



## Design Preview and Project Update

### Architects to show latest designs on March 3<sup>rd</sup>

**O**n March 3<sup>rd</sup>, HKIT Architects will be presenting the latest designs for Glenview’s new facility (see meeting details below). The new facility will incorporate the existing entryway and cascade of steps that have served the school and neighborhood as a gathering place for many years. The rest of the building will be all new construction to ensure that Glenview students and staff have a facility that meets the most current standards for learning environments.

As an example, while the new building is designed to serve the same number of students that the school currently holds, all classroom spaces will now be sized to meet California educational code standards. Similarly, reconfigured window openings will ensure that the light in each classroom is optimally suited for learning. At the same time, this reconfiguring of the building’s windows will allow greater control of the heat gain from sunlight, greatly improving the building’s energy efficiency.

New landscaping will incorporate the existing front steps and existing healthy trees, as well as an improved entrance on La Cresta, which will provide better access for people with disabilities. The rear upper yard will also be redesigned because the removal of portable classrooms will free up additional space for play. Throughout the new landscape, the landscape architect will also incorporate features for limiting water run-off from the grounds. The lower yard – a beloved community resource – is not expected to change.

### Current Project Status

The project is currently in the design development phase. During this phase, the project architects refine the plans for the facility to include mechanical, electrical, plumbing and structural systems, as well as architectural details and materials. In addition, during this period the architects work closely with a preconstruction services team to establish the construction budget and look for ways to control and reduce construction costs.

## Interim Housing Update

### Glenview students to be housed at Santa Fe Elementary for 2016–17 and 2017–18 school years

**W**hile Glenview Elementary is under construction, students and staff will be relocated to an interim school site. OUSD had previously identified the former Santa Fe Elementary (in North Oakland) as well as the former Lakeview Elementary (near Lake Merritt) as possible interim locations.

During December and January, Glenview families participated in a survey, two forums, and visits to both sites to determine which site best aligned with the needs and priorities of Glenview’s students, staff, and families. Although many families initially preferred Lakeview for its proximity to the Glenview neighborhood, after discussions and the site visits, the majority felt that Santa Fe provided a superior environment for for students and learning, despite its distance. OUSD’s Facilities Department also conducted site assessments to determine the cost of preparing each site for the move. The Lakeview site would require significantly more costly upgrades to prepare for occupation by elementary school students.

On February 5<sup>th</sup>, Superintendent Antwan Wilson visited Glenview to share his recommendation for Santa Fe as Glenview’s interim site. The recommendation is expected to go before the school board for approval on March 11. To see full reports on the school community’s input and costs to prepare the sites, visit <http://theglenviewproject.wordpress.com>.



3D rendering of proposed new building, incorporating existing front steps and entryway

**Interested in a closer look? Come to the next project update meeting – Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:30–8:00 in the Glenview Elementary Auditorium at 4215 La Cresta Avenue. Dinner and childcare for school-age children provided.**



## Glenview Reconstruction FAQ

### Why is Glenview Elementary being rebuilt rather than remodeled?

The Glenview community is united in its desire for Glenview Elementary students and staff to have a safe and adequate learning environment. But many continue to question why the building will be reconstructed, rather than remodeled.

As a reminder, from the original project FAQs: 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, although a renovation of Glenview would cost two-thirds the amount of replacement with a new building, renovation would take longer than constructing a new building and would not address undersized classrooms and other deficiencies in the existing structure. State guidelines call for replacement under these circumstances.

To help provide further context for this recommendation, here is a summary of some of the additional benefits to the community from this project approach. These are drawn from the Master Site



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Site plan showing new building footprint superimposed on existing site

Plan, developed by HKIT Architects for OUSD in August 2013, which helped to guide the original recommendation.

- Reconstruction allows for all classrooms to be sized to meet current CA education code standards.
- Reconstruction provides significantly better ADA accessibility and better integration of the special needs classrooms into the rest of the building.
- Reconstruction provides significant energy savings.
- Reconstruction allows for a code-compliant fire lane at the Eastern edge of the site, increasing neighborhood safety as well as the distance between the building and neighboring properties.

- Modernization would result in a multipurpose room that is poorly shaped for use as an auditorium, while reconstruction would allow for a multipurpose room better suited to its uses. This also allows the multipurpose room to be relocated to the Eastern edge of the site, eliminating the need for food delivery trucks to cross the playground each day.

For those seeking additional information, the 79-page Master Site Plan goes into much greater detail. The report can be downloaded from OUSD's website here: <http://www.ousd.k12.ca.us/cms/lib07/CA01001176/Centricity/Domain/95/OUSD%20Glenview%20Master%20Plan.pdf>

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