



# Hemet Unified School District

## November 2018 Local School Bond Measure

# Measure X Fact Sheet

**Background:** Our Hemet Unified School District (HUSD) neighborhood schools work hard educating local children. However, over time and with constant use, they need attention. Several schools built in the 1950's are now deteriorated and outdated. All need ongoing repairs, upgrades and technology improvements for 21<sup>st</sup> century instruction. HUSD has conducted a full assessment of local school facilities needs over the past year. Measure X is on the ballot to secure voter approval for a prudent funding plan to address the most urgent needs so that local college bound students can properly prepare for higher education, and career bound students seeking jobs immediately after graduation, can get the job training that they need. NO other funding currently exists to upgrade these facilities.

**Measure X DEFINED:** Measure X is a school bond measure on the November 6, 2018 ballot seeking voter authorization for local funding to repair and upgrade Hemet USD school facilities. A "YES vote" approves funding for the District's plan to repair and upgrade schools; a "NO vote" rejects the plan. All voters living within the boundaries of Hemet Unified School District who are registered to vote will be eligible to vote on this ballot measure.

**Measure X Official Ballot Question:** *"HEMET SCHOOL SAFETY, REPAIR, UPGRADE MEASURE. To improve neighborhood school safety/security; upgrade academic, science, technology, engineering, math, vocational classrooms/labs; repair deteriorating plumbing, roofs, electrical systems; remove asbestos/lead paint; shall Hemet Unified School District issue \$150 million in bonds at legal rates, an estimated 4.9 cents per \$100 assessed value (averaging \$10 million annually) while bonds are outstanding, under a no-tax-rate-increase financing plan, with citizen oversight, independent audits, and no money for Sacramento?"*

If voters approve this ballot measure, **Measure X will:**

- **Improve** campus safety and security
- **Renovate** career-training facilities for science, technology, engineering, math and skilled trades
- **Repair** deteriorated infrastructure - roofs, plumbing, electrical and HVAC systems
- **Modernize** classrooms and labs to meet rising college admissions requirements
- **Construct** school facilities to accommodate enrollment growth-

#### Measure X Facts:

- **ALL Measure X funds STAY LOCAL** for Hemet USD schools ONLY. The State CANNOT take Measure X funding away.
- Measure X is for classroom and school facilities improvement, technology and equipment upgrades ONLY.
- NO funds are allowed for administrators' salaries, benefits or pensions.
- Independent Citizens' Oversight and mandatory financial audits ensure funds are spent properly.
- Passage of Measure X qualifies Hemet USD for millions in State matching funds when they become available.
- **Measure X will NOT raise the local tax rate.** The "No-tax-rate-increase" financing plan simply extends WITHOUT increasing the bond authorization voters approved in 2012. Voter approval of this measure will continue locally controlled funding for Hemet USD school improvements, keeping your tax rate flat.

**Safe, Modern School Facilities are Essential to Obtaining a Good Education.** Studies show that students and teachers perform better in safe, modern classrooms and school facilities. This is our vision for Hemet Unified School District. **Measure X** will help, allowing HUSD to complete the next set of essential school facilities repairs and upgrades to improve student safety, instruction and learning.

**For more information:** visit [www.hemetusd.org](http://www.hemetusd.org) or call the HUSD Superintendent's Office at (951) 765-5100.