

# LA Unified Board of Education Facilities & Procurement Committee

## December 2, 2025



# Committee Purpose

The Facilities & Procurement Committee will examine District facilities and procurement processes and projects to promote public transparency and awareness. The committee will identify barriers and make recommendations to streamline and improve current policies and practice.



# Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions
- Fire Recovery Update
- MGT Report Discussion
- Shade Structure
- Public Comment



## Previous Recommendations

1. **Facilities Construction Cost & Time Comparison**
2. **Quantify Cost & Time Savings from Identified Improvements**
3. **Additional Review of Modular Structures**
4. **Specification Review Update**
5. **Explore Revenue Opportunities**
6. **Explore and Leverage Buying Contracts**
7. **Expanding the Scope of Qualified Bidders to at Least Three**
8. **Increase Maintenance & Operations Capacity**
9. **Continue to Explore Alternative Project Delivery Approaches**



# Fire Recovery Update





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# Palisades Recovery Update

Facilities and Procurement Committee Meeting  
**December 2, 2025**

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# Campus Reconstruction Summary

- The January 2025 Palisades Fire caused extensive damage to Marquez and Palisades Elementary Schools and Palisades Charter High School.
- In June 2025, the Board approved ~\$600M in bond funds for the rebuild all three campuses. Insurance and FEMA reimbursement are being pursued for eligible costs.
- Design is underway, with active engagement of school and community stakeholders.
- Repair and remediation of existing facilities are in progress.
- Construction is anticipated to be complete in approximately three years.

# Plans to Return to Campus

## **Marquez ES (Was Operating at Nora Sterry ES)**

- School reopened in interim campus in September 2025. Design and construction of permanent facilities will occur over the next three years.

## **Palisades ES (At Brentwood Science Magnet ES)**

- School will continue operating at Brentwood Science Magnet.
- Design and construction of permanent facilities will occur over the next three years.

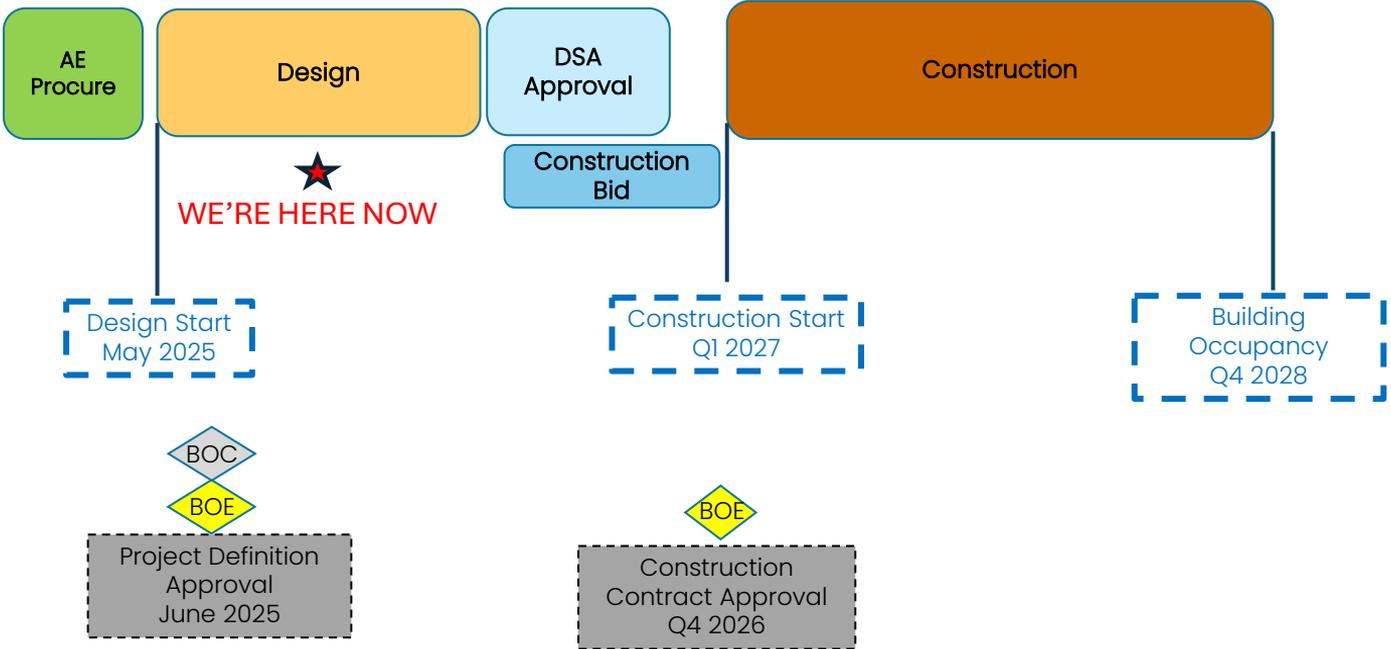
## **Palisades High School (At Sears Building in Santa Monica)**

- The school is expected to return to campus after winter break with approximately 30 portable classrooms, pending completion of required repairs, environmental cleanup and testing.
- Design and construction of the permanent classroom building will occur over the next three years.

# Anticipated Reconstruction Timeline

3 Yrs  
6 Months

A/E Negotiation-1.5 Mo.    Design – 12 Mo.    DSA: 4 Mo.    Bid~2.5 Mo    Construction ~ 21 Mo



# Marquez Returns to Campus

The school returned to the Marquez campus on September 30<sup>th</sup> in interim portable classrooms and support spaces.



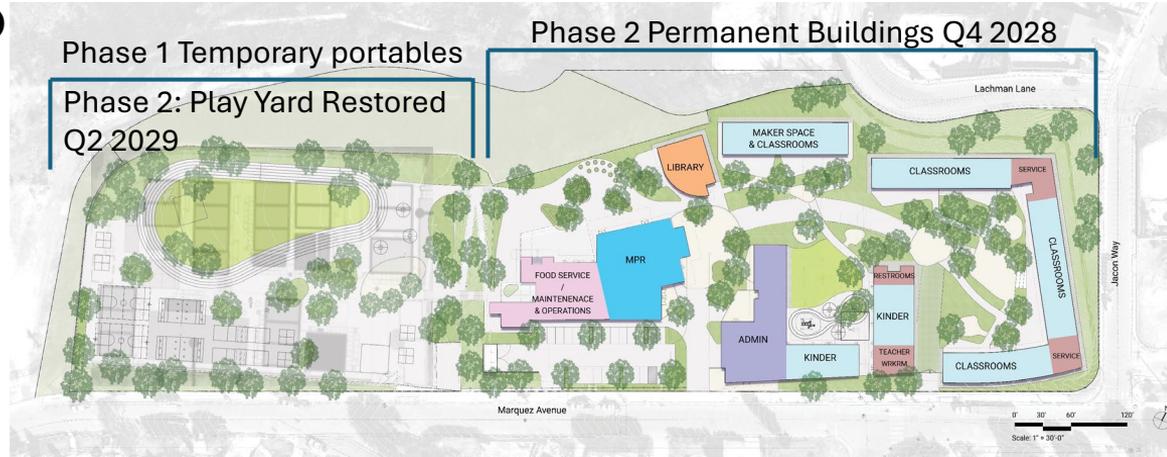
# Marquez ES Project

## Phase 1 Scope - COMPLETED

- ~19 classrooms
- Admin, library, and restrooms in portable buildings.
- Mobile kitchen with shaded lunch area
- 2 play yards with grass area

## Phase 2 Scope

- Permanent Admin, multi-purpose room, library, 20 classrooms, food services, and play yards with landscaping



**Total Project Budget ~\$202.6M**

## Anticipated Schedule

Phase 2 Buildings Complete	Q4-2028
Phase 2 Play Yard Complete	Q2-2029



# Marquez ES Project Site Plan



**Marquez ES Project – Street View**



**Marquez ES Project – Courtyard View**

# Palisades ES Project

## Project Scope

- Restore and repair intact buildings
- 14 new classrooms (general, TK/K, specialty), admin spaces, multipurpose room, and maintenance facilities
- Infrastructure renewal, including utilities, landscape, and parking improvements



**Total Project Budget**      **~\$134.9M**

## **Anticipated Schedule**

New Building Construction Start    Q1 2027  
Construction Complete                    Q4 2028



**Palisades ES Project – Courtyard View**



**Palisades ES Project - Aerial View**

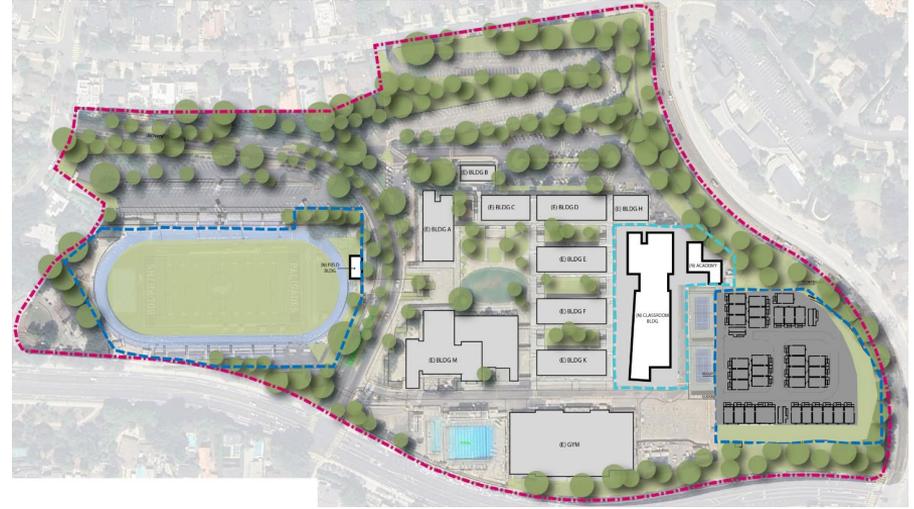
# Palisades Charter HS Project

## Phase 1 Scope

- Restore and repair intact buildings
- Install ~30 classrooms, admin, and restroom in portable buildings
- Site prep for interim play areas, hardscape/landscape replacement

## Phase 2 Scope

- Construct 30 permanent classrooms, admin, and support spaces
- Replace track/football field, baseball fields, and ancillary buildings
- Upgrade Infrastructure

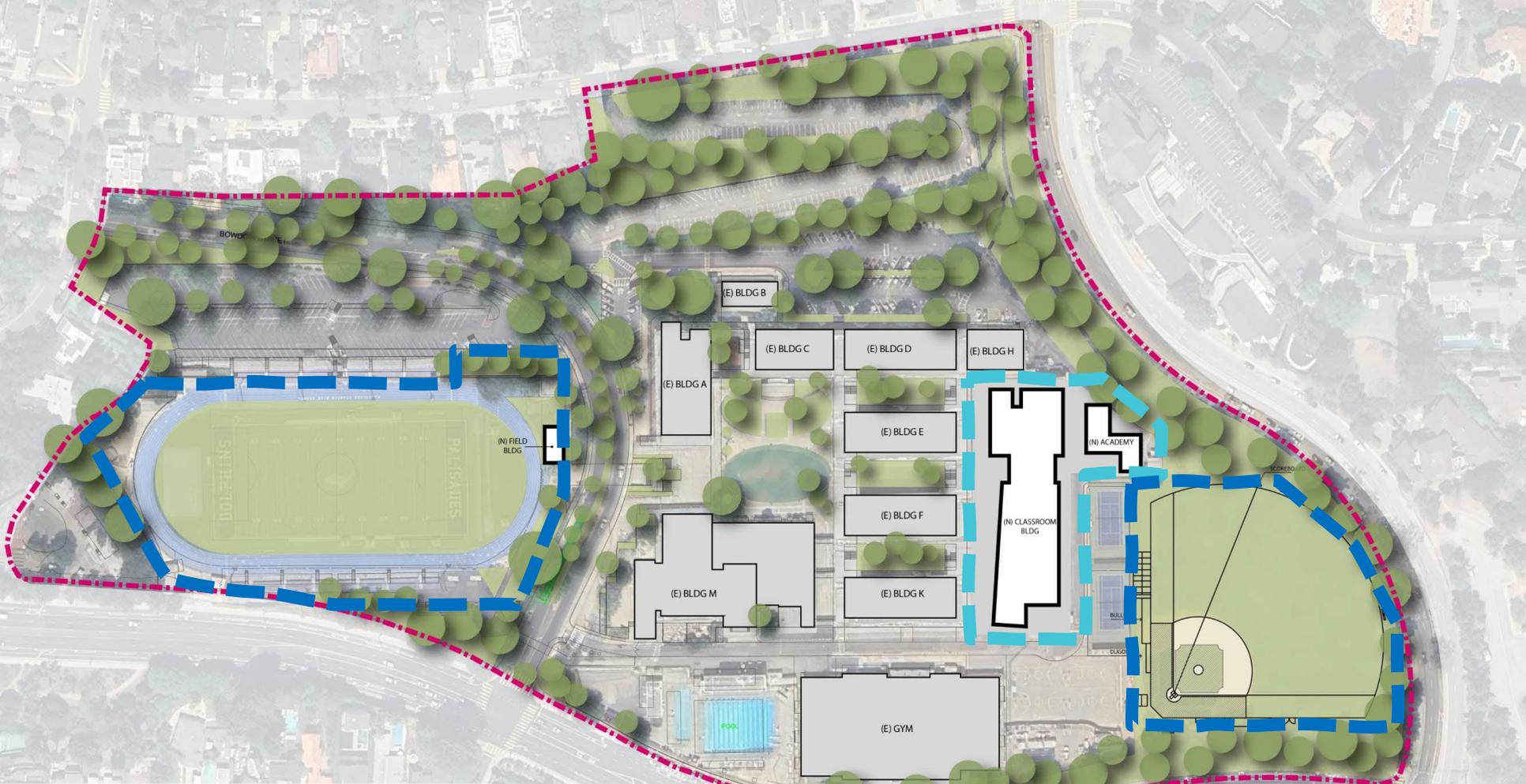


**Total Project Budget      ~\$266.6M**

## Anticipated Schedule

Phase 1 Complete	Q4-2025*
Phase 2 Construction Start	Q1-2027
Phase 2 Facilities Complete	Q4-2028
Phase 2 Baseball Field Complete	Q3-2029

*\*Contingent upon completion of environmental cleanup and testing.*



# Palisades HS Project Site Plan



# Palisades HS – New Classroom Building



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# Questions

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# District Response to Construction Outcomes Study

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## LAUSD Construction Outcomes

Facilities and Procurement Committee  
Meeting

April 22, 2025



# Schoolyard Shade Projects





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# Facilities Update

Schoolyard Shade  
Structure Projects

Facilities and Procurement  
Committee Meeting  
December 02, 2025

# Executive Summary

- The District is adding trees and shade shelters across schoolyards to reduce heat exposure and support student well-being.
- Multiple programs now include shading, including a new program to add shade structures over existing play structures
- Shade structures are engineered, code-compliant construction projects with structural, accessibility, and regulatory requirements; SB 515 limits the scope of accessibility upgrades.
- Key cost drivers include structural engineering, foundations, DSA review, accessibility upgrades, utility coordination, long-lead materials, and required inspections.

# Schoolyard Shade Structures

- Schoolyard shading helps reduce the urban heat island effect, reducing ambient temperatures by 15°F or more and supporting students' physical, mental, and academic well-being.
- LAUSD sponsored SB 515 (Stern), which took effect in January 2024, to accelerate the delivery of shade structures.
- SB 515 creates a narrow exemption from certain accessible-route and path-of-travel requirements in the California Building Code.
  - Shade structures will continue to meet all Federal and State ADA accessibility requirements.
  - Exemption helps prevent costly secondary improvements that often make small shading projects difficult to deliver.
  - SB 515 caps required ADA path-of-travel upgrades at 20% of the construction cost of the shade structure.

# Schoolyard Shade Structures

## Types of projects that can include shade structures

- Outdoor Learning Environment projects
- Playground and Campus Exterior Upgrade projects
- Early Education Outdoor Classroom projects
- Classroom Replacement and Modernization projects at elementary schools that include schoolyard upgrades
- Campus Upgrades and Alterations (Board Member/Region Priority)
- Shade Shelters Over Play Structures, a new program

# Design and Cost Considerations

## Site Selection & Planning Factors

- Location relative to play areas, supervision needs, and campus circulation
- Existing conditions: utilities, soil quality, drainage, irrigation
- Potential constraints: underground utility lines, easements, fire lanes, required clearances

## DSA Regulatory Requirements

- All shade structures are DSA-regulated projects, triggering structural, access, and safety compliance
- Structural design must meet seismic, wind-load, and site-specific conditions
- ADA compliance: may include accessible path of travel, restroom upgrades, drinking fountains, slope adjustments, and necessary replacement of surface materials



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# Shade Shelter Project Examples



Evergreen EEC



Carson High School



Northridge EEC



Sylvan Park ES

# Hazeltine ES

**Project Scope:** Install a 40' x 56' shade structure over the existing play structure.

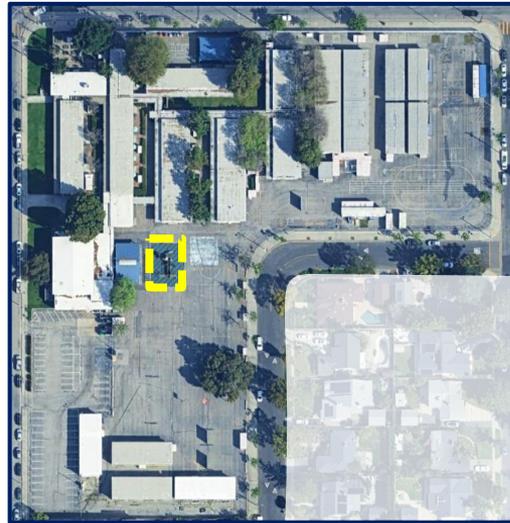
**Status:** Proposed for 12/16/25 Board action

**Construction Schedule:** Q4 2026 – Q2 2027

**Project Budget:** \$443,657

**Project Budget Breakdown:**

Site & Environmental	9.4%
Plans	9.7%
Construction	68.0%
Management	7.2%
Reserve	5.7%



# Romer MS

**Project Scope:** Install two shade structures to cover a 30' x 80' area in the courtyard north of the Multipurpose Building.

**Status:** Proposed for 12/16/25 Board action

**Construction Schedule:** Q4 2026 – Q1 2027

Site & Environmental	6.9%
Plans	11.5%
Construction	69.6%
Management	6.1%
Reserve	5.9%



# Shade Shelters Over Play Structures

## Install Shade Shelters Over Play Structures

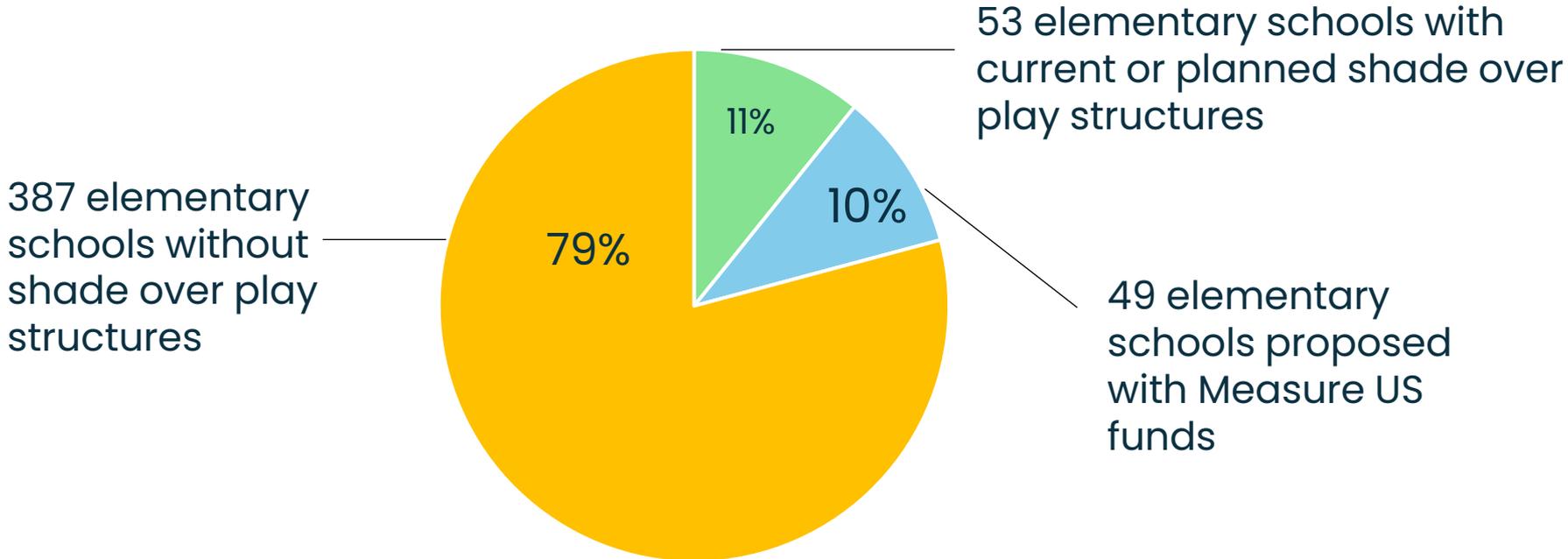
~ \$40M\* for Approx. 49 projects

- Construction of new shade shelter over existing play structure
- Other upgrades as needed based on site conditions

Additional Projects will be identified if funds remain



# Shade Shelters Over Play Structures





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# Questions

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**NEXT MEETING**  
**February 24, 2026**

