



Lammersville Unified School District FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How are Lammersville Unified School District (LUSD) schools performing?

Lammersville Unified School District (LUSD) is a source of community pride. Strong academic programs, excellent teachers and high-performing students make our schools strong and our community a desirable place to live. During recent testing students in our district outperformed all unified districts in San Joaquin County and rose well above statewide averages.

What is the current state of local school facilities?

While our students continue to excel, our incomplete high school and lack of classrooms for science and technology education must be addressed. Constructing science labs, completing technical education facilities, and installing reliable high-speed wireless networks that support current one-to-one classroom instructional technology will ensure our students are prepared for college and the competitive 21st-century job market.

How does the District plan to address these needs?

We know we can't rely on the State to ensure our students have the schools they deserve. That is why the LUSD Governing Board voted unanimously to place Measure L on the June 2016 ballot. The cost of the Measure L will be limited to no more than \$54 per \$100,000 in assessed (not market) property value for as long as the bonds are outstanding. The average homeowner in LUSD will pay \$192 annually or approximately \$16 per month if Measure L is passed.

What is a bond measure?

A prop 39 general obligation (G.O.) bond is a funding mechanism that school districts in California use to help fund school facility repairs and improvements. School districts may sell bonds to investors to raise money for improvement projects, if 55% of voters approve a measure authorizing them to do so. Funding from a bond measure allows the District to immediately start improvement projects, and pay for them over time.

How will Measure L help students compete in the 21st century?

Our schools must be equipped to meet the growing demand for science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education. Measure L would fund necessary construction of, and upgrades to, science labs, computers and other technology to ensure that local students are prepared to excel in the 21st-century economy.

Would all funds benefit LUSD schools and remain local?

Yes. All money raised by Measure L would stay local to support our students and no funds could be taken away by the State or spent in other areas.

What would Measure L fund?

Measure L will:

- Complete career technical educational facilities, library and performing arts center at Mountain House High School to prepare students for college and 21st-century careers
- Construct Hansen School and expand classroom space and programs for science, technology, engineering and math education (STEM)
- Provide reliable high-speed wireless networks to support a modern education for all students

Can the State or Developers fund upgrades to our schools?

We unfortunately cannot rely on the State or Developers to provide adequate funding for facility improvements. Local funding through a school bond measure will allow the District to make necessary improvements and help maintain student achievement.

How do I know that the local funds would be spent as promised?

Measure L will require a clear system of accountability, including a Citizens' Oversight Committee and independent audits to ensure the money is spent properly. Additionally by law, no money from Measure L could be used for administrators' salaries or benefits.

How is the independent Citizens' Oversight Committee formed, and who selects the members?

By law, a Citizens' Oversight Committee must be formed within 60 days after the Board enters the election results into Board minutes. It must be made up of a minimum of 7 volunteer members who serve a term of 2 years each. Composition of the committee must include representatives from the business community, a senior organization, a taxpayer organization, a Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) member as well as a parent with children in the District. In addition, no employee, vendor or contractor of the District can be a member of the committee.

Would Measure L help our district qualify for state matching funds?

While there are currently no existing matching funds, Measure L would allow the District to access these State dollars once they do become available. The State matching funds would provide additional money to help further improve our local schools.

How much would Measure L cost?

Measure L would generate up to \$56 million and will cost property owners no more than \$54 per \$100,000 of assessed (not market) value annually. The average homeowner within LUSD would pay \$192 annually or approximately \$16 per month if Measure L is passed by voters.

Would commercial property owners be exempt from Measure L?

No. All property owners within the District would be subject to the cost of Measure L, including business property owners.

How would renters participate in Measure L?

As is required by law, the direct cost of Measure L is limited to property owners within the District boundary, which includes residential and commercial properties. Property owners typically factor the cost of a measure like this into the rents charged to tenants. All registered voters residing within the District boundaries, including renters, are eligible to vote on Measure L.

Isn't there a statewide school bond on the ballot later this year, do we still need Measure L?

A statewide school bond measure will appear on the November 2016 ballot. At this time, it is unclear how much funding the measure might provide. The passage of a statewide bond measure would only replenish state matching funds that school districts around the state could compete for if they have local matching funds. Passage of a local school bond measure, like Measure L, is the only way to provide the local matching funds LUSD needs to compete for state matching dollars. Matching funds would allow LUSD to complete additional projects at no additional cost to local taxpayers.

When will Measure L appear on the ballot?

The Governing Board voted unanimously to place Measure L on the June 2016 ballot. To pass, Measure L will have to be supported by 55% of those who vote. All registered voters in LUSD are eligible to vote on Measure L.

What if I have more questions?

Please contact LUSD Superintendent Kirk Nicholas at MeasureL@lammersvilleusd.net or by calling (209) 836-7400.