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Renovated Offices for Acalanes High School District

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The Acalanes Union High School District (AUHSD) did its homework before setting out to renovate and modernize the 60-year-old building that houses the administration and operations for the district, covering Miramonte, Acalanes, Campolindo, Las Lomas and the Acalanes Center for Independent Study.

The \$3 million project, expected to take seven months to complete, is funded by Measure E funds, the facilities improvement bond measure passed in 2008. Temporary offices for the district can be found in the classrooms at the Del Valle Education Center, near Rossmoor, at 1963 Tice Valley Boulevard in Walnut Creek.

"We're excited," said Chris Learned, Associate Superintendent of Business Services, who explained the building was antiquated, the air condition and heating systems didn't work properly - too hot and too cold depending on the office - along with everything else from electrical systems to sewer issues. He adds that contractor S. W. Allen Construction is "doing a terrific job, on schedule so far."

Measure E, passed with 63 percent of the vote, raised

\$93 million of local funds to pay for significant projects throughout the district. With all AUHSD facilities built between 1940 and 1962, they needed upgrades to accommodate current technological demands along with a range of infrastructure improvements including modernizing the electrical systems to allow for additional computers and fixing leaky roofs. A portion of the bond funds was used to create a dedicated 10-year technology fund to keep classroom computers and technology well maintained and up to date.

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