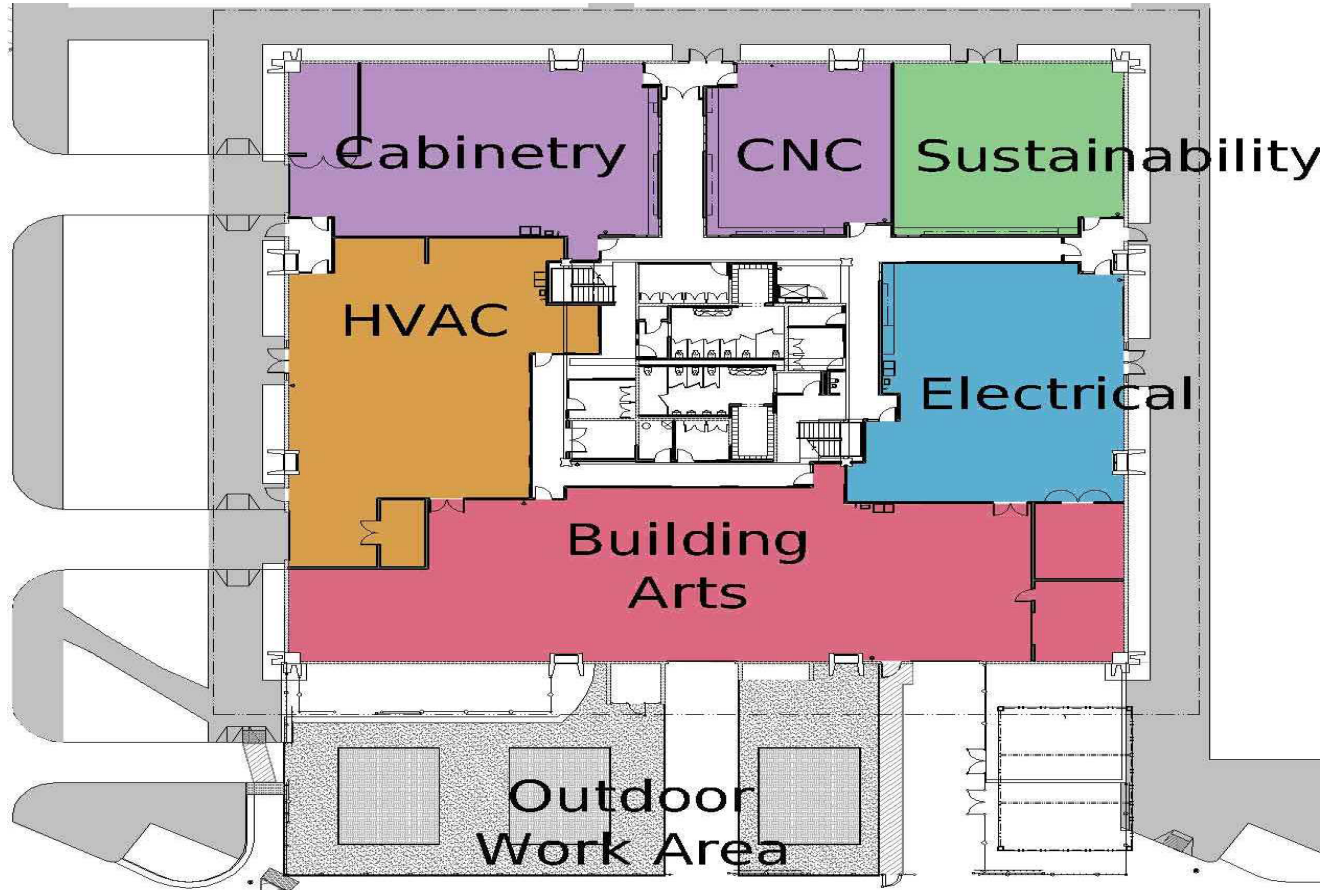


Construction Update

Building Arts Center



Above is a picture of floor 1 of Central County Occupational Center Building 300. Drawing provided by Bartos Architecture

Construction begins on CCOC's Building Arts Center

The Governing Board awarded the Central County Occupational Center (CCOC) Building 300 Building Arts Center Cycle 1 & 2 bid to Coulter Construction at its November 18 meeting. Coulter previously contracted with the district on the CCOC Building 700 QZAB project and completed that work in a timely and professional manner. They have also performed work for the Campbell Union High School District and Palo Alto Unified School District. Construction began on November 30.

Upon completion in June, 2010, 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 work efficiently together in an outdoor work lab on both curriculum and projects, and are able to simulate a workplace environment.



The modernized building will also be the home of CCOC's four evening building maintenance classes and the highly sought after Solar Applications & Installation evening class. Currently, the four building maintenance classes meet in different buildings but once construction is complete, the classes will be able to work together on projects.

Each program will have specific improvements that allow for simulated and real workplace environments such as constructing scale houses. The outdoor work area will be enclosed in fencing so that projects are not disturbed. The solar panel class will

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meet on the second floor in the sustainable design laboratory.

In addition to the above changes, the changing rooms and restrooms will be moved to the bottom floor so that the plumbing can be modernized and to allow access by the disabled. The entire building will be modernized to address aging and building code issues.

What is Proposition 1D?

Proposition 1D was passed by voters in November 2006. It allowed the California Department of Education (CDE)



to provide funding for new construction and modernization of Career Technical Education (CTE) facilities.

Districts across California applied for funding in two cycles: Cycle 1 and Cycle 2. Between the two cycles, MetroED was

awarded \$9.5 million in Proposition 1D funds for a total of 17 projects and equipment upgrades. This is the first time in 40 years that CTE centers have been eligible to receive money for modernization and upgrades from the CDE.

Districts that were awarded Prop 1D money, had to prove that they could match the funds or show that they could pay back a loan for the matching funds and still be financially sound. MetroED used a variety of sources to fund its portion of the Prop 1D funds.

Programs Temporarily Relocated

Programs that met in building 300 prior to construction have relocated to other temporary rooms across the Hillsdale Campus. Classes will remain in their "swing space" until construction on their remodeled building is completed. The goal is to have all of the Prop 1D projects completed by the end of 2012.

The Veterinarian Assistant Program is the only class that will spend more than a year in its swing space. To help prepare the program for its extended temporary home in building 100, CCOC Summer Student Interns remodeled room 106 to include room for the animals and specialized equipment used by the program.

Students from the Spring 2009 Carpentry class built their own new temporary classroom in part of the welding lab in building 700. The project gave the Carpentry program a relevant hands-on learning project that will be useful for students over the next school year.



Capitol High School will have a new permanent home in Metropolitan Adult Education Program's MC Village which is located on the south half of the Hillsdale campus. MC Village is scheduled to open by the end of November and was not part of Proposition 1D funds.

Preparation at CCOC

Construction of the various Prop 1D projects will be staggered to minimize impact on CCOC's campus, students, and staff.

To prepare for the 13 different Prop 1D projects (and four equipment upgrade projects) that will occur over the next several years, CCOC set a plan in place to ensure that all classes have some place to meet while their building is being renovated.



Project preparation began three years ago with MetroED personnel writing proposals. CCOC then formed and met with a CTE committee that reviewed the Prop 1D proposals and applications before they were submitted to the California Department of Education for approval. In addition, the MetroED Governing Board approved the Prop 1D applications for Cycle 1 and 2 in 2007.

Prior to developing the plans, CCOC Assistant Principal Tom Mullin said that a teacher liaison representing each building met with staff and the architects to make sure that the planning was realistic to what is needed by each program.

Mullin added that another goal was to make sure that each of the room designs are flexible so that if a program is discontinued or added in the future, changing the room to another configuration won't be drastic or a big economic impact on CCOC.