



# Joining Forces for Kids!

## Sharing Benefits of Joint-Use In Merced, California

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Collaboration and Policy Change**



# Presentation Outline

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- **Overview of Merced's Joint-Use Success**
- **Building Success**
  - **The What and How: Two Key Projects**
    - **Joint-Use Gym: City, District, and State Collaboration**
    - **Community Basketball Courts Project**
- **Meeting Challenges to Maintain Momentum**
- **Suggestions for Policymakers**





# Overview of Our Joint-Use

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- **1993 Compact between City and School District**
- **Primary emphasis on field space sharing**
- **Recent progress in establishing financial bonds**
- **Ongoing challenges and greater need**
- **Change brings opportunity**





# Operational Issues



## ★ Greatest Challenges

- ★ Patience. This work takes time and nurture.
- ★ Negativity. This CAN work!
- ★ Communication. Juggling is required.

## ★ Greatest Accomplishments

- ★ Breaking through stagnant District/City relationships
- ★ Establishing opportunities that last generations
- ★ Seeing excitement rise above the work

## ★ Greatest Surprises

- ★ We can do this!
- ★ Support from State and local governments does exist!
- ★ Leaders are looking for “good news” in joint-use

# Supportive Elements

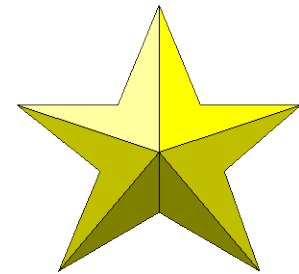
*Supportive Element*

**Institutional  
Belief in  
Community Benefit**



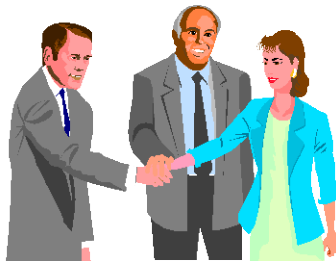
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**Strong  
Reputations**



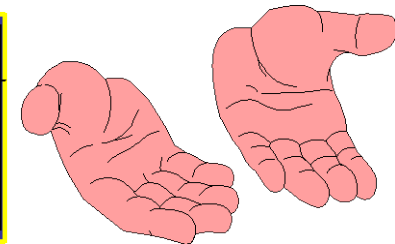
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**Productive  
Working  
Relationships**



*Supportive Element*

**Top-Level  
Leadership  
Support**



Development of Joint-Use Educational Facility Agreements Between California Public School Districts and Community Entities (Testa, 2000)



# Rivera Joint-Use Gymnasium

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- ☆ 13,000 sq. ft. gym/locker room at school without formal gym and community region without a public recreation facility
- ☆ Shared use between MCSD and City Recreation
- ☆ Need to revitalize an underrepresented portion of the City and School District
- ☆ Shared Funding - \$4.2 M Facility Cost
  - ☆ Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) \$1.5 M
  - ☆ Local Funds \$1.7 M – Measure S Bond, etc.
  - ☆ City of Merced Park Development Fees \$1 M





### SITE LEGEND

- 1 - K - 5 DROP OFF LANES
- 2 - 6 - 8 DROP OFF LANES
- 3 - VISITOR / STAFF PARKING (145 SPACES)
- 4 - GRADES 1 - 5 PLAYGROUND
- 5 - GRADES 6 - 8 PLAYGROUND
- 6 - OUTDOOR BASKETBALL COURTS

- 7 - KINDERGARTEN PLAYGROUND
- 8 - FRONT LAWN
- 9 - PHYSICAL EDUCATION STAGING AREA
- 10 - ELEMENTARY QUAD
- 11 - MIDDLE SCHOOL QUAD
- 12 - ELEMENTARY / MIDDLE SCHOOL FENCE

### BUILDING LEGEND

- A - NEW KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOMS (6)
- B - NEW 2-STORY ELEMENTARY CLASSROOMS (14)
- C - NEW JOINT-USE MIDDLE SCHOOL GYM
- D - NEW BAND ROOM PORTABLE 48 X 40
- E - REMODELED MIDDLE SCHOOL CLASSROOMS (6)
- F - REMODELED CENTRAL ADMIN / LIBRARY

- G - NEW SHADE STRUCTURE
- H - EXISTING M/P, KITCHEN, LOCKER ROOMS
- J - EXISTING CLASSROOMS (6)
- K - EXISTING CLASSROOMS (4)
- L - EXISTING CLASSROOMS (4)
- M - EXISTING CLASSROOMS (1)

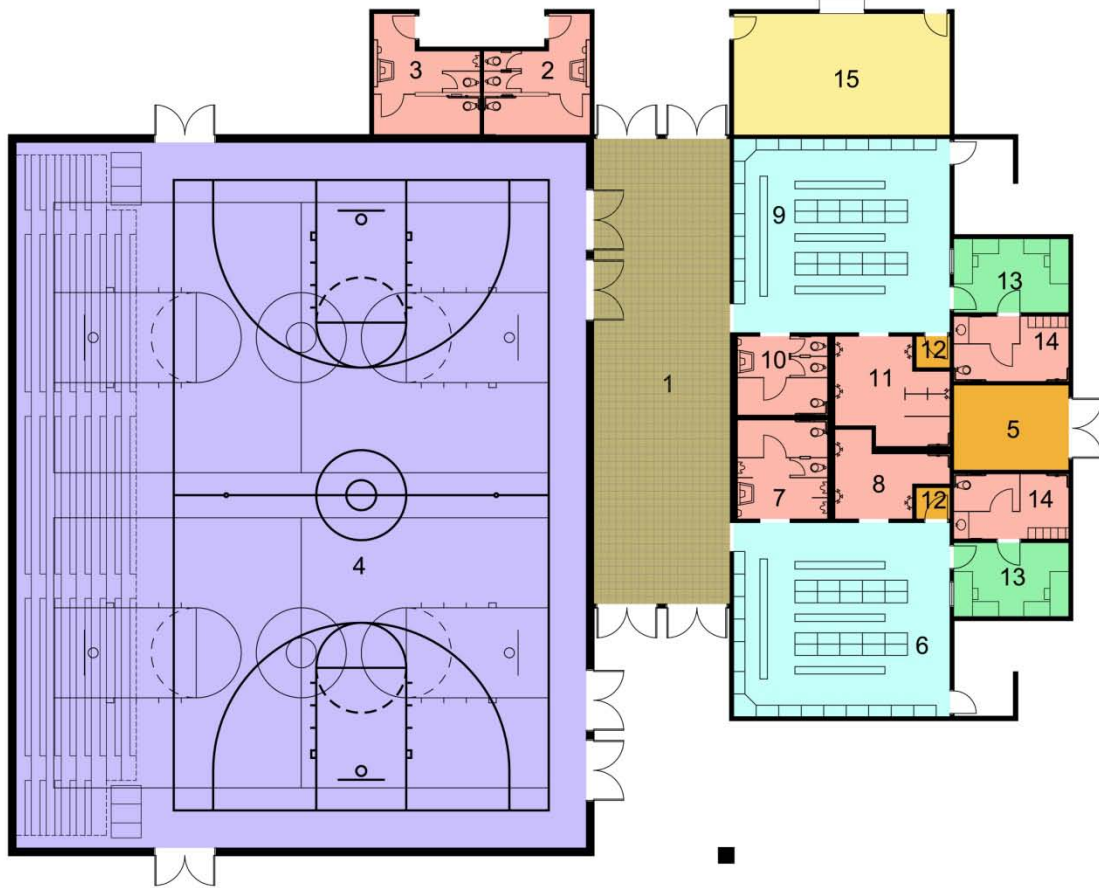
- N - EXISTING CLASSROOMS (10)
- P - EXISTING PORTABLE CLASSROOMS (4)
- Q - EXISTING PORTABLE CLASSROOMS (5 RELOCATED)
- R - FUTURE CLASSROOM AREA (3)



# PROPOSED SITE PLAN

## RUDOLPH RIVERA K-8 SCHOOL

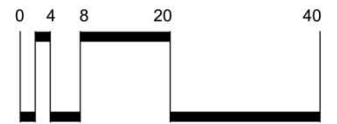




## GYMNASIUM BUILDING

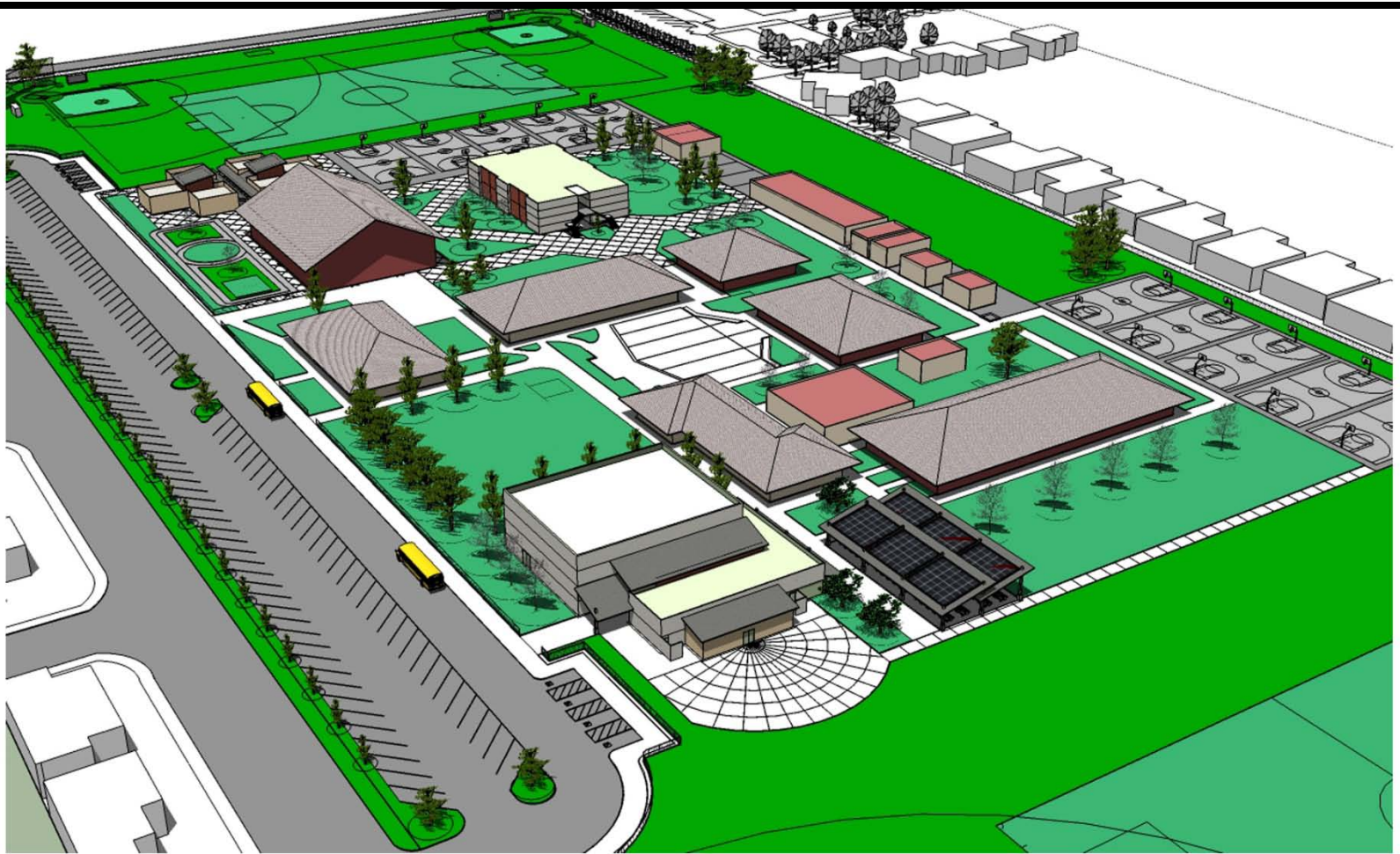
### LEGEND

- 1. CORRIDOR
- 2. GIRLS' RESTROOM
- 3. BOYS' RESTROOM
- 4. GYMNASIUM
- 5. STORAGE
- 6. BOYS' LOCKER ROOM
- 7. BOYS' RESTROOM
- 8. BOYS' SHOWER
- 9. GIRLS' LOCKER ROOM
- 10. GIRLS' RESTROOM
- 11. GIRLS' SHOWER
- 12. CUSTODIAL
- 13. FACULTY OFFICE
- 14. FACULTY SHOWER / LOCKER
- 15. CONCESSION



NEW GYMNASIUM BUILDING  
 RUDOLPH RIVERA K-8 SCHOOL





AERIAL PERSPECTIVE  
RUDOLPH RIVERA K-8 SCHOOL





# Tenaya Community Basketball Courts

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- ☆ Four deteriorated tennis courts converted
- ☆ Shared use between MCSD and City Recreation
- ☆ Need to offer both increased PE and community recreation in supervised setting
- ☆ Funding - \$85,000 budget
  - ☆ District one-time block grant funds
  - ☆ City of Merced Park Development Fees



# A Place for Community





# Recommended Practices

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- ★ Now is the time to take advantage of getting more for less, for more constituents who need the most!
- ★ Engage and gain support from top-level leaders. Make them shine!
- ★ Seek out and satisfy mutual benefits and opportunities! Tune in together to *W I I F M*
- ★ Expect and mitigate territorialism!
- ★ Maintain awareness of funding resources!





# Thank You

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