Throughout the month of April students in grades three through eight and grade eleven took part in the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) summative assessments in English language arts/literacy and mathematics. This is the first statewide administration of new, online tests to replace the paper-based, multiple-choice Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) program. Thanks to strategic cable infrastructure upgrades provided by Measure E funds, schools were able to use wireless testing at all school sites. School sites are utilizing Chromebooks via the new Ruckus Wireless for Testing. So far, we have been 100% successful with the Chromebooks and the new wireless!

**Marsh Jr. High Multipurpose Building**

The Marsh Junior High School Multipurpose Building has finally broken ground! The Multipurpose Building will add a new cafeteria, dining area, stage, performing arts classroom, restrooms and student gathering area to the campus. Construction activities occurring this month include: site surveying, demolition and pouring of the building foundation.
Bidwell Jr. High Modernization

Over Spring Break, the Bidwell Jr.’s Administrative Offices were temporarily relocated to two classrooms on campus. Construction crews have begun demolition of the old offices and foyer entry. The library, gymnasium and multipurpose building modernization will occur during the summer break.

In mid-April, the gym received an upgraded lighting package. This new energy saving LED lighting system is the first step in the gym modernization. The gym will also receive a new heating and air conditioning system, paint, upgraded wall treatment, new acoustical ceiling and refinished flooring.

New Science Buildings at Chico Jr. and Marsh Jr. High

Construction plans for the new science buildings at Chico Jr. and Marsh Jr. have been submitted to the Division of the State Architect for review. The anticipated date for approval is June 2015. Once plans are approved the general contractors for each site will bid the project out to subcontractors. Each project is projected to begin construction by the end of June or the first of July.
Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
Upgrades at McManus, Rosedale and District Office

The ADA Barrier Removal Projects were recently completed at Rosedale Elementary School, McManus Elementary School and the District Office. At Rosedale the improvements included new compliant ADA parking stalls, new portions of sidewalk and concrete in front of the main office, new striping and signage and new fencing and gates. At McManus the improvements included a new curb ramp, revised ADA parking stalls, new concrete in front of the main office and new striping and signage. At the District Office the improvements included a new path of travel from the City sidewalk to the accessible ADA ramp and stairs. Improvements also included modified ADA compliant parking spaces and path of travel, new stairs and handrails, striping and signage. All of these improvements make the path of travel from the main parking spaces to the rear entrance compliant and accessible.
Visit from the State Allocation Board

On April 10th, Bill Savidge from the State Allocation Board (SAB) and Rick Huston from Butte County Office of Education toured the Center for the Arts at Pleasant Valley High School and the Lincoln Center at Chico High with Julie Kistle, CUSD Director of Facilities & Construction. The SAB is responsible for apportioning construction funds to school districts. It was satisfying to show off how CUSD has leveraged our local bond dollars with State dollars to build efficient and beautiful buildings for our students.

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