

Fresno Unified School District
Board Communication

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From the Office of the Superintendent
To the Members of the Board of Education
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Regarding: Proposed Herrera Elementary School – Construction Timeline

The purpose of this communication is to provide the Board information regarding the targeted timeline for the construction and opening of the proposed Herrera Elementary School at 5090 E. Church Avenue., based on the schedule that has been in place throughout the design development and review process. The plan was to advertise the project for bidding on September 11, 2019, with a bid opening date of October 2, 2019. However, the bid advertisements were not published as scheduled in response to Board member inquiries regarding the possibility of exploring the development of a project labor agreement for the project. Information about project labor agreements was provided in a September 6, 2019 Board Communication.

The Herrera project schedule is timed to take advantage of favorable off-peak market conditions, and envisions a recommendation to the Board for award of a construction contract on November 6, 2019. This allows for contractor startup activities and procurement of long lead time materials such as structural steel, prior to on-site work commencing in early February 2020 as Phoenix Secondary Academy relocates from the site to its new campus at Church and Orangewood. The schedule plans for substantial project completion in late May 2021 to provide adequate time to furnish and stock the new school for a smooth August 2021 opening to staff and students. This schedule is tight but achievable, if it stays on track.

Delaying the advertisement for bidding, impacts construction completion and diminishes the time needed for preparation of the new facilities for start of school in 2021. Under a scenario resulting in a four week or more delay from the planned September 11 bid advertisement, Herrera's opening would be pushed back a year, to August 2022. As the construction market continues to experience regular cost escalation, delay would also be anticipated to increase the cost of construction.

If you have questions or need further information, please contact Karin Temple at 437-3134.

Approved by Superintendent
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