

# ChalkTalk

WINTER 2025

## Welcome to the Winter 2025 Edition of ChalkTalk

We are excited to bring back Chalk Talk, the newsletter of the Hillsborough City School District, dedicated to keeping our community informed about the happenings within HCSD. At this time of the year, we are full of gratitude for all that has been achieved, especially through the support of Measure H, the General Obligation Bond generously passed by Hillsborough voters in 2022.

With updates on bond projects, spotlights on our schools, and general information about HCSD, our goal is to keep you engaged as we continue to create and maintain a school district that supports and inspires our children. Whether you are a longtime resident or new to our community, we hope this newsletter helps you feel connected to the remarkable work happening in our schools.

Thank you for your continued support, and stay tuned for more updates in the months ahead!

Warmly,  
Ana & Kim



Ana de Arce,  
Superintendent



Kim Oliff,  
Board of Trustees President

## Measure H: Investing in Our Schools and Community



In 2022, our community came together to support the future of our schools and students. To ensure our facilities keep pace with modern academic standards and remain safe for learning, the HCSD School Board unanimously voted on February 16, 2022, to place a local school improvement bond measure—Measure H—on the June ballot. The measure, which passed with 61% voter approval, provides up to \$140 million for essential upgrades and repairs to our schools and reflects a shared commitment to education.

# ChalkTalk Highlights

Measure H funds are dedicated to:

- Upgrading classrooms for science, technology, engineering, arts, and math (STEAM) programs.
- Repairing and modernizing roofs, plumbing, electrical systems, and heating and cooling infrastructure.
- Improving classroom computers and technology.
- Enhancing earthquake and fire safety measures.
- Replacing aging portable classrooms with permanent structures.
- Installing energy-efficient systems such as heat pumps to create environmentally sustainable systems on our campuses.



By supporting Measure H, our community has taken a significant step to provide students with safe, modern, and engaging learning environments while securing a brighter future for all.

## Exciting Progress on Measure H Projects

HCS D has successfully completed several key projects under Measure H, focusing on enhancing infrastructure, technology, and learning environments across all campuses. These projects include:

**Roofing and HVAC (Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning) Upgrades:** Completed at North and West Schools, ensuring improved heating, cooling, and energy efficiency.

**Exterior painting:** South and North School campuses look fantastic with bright new exterior paint.

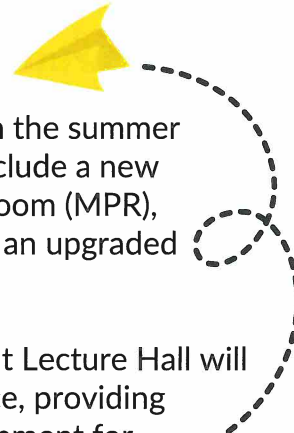
**Smart Board Installations:** Modern classroom presentation systems have been installed in all classrooms, enhancing teaching and learning experiences.

**Marquee Signs:** New reader board signs have been installed at all school sites, improving communication with students, parents, and the community. The HCS D Marquee Signs are the same brand as those used by the Town of Hillsborough and can be used in conjunction with the Town and the Hillsborough Police Department as needed.

**Lighting Upgrades at South School:** Modern LED lighting was installed over winter break, bringing brighter, more energy-efficient illumination to South School learning spaces.



# Measure H Projects on the Horizon



The HCSD Board of Trustees has prioritized several key projects as part of the Measure H initiative, reaffirming the district's commitment to enhancing facilities and ensuring cutting-edge, energy-efficient learning environments. At their November 15, 2024, meeting, the Board of Trustees approved projects that include significant upgrades to infrastructure, security, and specialized learning spaces.

One major focus is on improving the heating and cooling systems at Crocker and South Schools, with work scheduled for this summer. Plans include using energy-efficient heat pumps for approximately 20-30% of the new HVAC units across all District sites. This initiative balances energy efficiency with our current electrical infrastructure, positioning the district as a leader in sustainable solutions.

Security upgrades are also in the spotlight. Security cameras will be installed on all campuses, including the maintenance yard and the District Office. Installation will begin on the Crocker campus, managed by a contractor familiar with HCSD systems, ensuring smooth integration.

With a focus on innovative learning spaces, we are excited to announce upcoming improvements at

Crocker Middle School starting in the summer of 2025. These improvements include a new state-of-the-art Multi-purpose Room (MPR), a new Administrative Office, and an upgraded Entrance/Parking Lot.

As part of this project, the current Lecture Hall will be transformed into a Makerspace, providing students with an inspiring environment for

hands-on creativity. Simultaneously, the Culinary Arts Program will be relocated to a reimagined space in the staff workroom, designed in collaboration with Crocker staff and WRNS Studio. These projects reflect HCSD's dedication to fostering dynamic, elective opportunities for students.

We are also thrilled to announce upcoming improvements at West School, including a new state-of-the-art Multi-purpose Room (MPR) designed to serve as a dynamic space for school events and activities. This new space will feature basketball and volleyball courts, a large stage for student performances, storm drainage upgrades, and an optimized kitchen layout.



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For updates on all Measure H projects—including those under construction, in planning, or already completed—visit the newly launched Measure H webpage. This platform offers a comprehensive overview of HCSD's progress and commitment to creating secure, energy-efficient, and innovative learning spaces that align with our educational goals and community needs.

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[www.hcsdk8.org/MeasureH](http://www.hcsdk8.org/MeasureH)

## Crocker Class Murals and Time Capsule

The Crocker Class murals will be preserved digitally and will be displayed in the front lobby of the new Crocker Multi-purpose Room! Additionally, the actual murals will be saved until a determination is made regarding their new "home." As part of the new Crocker Multi-purpose room project, the time capsule that is buried on the Crocker Middle School campus will be opened, and a new time capsule will be put in place.



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## Calendar Highlights

February 14-17	Presidents' Holiday
March 12	Board Meeting • 6:00 PM • Crocker Lecture Hall
March 31- April 4	Spring Break
April 16	Board Meeting • 6:00 PM • Crocker Lecture Hall



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