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**FEDERAL COURT GRANTS CARDIFF SCHOOL DISTRICT MOTION AND  
DENIES SCHOOL OPPONENTS MOTION**

CARDIFF BY THE SEA (October 8, 2020) Cardiff School District (“District”) announced today that the United States District Court for the Southern District of California ruled in favor of Cardiff School District yesterday regarding two pending motions. In the first motion, which was filed by the District, the Court found that the District’s completion of a walkway connecting the school’s restrooms to several buildings was not a “conversion,” as the walkway serves a recreational purpose for the community. In the second motion, which was filed by the plaintiffs and opposed by the District, the Court denied the school opponents’ motion to stop the construction of the biofiltration basins that the opponents had previously agreed in a settlement agreement to not challenge. These biofiltration basins will protect community assets, including the new turf playfields, in the case of flooding during the rainy season.

“We are pleased the Court denied the school opponents’ backdoor attempt to reverse the Settlement Agreement that they had recently agreed to,” stated Jill Vinson, Superintendent of the Cardiff School District. “If they had been successful in this recent legal action (which was also opposed by the California Department of Parks and Recreation), it could have created further delays and a risk of stormwater damage to the Cardiff School site, along with surrounding streets and properties. Now, we can focus on finishing these two necessary improvements before the upcoming rainy season. The Cardiff School District will continue to fight to protect our students from those who put their personal interests above those of our children and our community.”

The walkway and the biofiltration basins are expected to be completed in the coming weeks.

The Cardiff School District has been working to complete much needed safety and educational improvements to the Cardiff School campus paid for by funds approved by approximately two-thirds of Cardiff residents in 2016. Despite the efforts of the school opponents, the Cardiff School has recently opened for in-person instruction for students and will occupy the new classroom buildings for students after winter break.

For more information, please visit the [Cardiff School District](https://www.cardiffschool.org/) website.

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