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Las Trampas anticipates grand opening this summer

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As the walls push up from the ground of the site of the new campus, with completion now in sight, so Las Trampas' push for the next phase of fundraising in the capital campaign intensifies too.

"Las Trampas School has been a proud feature of Lafayette for over 60 years and, as they say, it takes a community," says Capital Campaign Committee Member Kathy Merchant, who hopes the community will continue to support them as they try and reach their fundraising goal.

The "Reach Beyond" capital campaign was launched in 2016. Las Trampas is now launching the public fundraising phase to complete its \$13 million goal.

Las Trampas expects the project will be complete by this summer. Photo Pippa Fisher

According to Merchant, its immediate challenge is to raise \$160,000 by the end of February in order to receive a \$500,000 matching grant from an East Bay foundation. She hopes the community will "reach" out with a gift or pledge by the end of the month.

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Las Trampas, an organization dedicated to supporting adults with developmental disabilities, is undertaking a huge remodel, replacing a large portion of the deteriorating 1968 building. Located next to the Lafayette-Moraga Regional Trail, walkers, runners, and cyclists have seen the progress from the demolition, to foundation, to framing, and now to the walls of what will be a state-of-the-art facility, since the groundbreaking in 2019.

"With so little rain as impediment, progress has been amazingly swift," says Merchant. "Now the end is within `reach,' with an estimated mid-summer 2021 Grand Opening of a stunning new facility that will serve up to 120 individuals with developmental disabilities."

More information on the project and how to donate can be found on the website www.lastrampas.org.

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