

## Bidwell Junior High School

### Construction Newsletter

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As you can see, below we are making some progress on our new construction projects. The lighting in the gym has been installed. The abatement looks like it might be near to being completed in the main office. As you walk by the old office, you can here loud noises that suggest some degree of inner demolition is happening.

One new piece of information that comes our way is the installation of solar panels at Bidwell. The exact location is still to be determined, but we will include the P.E. teachers in the location discussion. Hopefully, that installation will have a few VERY SHORT power outages and this work will occur during the summer and NOT during school time. I have written a request that the installation occur not during BLAST summer program times; intersession in June and early-back in August.

One exciting piece of news is new science technology planned for **all three schools**. Our science facilities are intact and are in good condition, but Chico Junior facilities are NOT and a new science wing will be built at that school. Marsh Junior High School currently has ONE science classroom and new rooms will be added there. My biggest concern was that those schools get new facilities and technology and Bidwell would NOT. Our voice was heard LOUD and clear that Bidwell wants the same technology that the other two schools will have and our voice was HEARD. Yesterday, Judy Hass and Mike Riley took time from their teaching responsibilities to attend a technology demonstration and provided input about a choice that will be used. Thank you, Mike and Judy!

Following is an updated (more details added) schedule of construction work:

- March 30:      Begin **demolition** and **abatement** in vacated main office - **in progress**
- April 22:      Begin **Gymnasium**: abatement, re-finish flooring, new paint, new HVAC, new lighting, new drinking fountain, bleacher modification, new ceiling and acoustics
- May 20:      Begin **Library**: abatement, all new tech lab & book room, new circulation desk, new lighting and projector equipment, new flooring and shelving. There will be **NO** access to the library after this date.
- June 1:        Begin **MPR**: abatement, flooring, paint, sound system, student lunch tables, lighting, drinking fountains, bathrooms, and window coverings

The MPR, library, and gymnasium will be ready for the start of school on August 17. Work on the main office will last 6 to 8 months. If you have not seen the architects' rendition of the "new" look, they follow this page.

Front of Bidwell

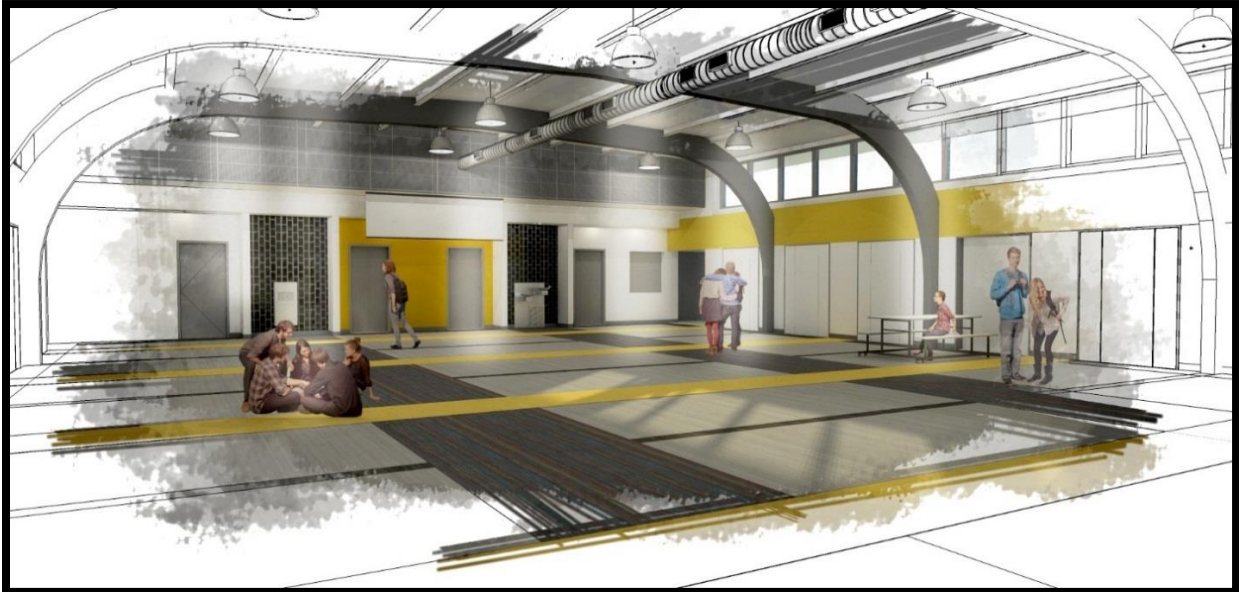


Library



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## Multi-purpose Room



## Main Office



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