



COMBINED-LEVEL SCHOOL

Emeryville Center of Community Life Emeryville, CA

The Emeryville Center of Community Life (ECCL) is a ground-breaking Joint Use Partnership between the Emery Unified School District (EUSD) and City of Emeryville. The \$96 million center brings educational, health, family, and recreational services on to one central site and provides opportunities for other partners to offer community-enriching services. The ECCL maximizes the ROI of dollars by optimizing facility utilization and providing an important community resource for all of Emeryville's citizens.

Located on 7.1 acres, the 130,000 sf center features 21st-century flexible STEM classrooms; a dedicated community welcome center; community multi-use space and senior lounge, which provides a venue for community events, weddings, and banquets; PreK onsite daycare; a 13,000 sf family wellness center and school-based health and dental clinic offering basic and preventative services to



students and community members. In addition, the center houses a school and community library; a large central community commons used during the day for school recreation and, during non-school hours, as a community events space to hold movies, art festivals, and more. The ECCL also provides upper and lower school cafeteria spaces, which convert to event and performance space during non-school hours. For a fee, kitchen facilities can be used by any member of the community. School and community recreational resources include a cardio fitness center, dance studio, swimming pool and new athletic fields. It also provides space for vocational job training and community college classes.

The ECCL is a facility for the community designed by the community. The design

process actively engaged the EUSD school board, City-Schools Committee, teachers and city and district staff, EUSD Facilities Committee, planning staff and community members through a variety of engagements that included over 20 design workshops, which established common ground among disparate groups and evolved a design for the center that was embraced through extensive community participation and collective intelligence.

The process itself cultivated critical community participation with outreach targeted especially to youth and the full age and demographic spectrum that is the Emeryville community. Ultimately it was the diverse voice of the community that determined the character of the final design.

New Construction/Addition Multi-use/joint-use building/space

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KEY STATS

Grades Served: K-12
Capacity: 800 students
Size of Site: 7.1 acres
Building Area: 130,000 gsf
Space per Student: 162.5 sq. ft.
Cost per Student: \$120,000
Square Foot Cost: \$738
Project Cost: \$96,000,000
Completion Date: August 2016

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