

Project Name: Fremont High School Transformation

Project Location: Oakland, Alameda County, California, USA

Substantial Completion Date: November 2020

Category of Scale: Large Scale

Cost: \$97.1M

Sustainability Certification: CHPS-Verified

Category (s) of the AIA Framework for Design Excellence:

Design for Equitable Communities

Descriptive Data:

The goal of the project was to reinvigorate a struggling high school to better serve the community. Oakland Unified School District, the community, and the design team recognized that the physical facilities were a legacy of the inequitable past of the education system and upgrading them was a critical part of creating a more equitable future. Three main architectural approaches were used to achieve this:

- **Campus Cohesion:** New and renovated buildings now share a common color, material palette, and architectural approach that create a refreshed façade for the campus along busy Foothill Boulevard, replacing what previously gave the impression of neglect. These changes have provided an organized and welcoming face to the school, while also reducing the amount of fencing on the school perimeter.
- **New Entry:** The previous entrance to Fremont High School was through a side gate in a tall fence across the campus from the main office. The design team created a new campus entry on the north side of campus with a modern glass lobby as an addition to the renovated historic Library and Administration Building, as well as a new entry plaza. This redesigned entry now welcomes students and community to campus, connects to their history, and conveys that the students are welcomed and valued.
- **Updated Athletics Facilities:** The previous athletics facilities were in very poor condition. The gymnasium and locker rooms were badly worn, inadequate and suffering from a rat infestation. Perhaps worst of all, the only field on campus was made up of 30-year-old astroturf and only 84 yards long, meaning that Fremont High School teams had not been able to host home games for 120 years. The design team replaced this field with a new regulation size football field where a variety of physical education activities can now be practiced and played. The new competition gym features a stunning Tiger mural by a local Oakland artist and includes a Community Wellness Center and support spaces. These upgraded facilities create an environment where everyone is proud to be a Fremont Tiger.



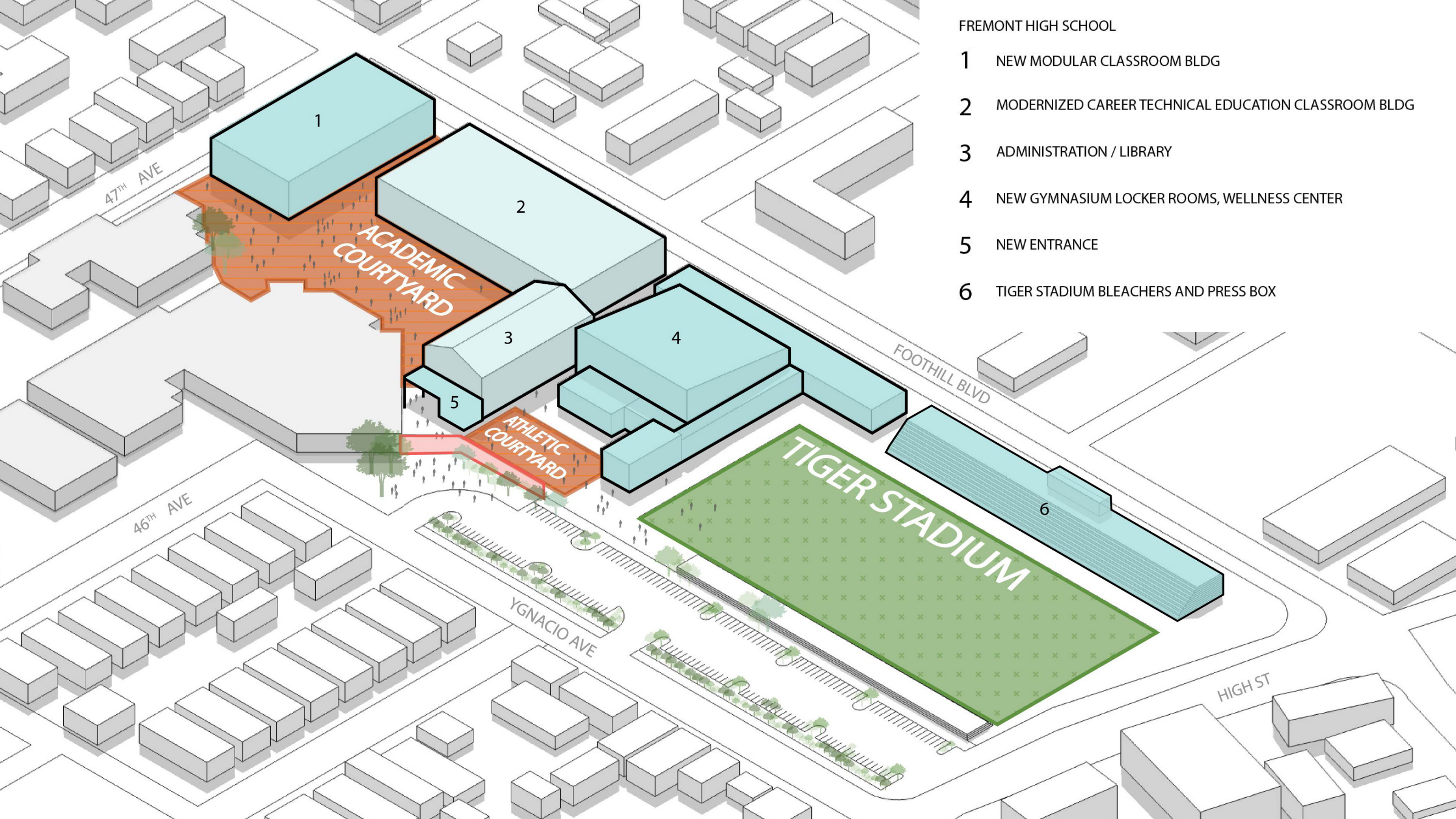
Scope of Work

- New pre-fabricated 12-classroom building
- Complete renovation of an existing classroom building to serve CTE Academies
- Seismic upgrades
- New exterior skin and building systems
- Updated interior classroom layout to accommodate new science labs and two specialized CTE classrooms (Digital Media; Architecture and Engineering)
- CTE classrooms include an audio/video recording studio, drafting lab and maker space
- Exterior renovation of historic campus library building
- New gymnasium, fitness center and regulation size football stadium
- Gymnasium and stadium are both equipped with video scoreboards with fiber connections to CTE Digital Media classroom for live production capability
- Wellness Center for on-campus medical and dental services
- New parking lot, entry gate and revamped reception area, including a conference room and staff work space
- 45,000 sq.ft. of new construction
- 40,000 sq.ft. of modernization



FREMONT HIGH SCHOOL

- 1 NEW MODULAR CLASSROOM BLDG
- 2 MODERNIZED CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION CLASSROOM BLDG
- 3 ADMINISTRATION / LIBRARY
- 4 NEW GYMNASIUM LOCKER ROOMS, WELLNESS CENTER
- 5 NEW ENTRANCE
- 6 TIGER STADIUM BLEACHERS AND PRESS BOX



New Campus Entry and Welcoming Face



Previous chain-link fencing around perimeter



Previous Campus Entry

New Football Stadium



Previous 84-yard long football field



AFTER

New Gymnasium



Previous athletics facilities



AFTER

New Weight Room and Wellness Clinic



New Classroom Building



Before



Before

Renovated Classroom Building and CTE Academies



Previous Outdoor Work Area



Science Labs



Indoor/Outdoor Skills Trade Lab

Digital Media Lab





“ We are blessed to finally have a campus that matches the beauty and potential of its students. Our CTE labs for multimedia/broadcasting and architecture/construction have exceeded our dreams of what we imagined for our students and are truly authentic industry spaces that professionals would be jealous of. Our science labs, gymnasium, stadium, wellness center, and remodeled classrooms are truly state-of-the-art and we are grateful to the project team for helping to make this a reality for our community.”

—Tom Skjervheim
Fremont High School Co-Principal