

LA CAÑADA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

MEETING OF THE MEASURE LCF CITIZEN'S OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Thursday, June 28, 2018

8:30 a.m.

4490 Cornishon Avenue
Closed Session Room
La Cañada Flintridge, CA 91011

CALL TO ORDER, 8:30 a.m.

- I. Opportunities for the Public to Address the Committee**
Any member of the public may directly address the Committee on any item of interest to the public with respect to the Measure LCF General Obligation Bond proceeds. Members of the public will be given up to 3 minute to address the Committee.
- II. Introduction of Members**
- III. Update on Funding**
- IV. Report of Projects**
- V. Review of Duties by Bond Counsel**
- VI. Election of Officers**
- VII. Establish Meeting Dates and Times**

ADJOURNMENT

To accommodate the requirement of Government Code Section 54954.2 and in accordance with the Brown Act provisions, the agenda for the meeting was posted on the bulletin board outside of the District Office at 4490 Cornishon Boulevard in La Cañada, California 72 hours prior to this meeting.

LA CAÑADA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Election of 2017 General Obligation Bonds, Series A



CLOSING MEMORANDUM FINANCING SUMMARY

Purpose of the Financing

The Bonds are being issued to acquire, repair and construct certain equipment, sites and facilities of the District as authorized by the voters of the District at the election on November 7, 2017, and to pay the costs associated with the issuance of the Bonds.

SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS	
Sources:	
Principal Amount of the Bonds	\$30,000,000.00
Net Original Issue Premium	3,317,057.60
Total Sources	\$33,317,057.60
Uses:	
Building Fund	\$29,680,500.00
Debt Service Fund	3,317,057.60
Underwriter's Discount	124,500.00
Costs of Issuance ⁽¹⁾	195,000.00
Total Uses	\$33,317,057.60

⁽¹⁾ Includes all costs of issuance, including, but not limited to, legal and financial advisory fees, printing costs, rating agency fees, and the costs and fees of the Paying Agent.

OPTIONAL REDEMPTION: The Bonds maturing on or before August 1, 2028 are not subject to redemption prior to their fixed maturity dates. The Bonds maturing on or after August 1, 2029 may be redeemed prior to their respective stated maturity dates at the option of the District, from any source of funds, in whole or in part, on August 1, 2028 or on any date thereafter, at a redemption price equal to the principal amount of such Bonds called for redemption, together with interest accrued thereon to the date fixed for redemption, without premium.

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE: The District shall, or shall cause the Dissemination Agent to, not later than nine months after the end of the District's fiscal year (presently ending June 30), commencing with the report for the 2017-18 Fiscal Year, which shall be due no later than March 31, 2019, provide to the Repository an Annual Report which is consistent with the requirements of Section 4 of this Disclosure Certificate. The Annual Report may be submitted as a single document or as separate documents comprising a package, and may cross-reference other information as provided in Section 4 of this Disclosure Certificate; *provided* that the audited financial statements of the District may be submitted separately from the balance of the Annual Report and later than the date required above for the filing of the Annual Report if they are not available by that date. If the District's fiscal year changes, it shall give notice of such change in the same manner as for a Listed Event under Section 5(c).



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**LA CANADA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
BYLAWS**

Section 1. Committee Established. On November 7, 2017 the La Canada Unified School District (the "District") was successful in obtaining authorization from the District's voters to issue up to \$149,000,000 aggregate principle amount of the District's general obligation bonds for school facility improvements (the "Measure LCF"). The Measure LCF election was conducted under Proposition 39, being chaptered as the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000, at Section 15264 *et seq.* of the Education Code of the State ("Prop 39"). Pursuant to Section 15278 of the Education Code, the District is obligated to establish an Independent Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee in order to satisfy the accountability requirements of Prop 39. The Board of Education of the La Canada Unified School District (the "Board") has established an Independent Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (the "Committee") and granted it the duties and rights set forth in these Bylaws. The Committee does not have independent legal capacity from the District.

Section 2. Purposes. The purposes of the Committee are set forth in Prop 39, and these Bylaws are specifically made subject to the applicable provisions of Prop 39 as to the duties and rights of the Committee. The Committee shall be deemed to be subject to the *Ralph M. Brown Public Meetings Act* of the State of California and shall conduct its meetings in accordance with the provisions thereof. The District shall provide necessary administrative support to the Committee as shall be consistent with the Committee's purposes, as set forth in Prop 39.

The proceeds of general obligation bonds issued pursuant to the Elections are hereinafter referred to as "bond proceeds." The Committee shall confine itself specifically to bond proceeds generated under Measure LCF. Regular and deferred maintenance projects and all monies generated under other sources shall fall outside the scope of the Committee's review. However, to the extent that facilities are financed with a combination of Measure LCF monies and other non-bond funds, such projects shall be subject to Committee oversight and review.

Section 3. Duties. To carry out its stated purposes, the Committee shall perform only the duties set forth in Sections 3.1, 3.2, and 3.3 hereof, and shall refrain from those activities set forth in Sections 3.4 and 3.5.

3.1 **Inform the Public.** The Committee shall inform the public concerning the District's expenditure of bond proceeds. In fulfilling this duty, all official communications to either the Board or the public shall come from the Chair acting on behalf of the Committee. The Chair shall only release information that reflects the majority view of the Committee.

3.2 **Review Expenditures.** The Committee shall review expenditure reports produced by the District to ensure that (a) bond proceeds were expended only for the purposes set forth in Measure LCF; and (b) no bond proceeds were used for any teacher or administrative salaries or other operating expenses in compliance with Attorney General Opinion 04-110, issued on November 9, 2004.

3.3 **Annual Report.** The Committee shall present to the Board, in public session, an annual written report for Measure LCF which shall include the following:

(a) A statement indicating whether the District is in compliance with the requirements of Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3) of the California Constitution; and

(b) A summary of the Committee's proceedings and activities for the preceding year.

3.4 Duties of the Board/Superintendent. Either the Board or the Superintendent, as the Board shall determine, shall have the following powers reserved to it, and the Committee shall have no jurisdiction over the following types of activities:

- (i) Approval of contracts,
- (ii) Approval of change orders,
- (iii) Approval of expenditure of bond funds,
- (iv) Handling of all legal matters,
- (v) Approval of project plans and schedules,
- (vi) Approval of all deferred maintenance plans, and
- (vii) Approval of the sale of bonds.

3.5 Measure LCF Projects Only. In recognition of the fact that the Committee is charged with overseeing the expenditure of bond proceeds, the Board has not charged the Committee with responsibility for:

(a) Projects financed through the State of California, developer fees, redevelopment tax increment, certificates of participation, lease/revenue bonds, the general fund or the sale of surplus property without bond proceeds shall be outside the authority of the Committee.

(b) The establishment of priorities and order of construction for the bond projects, which shall be made by the Board in its sole discretion.

(c) The selection of architects, engineers, soils engineers, construction managers, project managers, CEQA consultants and such other professional service firms as are required to complete the project based on District criteria established by the Board in its sole discretion.

(d) The approval of the design for each project including exterior materials, paint color, interior finishes, site plan and construction methods (modular vs. permanent) which shall be determined by the Board in its sole discretion.

(e) The selection of independent audit firm(s), performance audit consultants and such other consultants as are necessary to support the activities of the Committee.

(f) The appointment or reappointment of qualified applicants to serve on the Committee, subject to legal limitations, and based on criteria adopted in the Board's sole discretion as part of carrying out its function under Prop 39.

Section 4. Authorized Activities.

4.1 In order to perform the duties set forth in Section 3.0, the Committee may engage in the following authorized activities:

(a) Receive copies of the District's annual, independent performance audit and annual, independent financial audit required by Prop 39 (Article XIII A of the California Constitution) (together, the "Audits") at the same time said Audits are submitted to the District, and review the Audits.

(b) Inspect District facilities and grounds for which bond proceeds have been or will be expended, in accordance with any access procedure established by the District's Superintendent.

(c) Review copies of deferred maintenance plans developed by the District.

(d) Review efforts by the District to maximize bond proceeds by implementing various cost-saving measures.

(e) Receive from the Board, within three months of the District receiving the Audits, responses to any and all findings, recommendations, and concerns addressed in the Audits, and review said responses.

Section 5. Membership.

5.1 Number.

The Committee shall consist of at least seven (7) members appointed by the Board from a list of candidates submitting written applications, and based on criteria established by Prop 39, to wit:

- One (1) member shall be the parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the District.
- One (1) member shall be both a parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the District and active in a parent-teacher organization, such as the PTA or a school site council.
- One (1) member active in a business organization representing the business community located in the District.
- One (1) member active in a senior citizens' organization.
- One (1) member active in a bona-fide taxpayers association.
- Two (2) members of the community at-large.

5.2 Qualification Standards.

(a) To be a qualified person, he or she must be at least 18 years of age.

(b) The Committee may not include any employee, official of the District or any vendor, contractor or consultant of the District.

5.3 Ethics: Conflicts of Interest.

(a) Members of the Committee are not subject to the Political Reform Act (Gov. Code §§ 81000 *et seq.*), and are not required to complete Form 700.

(b) Pursuant to Section 35233 of the Education Code, the prohibitions contained in Article 4 (commencing with Section 1090) of Division 4 of Title 1 of the Government Code (“Article 4”) and Article 4.7 (commencing with Section 1125) of Division 4 of Title 1 of the Government Code (“Article 4.7”) are applicable to members of the Committee. Accordingly:

(i) Members of the Committee shall not be financially interested in any contract made by them in their official capacities or by the Committee, nor shall they be purchasers at any sale or vendors at any purchase made by them in their official capacity, all as prohibited by Article 4; and

(ii) Members of the Committee shall not engage in any employment, activity, or enterprise for compensation which is inconsistent, incompatible, in conflict with, or inimical to duties as a member of the Committee or with the duties, functions, or responsibilities of the Committee or the District. A member of the Committee shall not perform any work, service, or counsel for compensation where any part of his or her efforts will be subject to approval by any other officer, employee, board, or commission of the Board, except as permitted under Article 4.7.

5.4 Term. Except as otherwise provided herein, each member shall serve a term of two (2) years, commencing as of the date of appointment by the Board. No member may serve more than three (3) consecutive terms. At the Committee’s first meeting, members will draw lots or otherwise select a minimum of two members to serve for an initial one (1) year term and the remaining members for an initial two (2) year term. Members whose terms have expired may continue to serve on the Committee until a successor has been appointed.

5.5 Appointment. Members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Board through the following process: (a) the District will advertise in the local newspapers, on its website, and in other customary forums, as well as solicit appropriate local groups for applications; (b) the Superintendent will review the applications; and (c) the Superintendent will make recommendations to the Board.

5.6 Removal; Vacancy. The Board may remove any Committee member for any reason, including failure to attend two consecutive Committee meetings without reasonable excuse, for failure to comply with the Committee Ethics Policy or a failure to adequately carry out their functions as members of the Committee. Upon a member’s removal, his or her seat shall be declared vacant. The Board, in accordance with the established appointment process shall fill any vacancies on the Committee. The Board shall seek to fill vacancies within 90 days of the date of occurrence of a vacancy.

5.7 Compensation. The Committee members shall not be compensated for their services.

5.8 **Authority of Members.** (a) Committee members shall not have the authority to direct staff of the District; (b) individual members of the Committee retain the right to address the Board, either on behalf of the Committee or as an individual; and (c) the Committee shall have the right to request and receive copies of any public records relating to projects funded by Measure LCF.

Section 6. Meetings of the Committee.

6.1 **Regular Meetings.** The Committee shall meet at least once a year, but shall not meet more frequently than quarterly.

6.2 **Location.** All meetings shall be held within the boundaries of the La Canada Unified School District, located in Los Angeles County, California.

6.3 **Procedures.** All meetings shall be open to the public in accordance with the *Ralph M. Brown Act*, Government Code Section 54950 *et seq.* Meetings shall be conducted according to such additional procedural rules as the Committee may adopt. A majority of the number of Committee members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business of the Committee.

Section 7. District Support.

7.1 The District shall provide to the Committee necessary technical and administrative assistance as follows:

(a) preparation of and posting of public notices as required by the *Brown Act*, ensuring that all notices to the public are provided in the same manner as notices regarding meetings of the Board;

(b) provision of a meeting room, including any necessary audio/visual equipment;

(c) preparation, translation and copies of any documentary meeting materials, such as agendas and reports; and

(d) retention of all Committee records, and providing public access to such records on an Internet website maintained by the District.

7.2 District staff and/or District consultants shall attend Committee proceedings in order to report on the status of projects and the expenditure of bond proceeds.

Section 8. Reports. In addition to the Annual Report required in Section 3.3, the Committee may report to the Board from time to time in order to advise the Board on the activities of the Committee. Such report shall be in writing and shall summarize the proceedings and activities conducted by the Committee.

Section 9. Officers. The Committee shall elect the Chair and a Vice-Chair who shall act as Chair only when the Chair is absent. The Chair and Vice-Chair shall serve in such capacities for a term of one year and may be re-elected by a vote of a majority of the members of the Committee.

Section 10. Amendment of Bylaws. Any amendment to these Bylaws shall be approved by a majority vote of the Board. The Committee shall have no authority to amend these Bylaws.

Section 11. Termination. The Committee shall automatically terminate and disband concurrently with the Committee's submission of the final Annual Report which reflects the final accounting of the expenditure of all Measure LCF monies.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF LA CAÑADA
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT ORDERING AN ELECTION, AND
ESTABLISHING SPECIFICATIONS OF THE ELECTION ORDER

WHEREAS, the Governing Board (the "Board") of the La Cañada Unified School District (the "District") is devoted to maintaining the highest quality of education in our local public schools by upgrading science labs, career technical education facilities and classrooms so students are prepared for college and in-demand jobs; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that schools within the District need to be upgraded, repaired, expanded, improved and better equipped in a fiscally prudent manner to enable the District to also improve student safety and campus security by installing security lighting, security cameras, emergency communications systems, smoke detectors and fire alarms; and

WHEREAS, since all District schools were built more than 45 years ago, additional resources are necessary to make basic improvements, including repair leaky roofs, old plumbing, faulty electrical systems; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that high achievement is built on strong foundations, and it is in the best interest of the District to address facility improvements now and provide classrooms, labs and technology education classes so that the District remains one of the top performing school districts in California; and

WHEREAS, all residents benefit from living in a community with high performing schools and whether or not residents have school-age children, protecting the quality of our schools, the quality of life in our community, and the value of our homes, is a wise investment; and

WHEREAS, while our schools are among the best in the State and student achievement scores are consistently in the top 5%, and 98% of our high school graduates go on to college, improving our facilities is essential to maintaining the quality of our outstanding local schools; and

WHEREAS, the State of California (the "State") has been unable to provide the District with enough money for the District to adequately construct and repair schools to provide an optimal learning environment for all students; and

WHEREAS, the District has completed a comprehensive facilities assessment and facilities master plan with extensive community engagement to identify the most pressing needs in each of the District's schools to provide safe and modern classroom environments for all students; and

WHEREAS, the Board has received information regarding the possibility of a local bond measure and its bonding capacity; and

WHEREAS, a local measure will help provide funds that cannot be taken away by the State to upgrade aging schools, protect student safety and help the District qualify for State matching funds; and

WHEREAS, such measure will extend but not increase current tax rates and will include mandatory taxpayer protections, including an independent citizens' oversight committee and mandatory audits to ensure funds are spent as promised; and

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2000, the voters of California approved the Smaller Classes, Safer Schools and Financial Accountability Act ("Proposition 39") which reduced the voter threshold for *ad valorem* tax levies used to pay for debt service on bonded indebtedness to 55% of the votes cast on a school district general obligation bond; and

WHEREAS, concurrent with the passage of Proposition 39, Chapter 1.5, Part 10, Division 1, Title 1 (commencing with Section 15264) of the Education Code (the "Act") became operative and established requirements associated with the implementation of Proposition 39; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to make certain findings herein to be applicable to this election order and to establish certain performance audits, standards of financial accountability and citizen oversight that are contained in Proposition 39 and the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Board and District has solicited stakeholder and community input on school priorities from parents, teachers, staff, the community and civic leaders; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to authorize the submission of a proposition to the District's voters at an election to authorize the issuance of bonds to pay for certain necessary improvements and enhancements to District educational facilities which will improve the health, safety and quality of education for students in the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby determines that, in accordance with Opinion No. 04-110 of the Attorney General of the State of California, the restrictions in Proposition 39 which prohibit any bond money from being wasted or used for inappropriate administrative salaries or other operating expenses of the District shall be enforced strictly by the District's Citizens' Oversight Committee; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Education Code Section 15270, based upon a projection of assessed property valuation, the Board has determined that, if approved by voters, the tax rate levied to meet the debt service requirements of the bonds proposed to be issued will not increase the current tax rates for school facilities and not exceed the Proposition 39 limits per year per \$100,000 of assessed valuation of taxable property; and

WHEREAS, Section 9400 *et seq.* of the Elections Code of the State of California (the "Elections Code") requires that a tax rate statement be contained in all official materials relating to the election, including any ballot pamphlet prepared, sponsored, or distributed by the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to authorize the filing of a tax rate statement and a ballot argument in favor of the proposition to be submitted to the voters at the election; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the California Elections Code, it is appropriate for the Board to request consolidation of the election with any and all other elections to be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2017, and to request the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters to perform certain election services for the District.

NOW THEREFORE, THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE LA CAÑADA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the Board, pursuant to Education Code Sections 15100 *et seq.*, 15264 *et seq.*, and Government Code Section 53506, hereby requests the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters to conduct an election under the provisions of Proposition 39 and the Act and submit to the electors of the District the question of whether bonds of the District in the aggregate principal amount of \$149,000,000 (the "Bonds") shall be issued and sold for the purpose of raising money for the projects described in Exhibits "A" and "B" hereto. Both exhibits are directed to be printed in the voter pamphlet.

Section 2. That the date of the election shall be November 7, 2017.

Section 3. That the purpose of the election shall be for the voters in the District to vote on a proposition, a copy of which is attached hereto and marked Exhibit "A," incorporated by reference herein, and containing the question of whether the District shall issue the Bonds to pay for improvements to the extent permitted by such proposition. In compliance with Proposition 39 policies of the Board and the Act, the ballot propositions in Exhibits "A" and "B" are subject to the following requirements and determinations:

(a) the proceeds of the sale of the Bonds shall be used only for the purposes set forth in the ballot measure and not for any other purpose, including teacher or administrator salaries or other school operating expenses;

(b) that the Board, in establishing the projects set forth in Exhibit "B," evaluated the safety, class size reduction, classroom, educational and information technology needs of the District as well as the importance of the projects to improve student learning in core subjects like math, science, engineering, and technology;

(c) that the Board shall cause an annual, independent performance audit to be conducted to ensure that the Bond monies get spent only for the projects identified in Exhibit "B" hereto;

(d) that the Board shall cause an annual, independent financial audit of the proceeds from sale of Bonds to be conducted until all of the Bond proceeds have been expended;

(e) that the Board shall appoint a Citizens' Oversight Committee in compliance with Education Code Section 15278 no later than 60 days after the Board enters the election results in its minutes pursuant to Education Code Section 15274; and

(f) that the tax levy authorized to secure the Bonds of this election shall not exceed the Proposition 39 limits per \$100,000 of taxable property in the District when assessed valuation is projected by the District to increase in accordance with Article XIII A of the California Constitution.

Section 4. That the authority for ordering the election is contained in Education Code Sections 15100 *et seq.*, 15264 *et seq.*, and Government Code Section 53506.

Section 5. That the authority for the specifications of this election order is contained in Education Code Section 5322.

Section 6. That the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors are hereby requested to consolidate the election ordered hereby with any and all other elections to be held on November 7, 2017 within the District. As provided in Elections Code Section 10403, the District acknowledges that the consolidation election will be conducted in the manner described in Elections Code Section 10418.

Section 7. That the Secretary of the Board is hereby directed to deliver a certified copy of this Resolution to the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters no later than August 11, 2017.

Section 8. That Bonds may be issued pursuant to Education Code Section 15264 *et seq.* or Government Code Section 53506 of the Government Code. The maximum rate of interest on any Bond shall not exceed the maximum rate allowed by Education Code Sections 15140 to 15143, as modified by Government Code Section 53531.

Section 9. That the Board requests the governing body of any such other political subdivision, or any officer otherwise authorized by law, to partially or completely consolidate such election and to further provide that the canvass of the returns of the election be made by any body or official authorized by law to canvass such returns, and that the Board consents to such consolidation. The Board further authorizes the submission of a tax rate statement and primary and rebuttal arguments, as appropriate, to be filed with the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters by the established deadlines.

Section 10. Pursuant to Section 5303 of the Education Code and Section 10002 of the Elections Code, the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County is requested to permit the Registrar of Voters to render all services specified by Elections Code Section 10418 relating to the election, for which services the District agrees to reimburse Los Angeles County, such services to include the publication of a Formal Notice of School Bond Election and the mailing of the sample ballot and tax rate statement (described in Elections Code Section 9401) pursuant to the terms of Education Code Section 5363 and Elections Code Section 12112.

ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this 20th day of June, 2017.

GOVERNING BOARD OF THE LA CAÑADA
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

By _____
President

Attest:

Secretary

EXHIBIT A

“To repair and modernize classroom and school facilities, including fixing deteriorating roofs, plumbing and electrical systems, improve student safety and campus security systems, upgrade/expand classrooms, science labs, career-training facilities and instructional technology to support advanced programs in math, science, engineering, technology and the arts, construct, acquire, repair classrooms, sites, facilities and equipment, shall La Cañada Unified School District issue \$149,000,000 in bonds at legal rates, with citizen oversight, all money staying local and without increasing current tax rates?”

Bonds – Yes

Bonds – No

EXHIBIT B

FULL TEXT BALLOT PROPOSITION OF THE LA CAÑADA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND MEASURE ELECTION NOVEMBER 7, 2017

The following is the full proposition presented to the voters by the La Cañada Unified School District.

“To repair and modernize classroom and school facilities, including fixing deteriorating roofs, plumbing and electrical systems, improve student safety and campus security systems, upgrade/expand classrooms, science labs, career-training facilities and instructional technology to support advanced programs in math, science, engineering, technology and the arts, construct, acquire, repair classrooms, sites, facilities and equipment, shall La Cañada Unified School District issue \$149,000,000 in bonds at legal rates, with citizen oversight, all money staying local and without increasing current tax rates?”

PROJECT LIST

The Governing Board of the La Cañada Unified School District is committed to improving the high-quality of education in local schools by providing safe, secure, upgraded classrooms and science labs so students are prepared for college or other post-secondary training. To that end, the Board evaluated the District’s urgent and critical facility needs, including safety issues, class size, computer and information technology, and prepared a Facilities Master Plan (approved by the Board on June 20, 2017) which is incorporated herein in its entirety, in developing the scope of projects to be funded. The District conducted a facilities evaluation and received public input in developing this Project List. Teachers, staff, community members and the Board have prioritized the key health and safety needs so that the most critical facility needs are addressed. **The Board concluded that protecting the quality of our schools, the quality of life in our community, and the value of our homes is a wise investment.** Therefore, in approving this Project List, the **Governing Board determines that the District must:**

- (i) **Repair or replace leaky roofs, old rusty plumbing and faulty electrical systems; and**
- (ii) **Improve student safety and campus security systems, including security lighting, cameras, emergency communications systems, smoke detectors and fire alarms; and**
- (iii) **Update classrooms and instructional technology to support advanced courses in math, science, engineering and technology to prepare students for college; and**
- (iv) **Upgrade and modernize career technology education facilities so students are prepared for in-demand careers; and**
- (v) **Adhere to specific fiscal accountability safeguards:**
 - (a) **No increase in the rates currently paid to support school facilities.**
 - (b) **All expenditures subject to annual independent financial audits.**

- (c) **No funds used for administrators' salaries and pensions.**
- (d) **No money taken by the State. All funds stay local.**
- (e) **All expenditures reviewed by an independent citizens' oversight committee to ensure that funds are spent only as authorized.**

The Project List includes the following types of upgrades and improvements at District schools and sites:

BUILDING STRONG FOUNDATIONS FOR STUDENT SUCCESS: Basic School Repair and Upgrade Projects To Maintain High-Quality Learning Environment

Goals and Purposes: While our schools are among the best in the State and student achievement scores are in the top 5%, allowing 98% of our graduates to go on to college, repairing our schools is essential to maintaining our high-quality learning environment.

Local schools were built more than 45 years ago and they need basic repairs, including roofs, plumbing and electrical systems so they can serve the community well for decades to:

- Upgrade science labs and career technology education facilities so students are prepared for college and in-demand careers.
- **Repair or replace leaky roofs, old rusty plumbing and faulty electrical systems where needed.**
- Build additional classrooms and expand existing facilities enable smaller class sizes and specialized instruction.
- Upgrade facilities to support high quality instruction in visual arts, music and performing arts.

PROTECTING SCHOOL SAFETY: Student Safety and Campus Security Projects

Goal and Purpose: **WHETHER OR NOT YOU HAVE SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN, PROTECTING THE QUALITY OF OUR SCHOOLS, THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY, AND THE VALUE OF OUR HOMES IS A WISE INVESTMENT. This measure will upgrade security lighting, fencing, smoke detectors, fire alarms, sprinklers, and campus security systems for improved student safety.**

Schools will benefit from a variety of safety projects, such as:

- Replace deteriorating portable classrooms that are expensive to maintain with permanent classrooms.
- **Improve student safety and campus security systems, including security lighting, security cameras, smoke detectors and fire alarms.**
- Upgrade emergency communication systems to improve student safety.

- Improve school pick-up, drop-off zones and parking lots to improve student safety.

PREPARING FOR 21st CENTURY CAREERS: District-Wide Instructional Technology Projects

Goal and Purpose: Since academic standards are rising for what it takes to compete in the 21st Century, we must provide local students to access to education, facilities and technology they need to succeed. This measure will update instructional technology in the classroom for improved student learning in core subjects like math, science and technology.

This measure also ensures that money raised will stay local to support our students and cannot be taken by the state.

- Update classrooms and instructional technology for improved student learning in core subjects like science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).
- Upgrade classrooms and labs for career and technical education classes and computer systems to keep pace with technology.
- Create flexible, multi-use classrooms to support hands-on instruction and learning-by-doing.

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The listed projects will be completed as needed. Each project is assumed to include its share of furniture, equipment, architectural, engineering, and similar planning costs, program/project management, staff training expenses and a customary contingency for unforeseen design and construction costs. In addition to the listed projects stated above, the Project List also includes the acquisition of a variety of instructional, maintenance and operational equipment, including the reduction or retirement of outstanding lease obligations and interim funding incurred to advance fund projects from the Project List; installation of signage and fencing; payment of the costs of preparation of all facility planning, facility studies, assessment reviews, facility master plan preparation and updates, environmental studies (including environmental investigation, remediation and monitoring), design and construction documentation, and temporary housing of dislocated District activities caused by construction projects. In addition to the projects listed above, the repair and renovation of each of the existing school facilities may include, but not be limited to, some or all of the following: add or renovate student and staff restrooms; repair and replace electrical, plumbing, heating and ventilation systems; upgrade of facilities for energy efficiencies; repair and replace worn-out and deteriorated roofs, windows, walls, doors and drinking fountains; construct or renovate the District office and facilities for professional development of teachers, more efficient administration and proper data security; install wiring and electrical systems to safely accommodate computers, technology and other electrical devices and needs; upgrade or construct support facilities including administrative, physical education (including constructing, upgrading, or adding gyms, field house, stadiums, locker/weight rooms, bleachers, athletic facilities, which support student health, fitness and athletic programs similarly for boys and girls), music, art, performing arts, science, computer labs/classrooms, libraries and buildings, maintenance facilities and yards; repair and replace fire alarms, emergency communications and security systems; improve facilities to satisfy ADA requirements; resurface or replace hard courts, turf (including artificial turf) and irrigation systems and campus landscaping; expand parking and drop-off areas; improve all site utilities; acquire land;

construct new school buildings; upgrade interior and exterior painting and floor covering; demolition; upgrade or construct new pools; upgrade kitchens, food service, and school cafeterias; construct various forms of storage and support spaces and classrooms; improve outdoor learning environments and quads; repair, upgrade and install interior and exterior lighting systems; improve playgrounds, athletic fields and play apparatus; replace outdated security fences and security systems (including access control systems), provide lunch shelters, indoor space for assemblies or for rainy day lunch; upgrade music labs, multi-purpose rooms, learning centers and media centers; add new parking lots and parking structures (with tennis courts). The upgrading of technology infrastructure includes, but is not limited to, network rewiring, computers, portable interface devices, servers, switches, routers, modules, sound projection systems, laser printers, digital white boards, document projectors, upgrade voice-over-IP, call manager and network security/firewall, wireless technology systems, refresh classroom technology and other miscellaneous equipment. The allocation of bond proceeds will be affected by the District's receipt of State matching funds and the final costs of each project. In the absence of State matching funds, which the District will aggressively pursue to reduce the District's share of the costs of the projects, the District will not be able to complete some of the projects listed above. The budget for each project is an estimate and may be affected by factors beyond the District's control. Some projects throughout the District, such as gyms, fields and performing arts facilities, may be undertaken as joint use projects in cooperation with other local public or non-profit agencies. The final cost of each project will be determined as plans and construction documents are finalized, construction bids are received, construction contracts are awarded and projects are completed. Based on the final costs of each project, certain of the projects described above may be delayed or may not be completed. Demolition of portable classrooms and existing facilities and reconstruction of facilities scheduled for repair and upgrade may occur, if the Board determines that such an approach would be more cost-effective in creating more enhanced and operationally efficient campuses. Necessary site preparation/restoration may occur in connection with new construction, renovation or remodeling, or installation or removal of relocatable classrooms, including ingress and egress, removing, replacing, or installing irrigation, utility lines, trees and landscaping, relocating fire access roads, and acquiring any necessary easements, licenses, or rights of way to the property. Proceeds of the bonds may be used to pay or reimburse the District for the cost of District staff when performing work on or necessary and incidental to bond projects. Bond proceeds shall only be expended for the specific purposes identified herein. The District shall create an account into which proceeds of the bonds shall be deposited and comply with the reporting requirements of Government Code § 53410.

FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY: IN ACCORDANCE WITH EDUCATION CODE SECTION 15272, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION WILL APPOINT A CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE AND CONDUCT ANNUAL INDEPENDENT AUDITS TO ASSURE THAT FUNDS ARE SPENT ONLY ON DISTRICT PROJECTS AND FOR NO OTHER PURPOSE. THE EXPENDITURE OF BOND MONEY ON THESE PROJECTS IS SUBJECT TO STRINGENT FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS. BY LAW, PERFORMANCE AND FINANCIAL AUDITS WILL BE PERFORMED ANNUALLY, AND ALL BOND EXPENDITURES WILL BE MONITORED BY AN INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO ENSURE THAT FUNDS ARE SPENT AS PROMISED AND SPECIFIED. THE CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MUST INCLUDE, AMONG OTHERS, REPRESENTATION OF A BONA FIDE TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION, A BUSINESS ORGANIZATION AND A SENIOR CITIZENS ORGANIZATION. NO DISTRICT EMPLOYEES OR VENDORS ARE ALLOWED TO SERVE ON THE CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

NO ADMINISTRATOR SALARIES: PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF THE BONDS AUTHORIZED BY THIS PROPOSITION SHALL BE USED ONLY FOR THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, REHABILITATION, OR REPLACEMENT OF SCHOOL FACILITIES, INCLUDING THE FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOL FACILITIES, AND NOT FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE, INCLUDING TEACHER AND SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR SALARIES AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES.

