

BUILDING FUTURES

SMMUSD IS DEDICATED TO BUILDING THE FUTURE OF THE COMMUNITY THROUGH SUSTAINABLE AND INNOVATIVE SCHOOL FACILITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS



Santa Monica High School

A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE SINCE 1891

In recent weeks, you may have noticed increased construction activity around campus. These projects are happening thanks to voter-approved bond money from Measure ES and Measure BB! Our Facilities Improvement Projects work is now focused on the demolition of the Technology and Science Buildings. Alan Braatvedt, the Director of the Santa Monica High School projects shares the inside scoop on the project, "The Samohi campus plan is a rejuvenation of the entire campus to create a modern learning facility that better utilizes the limited space on campus and creates a sense of belonging."

The Science and Technology Buildings will be demolished this summer to make way for Samohi's new Discovery Building and pool. With the limited amount of time for demolition of the buildings, as it must be completed prior to fall, the district began the abatement process before the start of the summer vacation. The entire area was securely fenced off and encapsulated with plastic sheeting to ensure the safety of the Samohi community. Air quality is being monitored around the site in an abundance of caution. All materials removed during the operation are handled with caution and regard for the environment and disposed of in specialized sites. Braatvedt added, "Our priority has been to put the safety of our students first. Abatement for this project was done by a specialist abatement contractor, under very controlled conditions to ensure that there was never any danger to students or anyone else on the school property."

Samohi Principal Dr. Antonio Sheldon could not hide his excitement sharing, "For Samohi to be moving towards 21st-century learning ideals is very exciting. We are preparing students for a world of work that is very different from what we were used to 20 years ago. Fluid meeting spaces that promote learning beyond the classroom are something our students need to become comfortable with because that is what the world is moving towards. The Innovation Building was our first step in that direction and the Discovery Building will drive that point home."



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QUICK FACTS



Funding for all of these projects is from voter-approved bond measures.

76

76 existing classrooms were upgraded to the district's new technology standards. The standard includes a projector and screen, document camera, DVD player, and a sound system with a wireless microphone.



The Discovery Building is slated for completion by the end of 2021.

2,900

Samohi serves 2,900 students.

9-12

Samohi is grades 9 through 12.



The school has been upgraded to **ultra-fast** 10 Gbps networking and **campus-wide Wifi**.



The telephone systems were replaced with a **district-wide IP telephone system (VOIP)**.



The change to **LED lighting** on our sports fields means higher energy efficiency and greater sustainability at Samohi.



1,008 new laptops for the students and teachers were added to the math, science and special education classrooms.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS:



DISCOVERY BUILDING

The Discovery Building is being built on the site of the former Science and Technology Buildings, with construction scheduled to start in early 2019. The plan for the Discovery Building is especially exciting as it includes a three-story open-building concept with 38 classrooms including state-of-the-art computer and science labs, common areas, seminar rooms, a full Olympic-size 50 Meter pool, indoor/outdoor dining facilities, and parking for 288 cars.



SCIENCE QUAD

The goal of the update to the Science Quad was to create clearly defined and welcoming entries. The plan incorporated accessible paths that transition from floor elevations of existing buildings to elevations of the new quad and circulation pathways. Today, our students enjoy eating lunch and studying on the new Science Quad while the pathways navigate pedestrians around the outdoor lounge areas.



SEALY FIELD

Samohi had been without a softball field since construction began on the Innovation Building but this changed with the recent completion of work on Sealy Field. Upgrades to the dugout, bleachers, bullpens, scoreboard and lighting are making for safer and more comfortable play. Our Samohi baseball teams and championship softball team will benefit from the upgrades as they play in their renovated facilities in the coming seasons. Sealy Field also serves the Santa Monica community through partnerships and by special-use permits.



INNOVATION BUILDING

With funding allocated from voter-approved bond money, construction of the Innovation Building was completed in Fall 2015. The 15 science labs and 18 general classrooms provide students with a 21st-century learning environment fostering creativity and innovation. Open spaces and common areas give students the opportunity to collaborate and problem solve outside of the classroom, in ways that more closely resemble what they may encounter when they join the workforce.