



November 2024 Bond Measure Proposal: Local Public Schools Safety and Upgrades Measure

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Our singular goal: ensure all our students graduate ready for the world – to thrive in college, career, and life

- Modernizing school and technological infrastructure to maximize student learning, prioritized by areas of need, is critical to achieving this goal
- Today's economy requires new skills, knowledge, and experience; therefore, our students need updated facilities so that they can get hands-on learning to prepare them for college and careers

LAUSD Bond Program Status



- More than 24,100 rehabilitation, modernization, and replacement projects completed -- 1,240 since November 2020
- Over nearly three decades, \$24.5 billion has been invested in school facilities -- nearly \$3.5 billion since November 2020
- Approximately 640 projects valued at \$3.5 billion in **pre-construction**
- Approximately 240 projects valued at \$4.9 billion **under construction**
- Bond investments have generated thousands of jobs, including local union construction jobs, and put hundreds of millions of dollars back into our local economy
- All existing funds are committed to address existing needs and specific projects

Why is a New Bond Measure Needed?



- Despite the important investments completed or underway, current estimates show that Los Angeles Unified schools have over **\$80 billion** of additional unfunded school facility needs, and those needs grow every year
- More than 60 percent of school buildings are over 50 years old and desperately in need of updates
- Many of our students are learning in old and outdated classrooms and buildings, while some schools have already been updated and modernized. This is unfair and puts many students at risk of falling behind in preparing for college and career

Unmet School Facilities and Technology Needs



\$80 billion of unfunded school facilities needs include:

- 50,000 HVAC units need replacement now
- 18 million square feet of school roofs need replacement now
- 525 school buildings may need to be retrofitted, modernized, or replaced for earthquake safety
- 47 million square feet of paving needs to be replaced now
- 6,390 Los Angeles Unified classrooms are located in temporary relocatable buildings
- 2 million square feet of plumbing piping requires replacement now
- Nearly 580 schools require accessibility enhancements
- 475 school sites need upgrades to meet the District's goal of ensuring that at least 30 percent of each school's schoolyard is comprised of safe and sustainable green space
- 1,000 play structures located at approximately 580 Los Angeles Unified early education centers and elementary schools are not covered by a shade structure
- 500 new or upgraded science labs are needed to support secondary school A-G requirements
- 260 school sites have an IT network infrastructure system that has reached or exceed its useful life and requires replacement now to ensure reliability;
- 1,000 electric school buses are needed to meet electrification goals

Proposed 2024 Bond Measure



- Requests authorization to issue school bonds in the amount of \$9 billion
- A new bond measure would provide much-needed funding to upgrade aging local public schools, so they are safe, secure, and welcoming environments
- Based on current estimates, the \$9 billion proposal is estimated to levy approximately 2.5 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation
- Bonds are issued only when cash is needed helping us be prudent about our impact on property owners

Projections of Assessed Property Valuations



- Proposed 2024 bond measure assumes:
 - Estimated assessed valuation growth of 4.59% for Fiscal Year 2024-25 based on July data from County Assessor
 - An average annual assessed property valuation growth of 4% across the forecast horizon

Length of Period (Years)	Starting FY	Ending FY	Average Annual AV Growth
5	2020	2024	6.07%
10	2015	2024	6.33%
15	2010	2024	4.62%
20	2005	2024	5.72%
25	2000	2024	5.91%
30	1995	2024	4.87%

- Growth assumption is lower than each of the past 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30-year average growth rates

2024 Bond Measure: Proposed Priorities



- **Enhance School Safety:** Prioritize improvements to school facilities for safety and earthquakes to ensure a safe and secure learning environment for students and staff
- **Modernize School Facilities:** Update, replace and right-size aging and deteriorating school facilities for 21st century student learning and college and career preparedness
- **Upgrade School Sites:** Complete essential upgrades to school buildings and grounds to provide safe and functional places for teaching and learning
- **Enhance Accessibility:** Improve access for individuals with disabilities, ensuring that all Los Angeles Unified programs and activities are inclusive and accessible
- **Address Facility Inequities:** Reduce disparities in school facilities between newer and older schools to provide equitable learning environments across the District

2024 Bond Measure: Proposed Priorities



- **Update Technology:** Upgrade school and learning technology to ensure students have access to reliable internet and digital tools
- **Support the Health and Well-Being of Students:**
 - Enhance and Expand Outdoor Spaces: Improve outdoor areas to support student wellness and safety, focusing on increasing shade and green schoolyards, and improving the overall quality of outdoor environments
 - Enhance Food Services for Students: Upgrade facilities to support the transition to a new food service model to enable the preparation of fresh healthy student meals
- **Promote Efficiency:** Improve energy efficiency in school buildings and support the transition to electrified infrastructure, including school buses, to foster sustainability and reduce environmental impacts

Official Ballot Measure Text

“Local Public Schools Safety and Upgrades Measure: To update school facilities for 21st century student learning and career/college preparedness; improve school facilities for safety, earthquakes and disability access; upgrade plumbing, electrical, HVAC; replace leaky roofs; provide learning technology; and create green outdoor classrooms/schoolyards; shall Los Angeles Unified School District’s measure be adopted authorizing \$9,000,000,000 in bonds at legal rates, levying approximately 2.5¢ per \$100 of assessed valuation (generating \$456,123,000 annually) until approximately 2059, with audits/citizens’ oversight?”



Funding Targets and Implementation Strategies

Undertake major modernizations, upgrades and reconfigurations to school campuses (Funding Target: \$4.99B)

- Replace or modernize school buildings with seismic vulnerabilities to meet today's building, safety, and learning standards ~\$2.8B
- Replace old and structurally deficient relocatable classroom buildings with new up-to-date permanent classroom buildings ~\$80M
- Upgrade elementary school classrooms and related facilities to provide age-appropriate spaces for UTK and kindergarten students ~\$70M
- Upgrade, expand, reconfigure, alter, and/or furnish and equip campuses for new and realigned programs ~\$70M
- Upgrade/restore outdoor areas and play space ~\$1.25B
 - Create new green schoolyards/outdoor classrooms ~\$600M
 - Upgrade play space and campus exteriors ~\$600M
 - Install shade shelters ~\$50M

Funding Targets and Implementation Strategies

Undertake critical replacements and upgrades of school building/ site systems and components
(Funding Target: \$947M)

- Replace failing building/site systems and components ~\$932M
- Create secure school entrances by installing a camera/buzzer system ~\$15M

Information Technology Infrastructure and System Upgrades
(Funding Target: \$886M)

- Comprehensive enhancements to school audio systems ~\$521M
- Upgrade school IT network infrastructure ~\$342.9M
- Upgrade core IT network infrastructure ~\$22.1M

Funding Targets and Implementation Strategies

School Upgrades and Reconfigurations to Support Wellness, Health, Athletics, Learning and Efficiency (Funding Target: \$540M)

- Upgrade competitive athletic facilities ~\$230M
- Install photovoltaic panels, electrification & electrical infrastructure ~\$175M
- Campus improvements/enhancements determined by Region/Board District ~ \$70M
- Upgrade/reconfigure/construct school-based student wellness facilities ~\$40M
- Upgrades to school libraries ~\$10M
- Improvements to school facilities to support implementation of partner funded projects/programs ~\$10M
- Create sustainable outdoor learning spaces in collaboration with school-based and community-led efforts ~\$5 million

Funding Targets and Implementation Strategies

School Cafeteria Upgrades (Funding Target: \$461M)

- Construct and/or upgrade (regional) kitchen(s) to prepare fresh healthy student meals ~approximately \$300M
- Upgrade or replace school walk-in refrigerators/freezers ~\$125M
- Upgrade elementary school cafeterias with new combi ovens and electrical infrastructure ~\$20M
- Construct/install metal serving kiosk to support elementary school kitchens operating out of hot shacks ~\$16M

Charter School Facilities Upgrades and Expansions (Funding Target: \$300M)

- Replace/upgrade school buildings, building systems and components, and grounds at District-owned facilities operated by charter schools or with a charter school co-location pursuant to Proposition 39, focusing on long-standing co-location sites ~\$275M
- Renovate and furnish and equip school sites to provide charter schools with reasonably equivalent facilities pursuant to Proposition 39 ~\$20M
- Upgrades at new Prop 39 sites to jointly improve the lives and learning conditions for students in all schools on the campus ~\$5M

Funding Targets and Implementation Strategies

Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan Implementation (Funding Target: \$258M)

- Upgrades/renovations/installations to remove physical barriers and/or enhance accessibility ~\$250M
- Alterations and improvements to facilities to ensure a barrier-free learning environment ~\$8M

Early Childhood Education Facilities Upgrades and Expansions (Funding Target: \$200M)

- Replace/upgrade failing building/site systems and components and create outdoor learning environments

Funding Targets and Implementation Strategies

IT Campus Safety Upgrades (Funding Target: \$169M)

- Install access control systems ~ \$9M
- Install video camera systems to improve safety ~\$70.5M
- Upgrade school intrusion alarm and monitoring systems ~\$89.5M

Adult and Career Education Facilities Upgrades (Funding Target: \$144M)

- Replace deficient buildings with new up-to-date permanent classroom building ~\$93M
- Upgrade school information technology systems and equipment ~\$30M
- Replace/upgrade failing building/site systems and components ~\$13M
- Exterior upgrades to improve site safety, outdoor areas, and signage ~\$8M

Funding Targets and Implementation Strategies

Replace Aging and Outdated School Buses (Funding Target: \$75M)

- Improve energy efficiency and support the transition to electrified school buses

Ensure oversight and accountability of bond expenditures (Funding Target: \$30M)

- Independent audits of bond projects and contracts

- All bond expenditures are reviewed by the citizens' bond oversight committee and approved by the Board of Education in a public meeting
- All bond expenditures subject to an annual independent financial audit & performance audit
- Funds are legally restricted from being used for administrator salaries and other operating expenses
- Oversight measures have been in effect for 20 years and have continued to help ensure that all bond funds are only spent on voter-authorized projects
- The proposed bond measure includes oversight commitments beyond what is required by law

Summary



- There's still more work to be done and a new bond measure would provide much needed funding to upgrade our aging schools, so they are safe, secure, efficient, and welcoming
- Current estimates show over \$80 billion of unfunded school facilities needs
- The proposed bond measure is meant to support the continuation of an already successful program
- All District bond measures are subject to strict oversight and accountability, all expenditures are reviewed by an independent citizens' oversight committee, and all bond projects and contracts may be subject to review and/or audit by the Office of the Inspector General
- A new bond measure will create thousands of local jobs benefitting the region's economy