



Photo contributed by The new Turlock Christian High school campus will be located in the north west corner of Quincy Road and Monte Vista Avenue.

Turlock Christian Schools set to build new high school

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Space availability at Monte Vista Chapel has become scarce for future Turlock Christian School students prompting administrators to establish a new high school campus.

"We are excited about this," said Jack Mayer, superintendent of Turlock Christian Schools. "This has been a dream of the Turlock Christian community for about 25 years."

The new high school campus will be located in the north west corner of Quincy Road and Monte Vista Avenue, a site chosen in the fall of 2003.

The location was agreed upon after administrators and city and county officials met in Modesto and discussed site possibilities for a new school campus.

The new campus will include a large two-story building housing all classrooms, labs, a kitchen, school and central business offices, a visual and performing arts theater, and a gymnasium with a capacity of 5,000.

"Having one building that will house everything is the best use of space and is the most economical," Mayer said.

A football stadium, practice field/soccer field, baseball and softball diamonds, are being planned at the new site, but will not likely be included in the first phase of construction.

"If we raise enough money, we would absolutely build it all together," Mayer said. "But it will probably be in the secondary phase."

Whether the junior high will move over to the new campus or remain at Monte Vista Chapel has not yet been decided.

Currently, the administration is in the process of obtaining approvals from various agencies that have postponed the construction process.

"We would hope to begin construction sometime during the 2008-2009 school year and it is reasonable to believe that this will occur," Mayer said. "This whole project has been really directed by God and we are taking each step believing it will lead us to a new high school campus."

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