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Friday Memo

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Happy Friday, I hope you've all had a great week!

We have started scope walks to determine how fencing will be installed at Mira Loma High, Thomas Edison Language Institute, Grand Oaks Elementary, Mission Avenue Open, and Gold River Discovery Center. These projects will help secure our campuses and create a single point of entry for all visitors.

Recently, we learned that two charter schools that lease San Juan Unified buildings have been awarded funding for modernization projects, and we will be matching, for a yet undetermined amount, those funds as part of our commitment to modernize those campuses. The California Montessori Project leases the former Little John Elementary site, and the Community Collaborative Charter leases the former Winterstein Adult School campus.

We have also determined the need for new HVAC (heating, ventilation, air conditioning) units at all nine comprehensive high schools, along with some roof repair, and will be submitting a request for qualifications for a lease/leaseback contract on that work.

Finally, I had the privilege of presenting our innovative design and construction of the UnSchool at the Association for Learning Environments (A4LE) conference in Denver last week. The project was very well received and the interaction with other school construction professionals indicated that we really hit the mark on creating a great space for the UnSchool program. Sylvan Middle School was also a finalist for the A4LE Project of the Year, but was a runner-up.

Have a great weekend,

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