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## School District Seeks Public Input on Facilities Planning

The Long Beach Unified School District will sponsor a series of community dialogues this fall, and again in the spring, to solicit input on school facility renovation and construction. The district has completed numerous school construction and renovation projects since voters approved local school bonds in 1999. Today, the school system is embarking on further facilities planning to make certain that students will continue to learn in safe and modern classrooms for many years to come.

The newest planning effort will result in the development of a Facility Master Plan for the school district. The plan will outline short- and long-term facility decisions for all schools in the district, as well as the cost of improvements and a timeframe for implementation of work.

For planning purposes, the school district has been divided into seven planning areas as detailed in the map provided here. The planning areas are drawn according to six high school attendance boundaries and Catalina Island.

Each high school area will host a community dialogue in late November and again in mid-February. Meeting locations and times for each area are available at [www.LBUSDFacilities.com](http://www.LBUSDFacilities.com).

In addition to these community dialogues, a working committee representing parents, teachers, administrators and community representatives of all schools located within each planning area boundary will meet several times in the coming months. Each planning area committee will tour schools, review and analyze information, assist with gathering input from the broader community, and help to finalize recommendations for their planning area. District residents are encouraged to contact representatives of their area committee to provide input, and to attend the fall and spring community dialogues. More information on these planning committees is available at [www.LBUSDFacilities.com](http://www.LBUSDFacilities.com).

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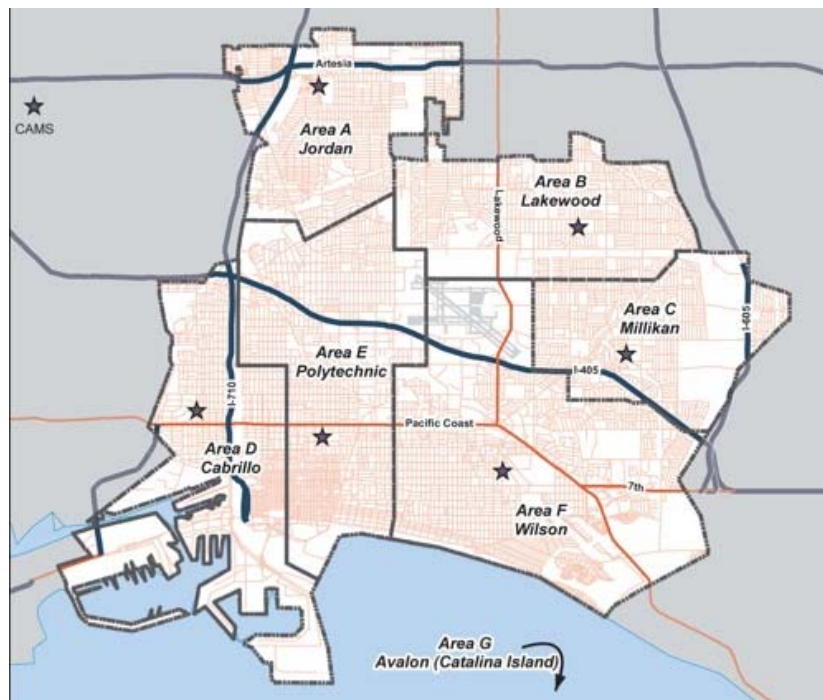
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The November and February community dialogue sessions have been designed to allow for full community participation and input.

At the November dialogue session, residents will receive information on area school buildings, including enrollments, building capacities, and facility condition assessments. After completing a questionnaire addressing local issues, community members will participate in small group discussions. The feedback will be used to develop facilities options and solutions for schools.

During the second community dialogue in February, residents will have a chance to review and rank facility options. After this round of input, the seven school planning area committees will finalize an area facility plan, identifying specific projects and priorities.

### Planning Areas



For more information about the upcoming meetings, please contact the Facilities Branch of the Long Unified School District at 562-997-7550.

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