

Emeryville Center of Community Life To Debut Much Anticipated New Multi-purpose Educational Center

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Scheduled for 10 AM on Thursday, September 1.

EMERYVILLE, CA (August 29, 2016)—After more than 12 years of planning, and a change to the CA Education code to allow a City-School district partnership at this level, the [Emeryville Center of Community Life \(ECCL\)](#) will be holding an official ribbon cutting ceremony for its innovative and new joint City-School district campus at 4727 San Pablo Avenue in Emeryville.

The new facility is a unique and refreshing addition to community services in Alameda County and the East Bay and a model concept that could be duplicated throughout the State of California.

The ECCL represents a comprehensive approach to providing education, recreation and wellness programs in an integrated setting. In a unique partnership between the Emery Unified School District and the City of Emeryville, the 8-acre ECCL campus will include a K-8 school and high school as well as numerous outdoor spaces, a gym and swimming pool, a health clinic, and a spacious Community Center.

Upwards of 520 kindergarten through eighth grade students and 200 high school students are already enrolled at the Center. Every student will enjoy state of the art technology and access to an array of programs and partnerships geared toward increasing student interest in science, preparing for possible careers in research and high tech industries that Emeryville is now cultivating locally.

The facility will also offer free, on-site [dental](#) and health services to students provided by [Lifelong Medical Care](#) at the School Based Health Center (SBHC). Expanding the Health Center services to the entire community is also on the horizon.

“Our agencies wanted to build a community school that can provide wrap-around supports for an enhanced educational experience while creating a community hub to strengthen the bonds among all our residents,” said John Affeldt, EUSD School Board President. “Communities across the nation will be looking to Emeryville to emulate our unique partnership.”

“The enthusiasm and long term commitment of City and School District leaders, business people, educators and deeply committed residents in our community, has positioned the ECCL for tremendous success,” added Dianne Martinez, Mayor of the City of Emeryville (and also a new parent at the K8 school). “The Center’s innovative approach has benefited greatly from the support and determination of Congresswoman Barbara Lee and former Assemblywoman, Nancy Skinner,” both of whom will be in attendance at the ribbon cutting.

Voter approved Measure J school bonds, school district developer fee funds together with the City of Emeryville’s contribution of \$25M in redevelopment funds, provided the \$96M to construct this 21st Century state of the art building. “The 66-year Joint Occupancy Agreement between our respective public agencies represents our ability to look into the future and make plans for the long run,” said Dr. John Rubio, EUSD Superintendent. “The holistic approach of services and the new facilities are a strong statement about what local partnerships can accomplish with a worthwhile and simple purpose. Together, the City and the School District have created a unique vision of a campus that will not only serve students and families but also Emeryville residents of all ages.”

Note: Tours of the ECCL will be offered at the event. For more information, contact: Cindy Montero, Assistant City Manager, 510-596-3770 or cmontero@emeryville.org