

**PERFORMING ARTS EDUCATION CENTERS
AGOURA HIGH SCHOOL AND CALABASAS HIGH SCHOOL
FACT SHEET**

1. Projects were authorized in the 2006 passage of Measure G – a Prop 39 general obligation bond.
2. Estimated construction costs for each facility – \$17 million.
3. Each facility will include a 650-fixed seat theater with raked floor, full professional stage, as well as a 100-seat non-fixed seating “black box” theater/classroom. Each theater will also have all necessary support facilities including dressing rooms, costume construction, and set construction.
4. Each facility will not only serve all performing arts at the school, but also serve as an instructional facility with the capability for distance learning.
5. Each facility will also be available for lease or rent to community/commercial groups under the California Civic Center Act thereby providing additional revenue to the School District.
6. The facilities will be constructed concurrently with the goal of each facility being completed in 2012.
7. Construction of the facilities have been accelerated by nearly two years from the original timelines in order to take advantage of the current favorable construction market thereby saving taxpayers an estimated 10–20 % in construction costs.
8. The facility is designed to incorporate numerous forms of “green technology” including future installation of rooftop solar panels.
9. The project will be constructed under a “lease leaseback” arrangement, which will provide a guaranteed price to the School District with no change orders and also ensure a higher level of quality control.
10. The Lease/Lease Back contractor selected for the project is S.C. Anderson.
11. The project will be managed by Team Concepts Development. This collaborative approach to contractor/management services has delivered the Yerba Buena project and is in the process of completing the Lindero Canyon project with no litigation or quality issues.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- 1. Question: In a time of budget cutbacks and teacher layoffs, how can the School District embark on this type of a project?**

Answer: The project represents a vision of the Board and community by the passage of Measure G in 2006. None of the funds used for the project could be used in the District's educational program to either save jobs or educational programs. However, the construction of such a facility will indeed help protect jobs by attracting new residents to the community and generating new revenues to the cash strapped school district in future years. The construction itself will create hundreds of jobs as well.

- 2. Question: How was the project developed?**

Answer: The Board of Education Facilities Committee along with the District's Citizens' Construction Advisory Committee spent months in review and interviewed numerous architectural firms before selecting John Sergio Fisher Architects as the project architect. John Sergio Fisher specializes in performing arts facilities and has a distinguished reputation internationally for some of the finest facilities of this size and scope. Once the architect was selected, key stakeholders from both Agoura High School and Calabasas High School were brought in to advise the architect on program and instructional needs. This process allowed for the development of two projects identical in program design thereby saving monies to the taxpayer through reduced architectural design costs while having elevations and outward appearances that will complement each of the two campuses unique character.

- 3. Question: Will there be any disruption during construction?**

Answer: Yes – each of the school sites will be impacted by a reduced number of parking spaces and typical inconveniences associated with any construction project of this magnitude. However, at no time will student safety be jeopardized and all work will be coordinated so as not to interfere or hamper ongoing instructional programs.

- 4. Question: When will the projects be completed?**

Answer: Both projects will be under construction at the same time and should be complete within 24 months.

- 5. Question: Will other groups be able to use the facilities?**

Answer: Yes – the facilities are designed to not only provide an extraordinary opportunity and learning experience for students in our Performing and Visual Arts programs, but also to serve as an asset to the community by providing professional quality venues for community theater and/or commercial presentations year round.

- 6. Question: Will the project be “green”?**

Answer: Yes – numerous energy saving “green” technologies have been incorporated into the design including high efficiency energy management systems and the ability to integrate solar panels in the future.

