

SMART Renovation Update for Ramblewood Elementary School

The SMART renovation project at Ramblewood Elementary School is well underway. One component of the project is to provide new air conditioning to 14 classrooms in Building 80 to make the temperature more comfortable.

Included in the SMART project was the requirement for a redesign of the air conditioning system that would be an improvement and a more traditional solution than the previous air conditioning design. Unfortunately, complications arose with the new proposed redesign that required the implementation of a workaround solution, which was intended to be short-term to allow use of the classrooms for the current school year.

Recently, concerns have been raised relative to the comfort, health and safety of the air conditioning system. To address these concerns, District staff and its consultants are taking the following remedial measures:

1. Making adjustments to raise the temperature of classrooms
2. Cleaning and sanitizing the temporary intake and supply grills
3. Conducting air quality testing that is recommended by the District's independent Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH) to ensure a safe environment for our students and staff.

The District acknowledges the advocacy of Principal Ibarrondo, staff, families and others to ensure the best learning environment is provided for our students and staff in this less-than-optimal situation. Working collaboratively, we can and will address challenges. The District's Program Management & Owner Representative responsible for executing the District's SMART Program, AECOM, is working to ensure the project is completed for the start of next school year.

We thank you for your patience and understanding.