

Construction Update

Building Arts Center

Building 300 Construction Right on Schedule

The Central County Occupational Center (CCOC) Building Arts Center has reached the midway point and should be completed by mid-June. Work began by Coulter Construction on November 30 and is part of 16 Proposition 1D grants awarded to the Metropolitan Education District. Bartos Architecture designed the project and is currently overseeing its construction.

Once completed, the center will house the Electrical Maintenance, Carpentry, Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) and Cabinetry Programs. The newly renovated building will have state of the industry technology and equipment, utilize space better, and simulate a real workplace environment. The different programs will be able to collaborate together in an outdoor work lab on both curriculum and projects, and are able to simulate a workplace environment. The solar panel class will meet on the second floor in the sustainable laboratory.

The transformation that has taken place in the building since construction began at the end of November 2009 is quite impressive. The building was completely stripped down to the bare bones in December to make room for the renovations and remodel. The changing rooms and rest rooms were moved from the second floor to the first floor and in January, new concrete floors were poured, and the bathrooms were made ADA accessible. New plumbing was installed for the bathrooms, sinks, and water fountains.

Framing on the building began in late January and continued through February. The construction crew began installing sheetrock in March and should be completed by early April. All electrical components were updated and a media controller was ordered which will allow a wide variety of multimedia in the classrooms. Painting is scheduled to begin soon. In addition, skylights have been ordered and should be installed by mid-April and an exterior shade structure will be installed soon.

The project was paid for by Career Technical Education Facilities Program (CTEFP) funds awarded by the state from Proposition 1D passed by voters in November 2006. The CTEFP is a competitive grant program administered by the California Department of Education (CDE) and the California Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) which provides \$1 for every dollar the district spends, up to 50% of the project cost. Including the Building Arts Center, MetroED has been awarded nearly \$10 million for 16 projects. These projects include both Modernization of existing CCOC buildings and new equipment for CCOC's programs. CCOC's buildings have not been modernized since they were constructed in the 1960's.

Construction of the various Prop 1D projects will be staggered to minimize impact on CCOC's campus, students, and staff. Project preparation began three years ago with staff preparing a plan to ensure that each program affected by construction has a place to meet when their building is under construction. Prop 1D proposals and applications were approved by the state and then by the MetroED Governing Board in 2007.

MetroED is the largest career-oriented organization comprised of high school and adult career-technical, academic and community programs. It annually provides more than 30,000 diverse students with the skills to help them be productive, income-earning and tax-paying contributors to Santa Clara County.



January—Framing begins.



March—Skylight openings are cut for Sustainability lab.



March —Sheetrock is placed on the walls.