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# **SCUSD set to break ground on new classroom wing at Theodore Judah**

*East Sacramento campus is expanding to accommodate growing enrollment and programmatic needs*

**June 3, 2016 (Sacramento):** Sacramento City Unified School District officials will officially mark the start of construction on Theodore Judah Elementary School's new two-story classroom wing at a ceremony on Monday (June 6).

Designed by celebrated Sacramento architect Ron Vrilakas, the permanent building will accommodate Judah's growing student enrollment and programmatic needs. The idea for a new building was first championed by students through Project Green, a district program that encourages campus stakeholders to audit facilities and suggest improvements.

Construction of the new wing is funded by developer fees, Measure Q bond funds, site funds and a generous donation from Encore McKinley Village, LLC.

Sacramento voters approved Measures Q and R – facilities bonds for Sac City schools – in November 2012. Measure Q funds are being used to improve schools district-wide and prepare facilities for lower class sizes in grades K-3 this fall. Significant Measure Q-funded projects are already underway at William Land Elementary in Southside Park and the soon-to-be reopened Washington Elementary downtown.

A source of pride for the East Sacramento community since 1937, Theodore Judah is the oldest continuously operated elementary school in the city of Sacramento. The school was built by Franklin Roosevelt's Works Progress Administration in the art deco style popular at the time. The new building is designed to reflect and complement that style.

- **WHAT:** Ground-breaking ceremony for Theodore Judah's new classroom wing
- **WHEN:** 10:45 a.m. on Monday, June 6
- **WHERE:** Theodore Judah Elementary School, 3919 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95819

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