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THE JAPANESE INSTITUTE OF SAWTELLE RENOVATION PLAN 2021



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For nearly a century, the Japanese Institute of Sawtelle has stood as an enduring symbol of the history of Japanese Americans in Los Angeles, and the deep roots they continue to share in the westside community of Sawtelle.



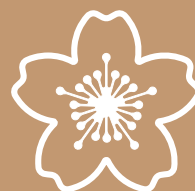
Established in 1925 by first-generation Japanese immigrants, JIS was built as a school to teach Japanese language and culture to their American-born offspring, and thereby preserve and promote their language and rich cultural heritage. The lot on which JIS is currently located was originally purchased in 1928 and saw the construction of the school's four classrooms. The auditorium was subsequently added in 1940.

JIS was closed with the advent of World War II, and the forced relocation of the Japanese population. The facility was actually used as the staging area where community residents were loaded onto the buses that took them to Manzanar.

In the Post-War aftermath, Sawtelle saw revitalization with the return of the Japanese American community. JIS once again took up its mantle in Japanese language instruction, and as a social hub and resource center for the growing community's multigenerational families.



Today, JIS remains the heart of the community, both for its historical significance as one of the earliest Japanese American cultural institutions in the United States, and for its potency as a community symbol—home to a vigorous Japanese language school; a gathering spot for family, martial arts, and senior activities; and a cornerstone for the broader community.



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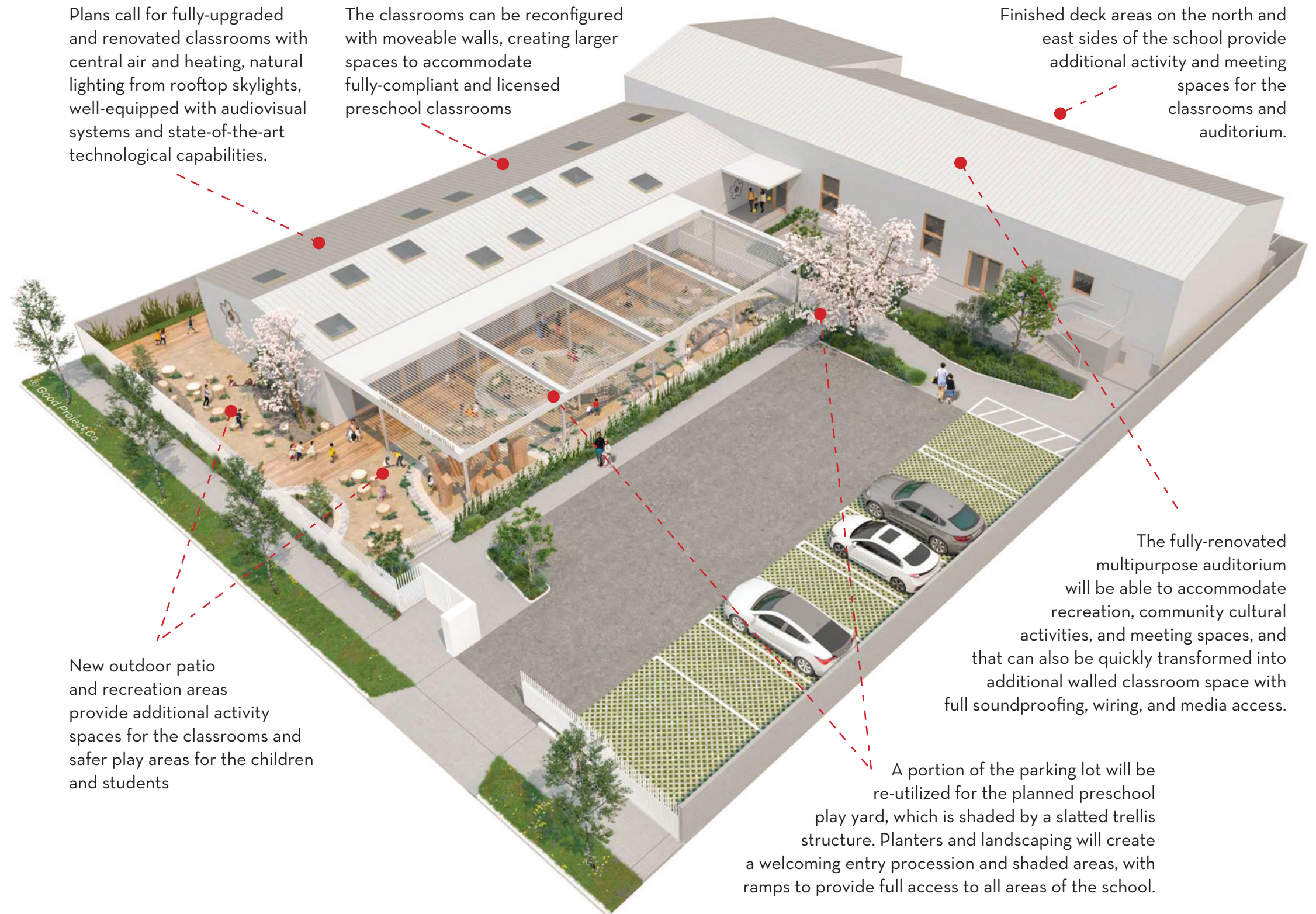
While JIS proudly wears its history well, the same cannot be said of its facilities. Built in 1928 and last renovated in 1958, the JIS buildings are showing their age, and are sorely in need of major rehabilitation and upgrading.

In 2016, JIS launched a capital campaign to raise funds to renovate and upgrade its facilities. And with thanks to the generous donations and commitments from the **Philip and Masako Togo Kasloff Foundation** and the **Terasaki Family Foundation**, we are well on our way to securing the funds needed to renovate and update our community home.

Please join us in a true community effort to raise the remaining funds that will help us build a new legacy for future generations still to come.



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Plans call for fully-upgraded and renovated classrooms with central air and heating, natural lighting from rooftop skylights, well-equipped with audiovisual systems and state-of-the-art technological capabilities.

The classrooms can be reconfigured with moveable walls, creating larger spaces to accommodate fully-compliant and licensed preschool classrooms

Finished deck areas on the north and east sides of the school provide additional activity and meeting spaces for the classrooms and auditorium.

New outdoor patio and recreation areas provide additional activity spaces for the classrooms and safer play areas for the children and students

The fully-renovated multipurpose auditorium will be able to accommodate recreation, community cultural activities, and meeting spaces, and that can also be quickly transformed into additional walled classroom space with full soundproofing, wiring, and media access.

A portion of the parking lot will be re-utilized for the planned preschool play yard, which is shaded by a slatted trellis structure. Planters and landscaping will create a welcoming entry procession and shaded areas, with ramps to provide full access to all areas of the school.

WITH YOUR HELP

OUR PLANNED RENOVATIONS AND UPGRADES



The proposed new building will feature fully-upgraded and modernized classrooms with natural lighting and HVAC systems, and that can be quickly reconfigured into larger spaces to accommodate a planned Japanese language immersion preschool.



New outdoor congregate spaces will accommodate a greater variety of activities and community events, educational programming, and social gatherings.



A fully renovated auditorium will have the flexibility to be configured into additional, fully-equipped and soundproofed classrooms, while continuing to play host to martial arts and other recreational activities.

As JIS celebrates its 95th year, it is now time to revitalize and upgrade our facilities. Help us ensure that we can continue to deliver the high quality educational, cultural, athletic, and social services worthy of our proud past, and to build a new community legacy for future generations.

JOIN OUR JIS RENOVATION EFFORT!

With your support and tax-deductible donations, we can revitalize our beloved Japanese Institute of Sawtelle. Join with us in celebrating its rich legacy and building its future. Together, we can ensure that JIS remains a touchstone for our community, its past, and its future.

NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

Building Acknowledgment	\$1,000,000
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Auditorium	\$500,000
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Playground	\$40,000
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Classrooms 1 through 4 (each)	\$25,000
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Kitchen	\$25,000
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Donor Wall	Gold	\$10,000
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	Silver	\$5,000
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	Bronze	\$3,000
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Stepping Stones	\$1,000
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The first 100 stones will be laid in the walkway from the main entrance to the auditorium; the next 1,000 stones will be laid around the auditorium and in the walkway to the classrooms.

All donations are appreciated!

Please complete the enclosed Reply Card and send to:

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