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BREAKING GROUND

Work begins on new Mary Chapa Academy building



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Mary Chapa Academy School broke ground on a new construction project for administration buildings on Dec. 15. The Mary Chapa Academy project is expected to add 2,898 square feet for administration purposes and 1,897 square feet of library space. There will be an enclosed courtyard between the administration

The patrons of Mary Chapa break ground on Thursday night.

building and library. Approximately 2,346 square feet of enclosed space will be available to administrators and teachers. The entire building will be 7,141 square feet, and add 64 parking spots and accommodate bus transportation.

"The new administration and media center will be an integral part of the student and staff success here at Mary Chapa," Monterey County Office of Education Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services Jamie Valenzuela-Mumau said. "Thank you to this community for supporting our students, for going out and voting to pass Measure L."

The two-phase project will first involve earthwork, storm drains and completing the parking lot. The first phase is expected to be completed by March.

Phase two will be the construction of the building, which expected to be completed in July.

"On behalf of our Board of Trustees we are appreciative to all of the members of our community, our city officials, the family of our school's namesake, and our partners on this project for being here to witness the groundbreaking for the much anticipated new face of Mary Chapa Academy, a cornerstone in our community," Greenfield Union School District Superintendent Kimberly Berman said.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$3.9 million and will include a new library, administration building and parking lot.