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2025 Greening Forecast

Facilities Services Division

Greening Schools and
Climate Resilience Committee
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Presentation Overview

- Funding for Upgrading Schoolyards
- 2025 Anticipated Investments
- Overview of Individual Programs Directly Upgrading Schoolyards



Funding: Green Schoolyards

Goal: Upgrading schoolyards to align with the 'Green Schoolyards for All Plan'

- Schoolyards should be at least 30% green/natural
- Schoolyards should have at least 20% shade coverage

Current Funding Sources:

- Bond Program Funding – School Upgrade Program
- Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (E-LOP)
- Certificates of Participation (COP)
- Grant Funding, e.g.,
 - CA Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)
 - CA Natural Resources Agency
 - CA Strategic Growth Council



Investing in Schoolyards

Bond Funded programs include projects that upgrade schoolyards directly and indirectly:

Directly

**Primary Scope = Green
Schoolyard Upgrades**

**Approximately \$700M
of new projects have
been or will be defined
in 2025**

Indirectly

**Primary Scope = e.g.
New Classroom
Building(s) to replace
Portables or Address
Seismic Vulnerabilities**

**Greening maximized to
extent feasible**

2025 Investments in Schoolyards

| | <u>No. of Projects</u> | <u>Investment</u> (in Millions) |
|--|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| EEC Outdoor Classroom & Campus Upgrades | 11 | \$23.0 |
| Playground & Campus Exterior Upgrades | 21 | \$318.0 |
| SEEDS | 17 | \$2.7 |
| Green Schoolyard Upgrades | 32 | \$320.0 |
| Shade Shelters | ~50 | \$40.0 |
| Total Greening As Primary Scope | 131 | \$703.7 |

EEC Outdoor Classroom & Campus Upgrades

Project Definitions: 11 Total

- 1 project – April 8, 2025 BOE
- 3 projects – May 13, 2025 BOE
- 7 projects – Anticipated in Fall 2025

Investment: +/- \$23M anticipated in 2025



Prioritization: Proximity and access to local parks

Scope:

- Provide outdoor classrooms
- Replace failing building systems that create safety concerns and are disruptive to school operations

Playground & Campus Exterior Upgrades

Project Definitions: 21 Total

- 7 projects – January 14, 2025 BOE
- 7 projects – March 11, 2025 BOE
- 7 projects – Anticipated in Fall 2025

Investment: +/- \$318M anticipated in 2025

Prioritization: Condition of school sites playground asphalt (worst), Green Schoolyard Index, and with consideration for geographic distribution

Scope:

- Replace deteriorated asphalt on playgrounds and associated areas
- Install landscaping, trees, and greening
- Solar reflective coating in playground hardscape areas(s)
- Exterior paint on all buildings
- Accessibility upgrades
- Possible removal of relocatable buildings
- Various site upgrades including privacy fencing and utility infrastructure upgrades as necessary



SEEDS Learning Gardens

Project Definitions: 17 Total

- 6 projects – February 11, 2025 BOE
- 6 projects – May 13, 2025 BOE
- 5 projects – June 3, 2025

Investment: +/- \$2.7M anticipated in 2025



Prioritization: Identified through proposals submitted by partners and/or schools -- projects must be integrated into the curriculum and resources available to outfit and maintain the outdoor learning space

Scope:

- Construct outdoor learning environments that support school curriculum

Green Schoolyard Upgrade Projects

Project Definitions: 32 projects – Anticipated in Fall 2025

Investment: ~\$320M anticipated in 2025

Prioritization: Green Schoolyards Index (Category 1) – Elementary schools with $\leq 10\%$ greening per the Green Schoolyards for All Plan 2025

Scope:

- Replace asphalt with green/natural elements to achieve the 30% goal
 - Outdoor Classrooms
 - Landscaping
 - Trees
 - Grass playfields
- Accessibility upgrades
- Possible removal of relocatable buildings
- Various site upgrades, including utility infrastructure



Install Shade Shelters Over Play Structures

Project Definitions: ~50 projects – Anticipated in Fall 2025

Investment: +/- \$40M anticipated

Prioritization: SPED Centers and Elementary Schools without shaded play structures or access to shaded play areas and in areas most impacted by severe heat

Scope:

- Construction of new shade shelters
- Accessibility upgrades as necessary



New Projects and Programs in 2024-25

August 2024 BOE to May 2025 BOE

52 Projects Valued At Over \$328 Million, Including:

- Playground & Campus Exterior Upgrades – 14 Projects (\$195 Million)
- EEC Outdoor Classroom and Campus Upgrades – 6 Projects (\$38 Million)
- NEW Green Schoolyard Upgrades – 15 Projects (\$92.8 Million)
- SEEDS Learning Gardens – 17 Projects (\$2.7 Million)





Questions

Facilities Services Division Capital Projects Dashboard:
<https://www.laschools.org/new-site/fsd-projects/>