



With the goal of preparing all students for college and career, the Santa Ana Unified School District (USD) has built a two story state-of-the-art classroom facility where students can learn, explore, and excel in a safe and modern environment. "Every study that I have read indicates a direct correlation between improved student achievement and facilities that are well-maintained. When Garfield students come to school, they are in well-maintained facilities that are conducive to learning," said, Joe Dixon, Assistant Superintendent of Facilities and Governmental Relations. In Fall 2013, the beautiful 12-classroom building was commemorated with a ribbon

cutting ceremony that featured musical selections from the Garfield School Choir, student-led tours, and remarks from members of the Santa Ana USD Board of Education and other local and state leaders.



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Construction of the 23,615 square foot building was made possible through funds approved by voters with the passage of Measure G in 2008 and matching state bond funds. "We were able to contribute \$5 million to build this building, so it's great to

be able to come out and see exactly what the state bonds are supposed to do," said Juan Mireles, Deputy Executive Director of the California Office of Public School Construction.

Just across the courtyard on the west side of the campus, a 10,000 square foot Community Center was built for a variety of uses for students during the school day and the community during nights and weekends. "It's exciting for us to have this beautiful building for our students to perform, to hold parent meetings, and to partner with the City of Santa Ana to offer programs and activities that benefit the entire Garfield community," said Kasey Klapenback, Principal of Garfield Elementary School. Natalie, President of the Garfield Student Council, understands the value the new multi-purpose room will have to the community. "I think that it's cool because we now have a place for our talent shows and plays."

Thanks to a unique partnership with the City of Santa Ana, the Santa Ana USD was able to maximize its resources from Measure G and combine it with resources from the city to make this building a reality. "We serve the same constituents, so it's great to be able to combine our resources for the benefit of students and their families," said Superintendent Rick Miller, Ph.D.

The Community Center has a large multipurpose room, four community and teen rooms, an elevator, a separate public entrance, and parking for easy access.

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