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Dear Cougar family,

Over the summer, Cummings Elementary School received some exciting building improvements funded by the 2018 construction bond. I'm happy to officially announce that construction is now complete!

Thanks to the support from our amazing community that approved the bond in 2018, more than \$1.9 million was invested in improvements at Cummings. The improvements we received over the summer increase safety and security in the school and provide more space to relieve lunchtime crowding.

Cafeteria Expansion

Cummings now has an expanded cafeteria that also serves as a multipurpose space for other activities to support learning. The expanded cafeteria provides adequate space to serve our school's enrollment. The extra space also means students spend less time navigating a crowded room looking for a spot to sit and eat. The time gained will help students get enough to eat and return to class rested and ready to learn.

Secured Front Entry

We also received renovations to the front office, which added a secured vestibule at the main entrance and increased visibility of the front entry. This is important for the safety of our students, as we can now monitor the front entrance and check visitors in before they have access to the rest of the school.

New Walkway

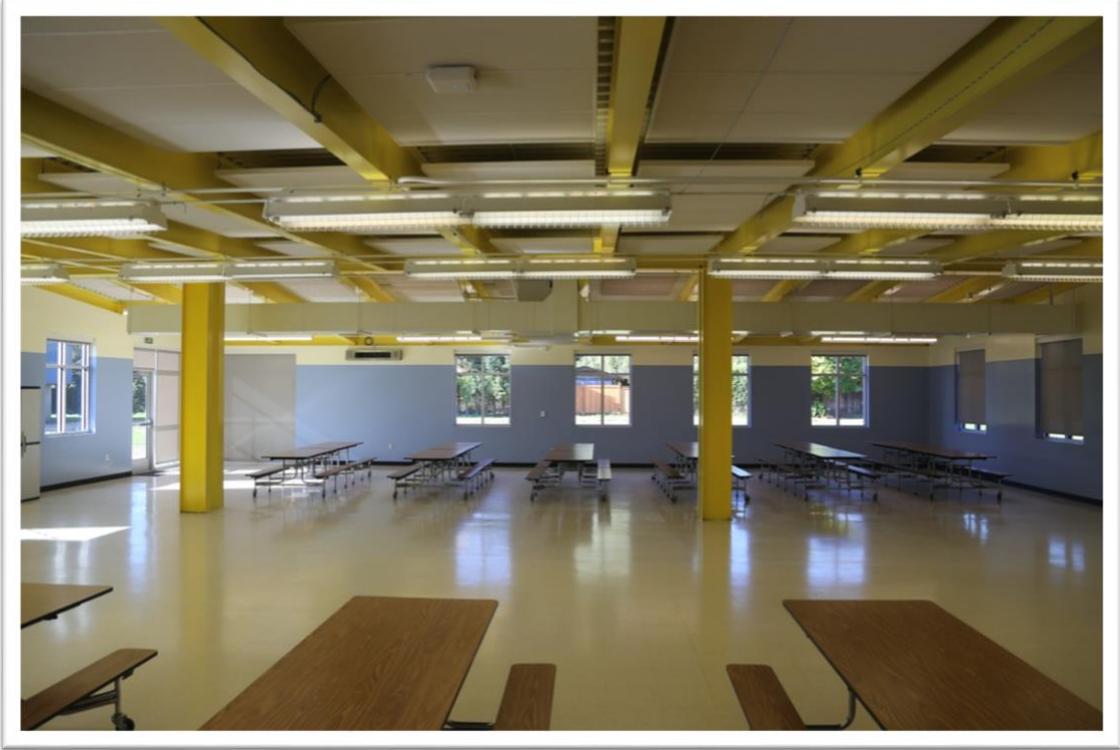
Another wonderful improvement we received at Cummings is the new paved pedestrian pathway along Delight Street. Students and others walking along Delight Street will have a safer path and more comfortable walking route to and from school.

Additional Improvements

Cummings also received seismic upgrades, which will make our building safer in the event of an earthquake, and an updated badge access system to improve the safety and security of the building. Our old portable building was replaced with a newer one that provides a more comfortable learning environment.

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Here are a couple of photos inside the expanded cafeteria/multipurpose space:



It may seem strange to celebrate building improvements at a time when we can't welcome students physically back to school. When it's safe to be together again, these spaces will be

ready and waiting for students. Until then, many spaces in our school can be used by teachers as they offer comprehensive distance learning. All of us at Cummings are eager for the time when we can return to in-person learning!

More information about other schools that received or will receive improvements from the bond dollars can be found at www.salkeiz.k12.or.us/projects-status

Thank you so much for supporting our students! We will truly benefit from the improvements the bond has provided here at Cummings.

Sincerely,
Principal Magda Romero

