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## An Important Message from Superintendent Ana de Arce

### Crocker Middle School Murals

Dear HCSD Community,

As we approach the summer 2025 groundbreaking of the new Crocker Multi-Purpose Room and Administrative Building with excitement and anticipation, we want to keep everyone in the loop as developments arise and decisions become finalized. In the coming months, we will share important details about access to Crocker over the summer, including school entrances and exits, parking, and other construction site logistics, as fencing goes up in June.

One item that is on the hearts and minds of our school community is the future of the dozens of vibrant Crocker graduation murals that currently hang inside and outside the existing MPR — each representing a unique graduating class and decades of Crocker Viking pride. We understand the deep connection many alumni and families have to these murals. We have been working closely with our parent leaders, district staff, site administration, and Crocker leadership to think about how to best preserve these historical murals. As part of the modernization project, we will carefully remove and safely store all existing murals to ensure they are preserved during construction.



The new Multi-Purpose Room has been thoughtfully designed with ample windows to maximize natural light, as well as a large retractable wall that opens onto a new courtyard, creating a seamless connection between indoor and outdoor spaces for events and student gatherings. Because of this modern, open design, there will not be suitable wall space inside or outside the new building to rehang the murals in their original form.

To preserve and honor this tradition, we will work with a professional company to digitize each mural, coordinating closely with our lead construction managers. Our goal is to create a visual archive of every mural ever created by Crocker students. One exciting idea under consideration is to display the digitized murals on a large screen or monitor in the new building's lobby, allowing the collection to be featured in a rotating slideshow for our school community to enjoy.

We are also exploring other potential ways to share the murals more broadly, including the creation of a commemorative book, a digital archive on our district website, and/or archiving images in our school libraries. These options would help make the murals more accessible to alumni, community members, and students now and in years to come. We are also exploring a place on campus for the installation of murals. While these ideas are still in the early stages and require time and resources to develop, we are committed to honoring the history and creativity these murals represent as we prepare for this exciting new chapter.

Beyond the new buildings, the rest of the Crocker campus is also undergoing significant renovations, including the installation of new heating and air conditioning units, new roofs, and dedicated spaces for our culinary and maker programs. We are thrilled about the overall vision and believe it will be a phenomenal place for our students to gather, play, and learn.

We will continue to hold the murals in safe storage until a decision has been made regarding their long-term future, and we welcome suggestions for potential locations where they might find a permanent home.

Warmly,  
Ana de Arce, HCSD Superintendent



# Security Upgrades, and Roofing & HVAC!

## Project Updates

### **Security Cameras on All Campuses**

We are pleased to announce that the first phase of our security camera installation project has been successfully completed at the District Office! These cameras are now fully operational, enhancing our ability to monitor and ensure the safety of our staff, students, and visitors in this key area.

### **What's Next?**

- Crocker Middle School is now the focus of our next phase, where security cameras are being installed across the campus.
- Following the completion at Crocker, we will move forward with installing cameras at our elementary schools, ensuring that all of our campuses benefit from this added layer of security.



### **Why This Matters:**

The addition of security cameras is a critical part of our ongoing commitment to creating a safe and secure environment for everyone in our district. These cameras will help:

- Monitor key areas and entry points to protect our students and staff.
- Provide real-time visibility for a quick response to any incidents.
- Ensure peace of mind for families, knowing that we are actively improving security measures.

### **Crocker and South Roofing and HVAC**

The Hillsborough City School District is pleased to announce that the initial phases of the roofing and HVAC upgrades for South School and Crocker Middle School are officially underway. These essential projects will improve the safety, comfort, and long-term functionality of our school buildings, benefiting students and staff alike.

### **What's Next?**

Qualified contractors are invited to submit proposals for both projects. Once the bidding process is completed, the district will select contractors to begin the work. South's project will include Fire Alarm Replacement as well. Both projects are expected to start in the coming months, with the goal of minimizing disruption to school activities and ensuring that the upgrades are completed efficiently.