

Prop B would fund renovations that are more than just cosmetic changes – they will solve critical facilities problems at Brentwood Middle and High Schools. Education, security, accessibility, athletics, and utilities will all benefit. At the same time, the proposed renovations will also make our schools look great, showing that our community is committed to 21st century education in a way that also honors Brentwood’s heritage.

Below are some renderings from Ittner, the school district’s architectural partner. These images show a vision of the future of our schools that solves major issues with our buildings, while also making our schools look great. Please note, **these images are not settled plans**. Instead, they represent one set of possibilities – the final architectural plans will be made after we pass Prop B, in consultation with school district staff and the parents and residents on the facilities steering committee.

Classrooms for a 21st Century Education

The classrooms at the middle and high schools weren’t built for a 21st century education. They look and feel outdated, and they are not set up to be the flexible spaces that support creative, collaborative projects. Prop B would support flexible STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math) spaces like this one:



Secure and Accessible Entrances that Keep Our Kids Safe

The entrances to Brentwood Middle and High schools are not as secure and accessible as we expect of our schools today. A visitor who enters is immediately out of sight of the school's administrative staff, and free to wander the building. The main entries all have stairways that make it difficult for a student on crutches or in a wheelchair to get around. Perhaps worst of all, our middle school kids have their main entrance on the side of the building – back by the dumpsters and delivery vehicles.

Prop B would support brand new, secure accessible entrances, including a new middle school entrance at the front of the building. Visitors would easily be seen by staff in the administrative offices, and would have to enter the school through the administrative office. The new entrances would be stair-free, making the building accessible to all students and staff. The new middle school entry would serve as the main, accessible community entrance for athletic events, performances, and extracurricular activities.



An accessible middle school entrance with a new library on the 2nd floor



Secure entryways to keep our kids safe

New Library and Commons that Eases Student Traffic

Our middle school students walk a long way to get to the school library on the opposite side of the school. Our high school student trek through the core middle school hallways to get to the gym or the cafeteria. Prop B would support a new, centrally located school library (on the second floor) and a new, expanded Eagle's Nest commons area (on the first floor) that solves those student traffic problems. The library would have the flexible spaces and modern technology that our students need. The commons area would be a hang-out for the students by day and serve the community with meeting spaces by night. And if you're wondering about what happens to the courtyard, don't worry – keep reading for the answer!



A modern, centrally located school library on the 2nd floor above an expanded Eagle's Nest commons area



New middle school entrance would lead to a new commons, with an open stairway up to the library

A Gym Upgrade

The school's athletic facilities serve both our students and our community. The current varsity gym isn't easily accessible, it looks shabby, and the floorboards have been sanded, refinished and repaired so many times that visiting teams complain. Prop B would support a complete renovation of the varsity gym, which could be easily entered from the new middle school entrance and Eagle's Nest commons.



A refreshed varsity gym with an entrance from the new commons

Prop B Honors Brentwood's Heritage

Our middle and high school have some important virtues: they're located in the neighborhood, they have a lot of space, and, importantly, they have good bones. Two architectural firms told the Brentwood School District that these buildings are excellent candidates for renovation – which would not only save money, but also preserve our community heritage.

The renovations supported by Prop B would preserve the high school's classic facade, as well as much of the courtyard, with its engraved bricks honoring alumni and school supporters. The proposed library/middle school entry would preserve much of the courtyard space. If necessary, some bricks would be carefully moved to another location in the courtyard.



Preserved courtyard with engraved bricks



Preserving Brentwood High School Heritage

Please remember to vote on April 3!