in June 2016 and end in June 2018.

What is the staff recommendation for the Glenview Reconstruction project?

- Replacement of the current Glenview building is recommended as an alternative to renovation because of guidance from the state. Structural analysis and cost estimates have determined that a renovation of Glenview would cost two-thirds more than a new building, would take longer than constructing a new building and would not address undersized classrooms or other deficiencies in the existing structure. State guidelines call for replacement under these circumstances.

What's Next?

Regular committee meetings (including two representatives from the neighborhood on the committee)

- Website updates at: www.ousd.k12.ca.us/glenviewreconstruction and www.glenviewelementary.org
- Monthly newsletter to be circulated electronically and door-to-door, with first issue to be distributed on March 7
- Next public meeting, 5:30pm March 26 at Glenview Elementary, 4215 La Cresta Avenue, Oakland, CA 94602

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