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Hoover High projects move toward buildout



Rendering courtesy of AVRP Skyport

A rendering of a pair of new buildings at Herbert Hoover High School that recently moved into the construction-proposal phase.

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A planned project that will add two buildings at Herbert Hoover High School recently moved into the construction-proposal phase, with short-listed companies touring the site in Mid-City.

Designed by San Diego-based architecture firm AVRP Skyport, the project will construct a new performing arts theater as well as an administration and classroom building.

The Spanish-inspired design pays homage to the architecture of Hoover High's original buildings, which date back to the 1930s.

"We were inspired by the buildings and public space of the original campus and intentionally patterned the design of the new buildings after the original structures to respect the era they came from," said AVRP Skyport principal Randy Robbins. "We are excited to see the project move forward, and ultimately to see the students benefit from these new facilities."

The firm's design replaces an existing theater with a 24,500-square-foot building housing a 500-seat auditorium, theater support space and two classrooms. The theater will also feature an enclosed lobby, an orchestra pit and a 19-foot-high proscenium, according to the San Diego Unified School District.

The adjacent three-story, 48,000-square-foot building will house administrative offices, counseling offices and 20 classrooms.

Funded through Proposition Z, construction of the Spanish-style buildings is expected to cost \$37 million, according to a news release.