



HELIX CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

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Hi Helix Families -

We have some exciting projects happening on campus that will improve facilities and increase safety. Here are details on the projects that are now underway:

Perimeter Fencing:

The addition of perimeter fencing will support Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design efforts to reduce vulnerability around campus. Perimeter fencing in the front of campus (off Lowell St.) will define access for visitors by providing clear, safe pathways. Additional fencing will help to improve physical security around campus. The back of campus (facing University Ave.) will also have new fencing, clearly defining property boundaries. The fencing project is estimated to be completed this July.

1600 / Cafeteria Remodel:

The 1600 building is one of the original buildings on campus. Next to the staff parking lot, it housed ExL (freshmen academic support) and the cafeteria. This building is being demolished and will be a newly designed space for academic support, special events and the school cafeteria. The estimated completion date is May, 2024. Some impacts of this project include:

Campus Entry:

Temporary fencing has been constructed around the 1600 building and demolition is underway. From the north side of campus, near University Ave, students can enter through the “old front” (the building with the IT window & Wellness Center). There will not be a pedestrian entrance from the staff parking lot onto campus between 1600 & the 500 building during construction.

Parking:

The staff parking lot has been reduced by half, so the large solar lot at 4200 Lowell has been at full capacity most days. We encourage students to carpool, bike or to utilize overflow parking on Lowell St. or Highlander Way.

Temporary Spaces During Construction:

The cafeteria will serve students at satellite locations throughout campus and ExL has been relocated to the multi-purpose room next to the pool. The setup is very similar and students continue to work in pods with their academic coaches.

Please visit helixchartert.net/Construction to see renderings of the new fence and buildings and for pictures of the construction progress. I will post construction updates regularly on this page. Feel free to let me know if you have questions or concerns.

Thanks,
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