

# Press Release

SOLANA BEACH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## District to Break Ground Virtually on Solana Vista School Reconstruction Project

SOLANA BEACH, CA (June 4, 2020) — Almost 50 years after its original opening date (1971), the Solana Vista elementary campus is undergoing a complete transformation thanks to a \$40 million reconstruction project approved by the Solana Beach School District Board of Education. The District will host a virtual groundbreaking ceremony on June 10 at 4 p.m. via Zoom. District and school staff, students, families, community members, and school partners are all invited to join the online event, which will include Board President Julie Union and Board members, Superintendent Jodee Brentlinger, Principal Katie Zimmer, Executive Director Caroline Brown, and Solana Vista students as they pay tribute to the beloved Solana Vista campus of yesterday and look ahead to a new state-of-the-art campus. *(Photo, above: Rendering of reconstructed Solana Vista School)*

The 14-month school building construction, which is starting slightly ahead of schedule due to school closures during the COVID-19 pandemic, is anticipated to be completed in time for Fall 2021. Before demolition, Solana Vista staff and students identified school artifacts that were gently removed prior to demolition, such as murals, student artwork, Kiva wood, and the “Buddy Bench.” Additionally, students, staff, and families posted touching goodbye messages and chalk artwork in front of school, which has been closed since March. Access to the school site is now restricted during construction. *(Photo, right: Student chalk art at Solana Vista prior to start of reconstruction project)*



[Click here for the Groundbreaking Ceremony Zoom link and further information about the Solana Vista reconstruction project.](#)

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