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**Last Opportunity to Grab Free Furniture**

*Chico Unified Facilities Department offers used furniture to the greater Butte County community.*

Chico, CA – Chico Unified is offering the community a last chance opportunity to get free chairs, desks and tables!

As outlined in the Facilities Master Plan, Chico Unified School District has replaced student furniture during classroom and building modernizations. Last spring, Chico Unified purchased new furniture for every elementary school classroom, anticipating and planning for the return to in-person instruction for the 2021-22 school year. The new furniture has been an enormous asset to the classrooms. The modernized furniture provides flexible learning centers and diversified classroom layouts depending on the teacher's assignment or activity.

Following the Chico Unified Facilities Department's commitment to fostering environmentally sustainable facilities, every effort is being made to donate, repurpose and recycle the old classroom furniture. The department has already donated over 600 chairs along with 100 desks and tables to nonprofits and organizations in the area. Everything was repurposed or recycled down to the shipping materials sent with the new furniture. A local Eagle Scout collaborated with our Facilities Department staff to turn the furniture shipping straps into dog collars for use by animal adoption centers!

Furniture remains available for nonprofits, organizations and community members in the greater Butte County Area. If you are interested in previewing the available furniture, please contact Laura Markusen, Facilities and Construction Department, 530-891-3000 ext. 20613.

Furniture remaining after April 15, 2022, will be given to a company that upcycles the furniture and donates the goods to disadvantaged charities worldwide.

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**About Chico Unified School District Facilities Department:**

In addition to planning and overseeing new construction, modernization, relocatable classrooms, deferred maintenance, and miscellaneous District projects, the Facilities Planning Department is responsible for demographic analyses, residential project tracking, developer fees policies, enrollment projections, long-range master facility plans, site capacity studies, and annual student housing plans. Facilities Planning also oversees district site acquisitions and easements.

- View the Chico Unified School District **Facilities Master Plan** on our website: <https://bit.ly/3IEoHB>
- Learn about the Chico Unified **Measure K facility improvements**: <https://bit.ly/3LeqQzp>