

LAUSD MASTER PLANNING: BELVEDERE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Size of Project: 12.1 Acres

Over 300 schools in Los Angeles are being surveyed by LAUSD to verify conditions, deficiencies, and needs, and develop Master Plans for implementation when funds are available. Berliner and Associates is performing this work at several schools, including Belvedere Middle School.

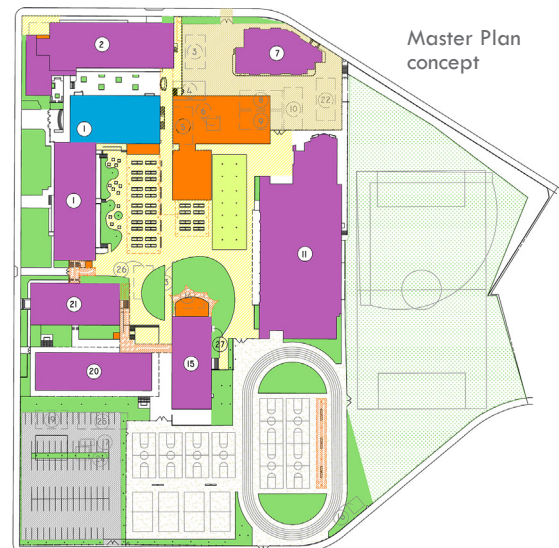
The process begins with a survey of the campus and buildings to update LAUSD drawings with all current uses, changes and deficiencies. Administration and staff are interviewed to hear their concerns and interests. A site analysis is prepared documenting building and land uses, facility conditions, circulation patterns, open space uses, underutilized areas and needed infrastructural improvements. Charrettes are then held with all stakeholders to discuss the findings and evaluate options for the final Master Plan.

Issues of concern at Belvedere are the undersized cafeteria with inadequate outdoor covered seating, large underutilized open spaces on campus, lack of ADA access to upper levels of buildings and most significantly a safety concern where pedestrians and vehicles cross paths in the heavily-used central area of the campus. The Master Plan addresses these issues by relocating vehicles out of the center and creating a new, student-friendly open space with increased outdoor seating around a new cafeteria/classroom building replacing the existing cafeteria. A new tower structure attaches to existing buildings to provide elevator access and



Belvedere Middle School today

additional needed restrooms to upper floors. And in recognition of Belvedere's well-loved music and band programs, a new outdoor bandshell is the centerpiece of the renewed central campus.



Massing model showing new central space, covered outdoor seating, cafeteria/classroom building and bandshell

