



November 5, 2024 Local and State School Bond Measures

Greening Schools and Climate Resilience Committee Meeting
September 24, 2024

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Important Election and Voting Information

- Deadline to Register to Vote is October 21, 2024
- Eligible Los Angeles County residents who registration deadline can still vote at any Vote Center in L.A. County
 - Complete a Conditional Voter Registration: for more information visit <https://www.lavote.net/home/voting-elections/voter-registration/conditional-voter-registration>
- Mailing of Vote by Mail Ballots (VBM) begins October 7
- VBMs may be dropped off at a VBM drop-box location or at a Vote Center – visit www.LAVote.net for a list of locations
- To track your VBM visit: WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov
- Vote Centers will be open beginning October 26th-- visit www.LAVote.net for a list of locations
- Regardless of how you plan to vote, we encourage you to make your voice heard!

There's Still More Work to Be Done

- **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

Measure US Overview

- \$9 billion School Upgrades and Safety Measure on the November 5, 2024 ballot
- If approved by 55 percent of votes cast, proceeds will be used to:
 - Improve school safety
 - Update and right-size aging and deteriorating school facilities for safety and 21st century student learning and college and career preparedness
 - Complete essential upgrades to school buildings and grounds
 - Enhance accessibility
 - Enhance and expand outdoor spaces and food services for students
 - Update learning technology and infrastructure
 - Upgrade older schools to help address facility inequities
 - Promote efficiency

Ballot Question

US LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL ELECTION - MEASURE US

Vote **YES** or **NO**

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? **Supporters:** Yolie Flores, Families In Schools; Gene Hale, LA AfAm Chamber; Dr. A. McQuarters; Charmaine Morales, RN; Ernesto Medrano, Bldg Trades **Opponents:** Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association; Mike Antonovich, L.A. County Supervisor (ret.); Jack Humphreville



YES on Measure US



NO on Measure US

Measure US Costs

- Measure US is estimated to levy an average of 2.5 cents per \$100 of assessed (not market) property value annually, generating about \$456,123,000 each year until approximately 2059
- For a single-family residence within LAUSD boundaries at the median assessed value of \$444,269, this would equate to approximately \$111 a year or about \$9.25 a month

2024 Bond Measure: Proposed Priorities

- **Enhance School Safety:** 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 (e.g. roofing, HVAC, plumbing, piping and paving)
- **Enhance Accessibility:** Improve access for individuals with disabilities
- **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

Strategies for Implementation

- Major modernizations, upgrades and reconfigurations to school campuses (Funding Target: \$4.9B), such as:
 - Replacement or modernization of school buildings with seismic vulnerabilities to meet today's building, safety, and learning standards (~\$2.8B)
 - Replacement of old and structurally deficient relocatable classroom buildings with new up-to-date permanent classroom buildings (~\$800M)
 - Upgrades/restoration of outdoor areas and play space (~\$1.25B)
 - Creation of new green schoolyards/outdoor classrooms (~\$600M)
 - Upgrades to play space and campus exteriors (~\$600M)
 - Installation shade shelters (~\$50M)

Strategies for Implementation

- Undertake critical replacements and upgrades of school building/ site systems and components (Funding Target: \$947M)
- School Upgrades and Reconfigurations to Support Wellness, Health, Athletics, Learning and Efficiency (Funding Target: \$540M), such as:
 - Upgrades to competitive athletic facilities (~\$230M)
 - Installation of photovoltaic panels, electrification and electrical infrastructure (~\$175M)
 - Campus improvements/enhancements determined by Region/Board District (~\$70M)
 - Facilities improvements to support implementation of partner funded projects/programs (~\$10M)
 - Creation of sustainable outdoor learning spaces in collaboration with school-based and community-led efforts (~\$5M)

Strategies for Implementation

- Information Technology Infrastructure (IT) and System Upgrades (Funding Target: \$886M)
- IT Campus Safety Upgrades (Funding Target: \$169M)
- School Cafeteria Upgrades (Funding Target: \$461M)
- Charter School Facilities Upgrades and Expansions (Funding Target: \$300M)
- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan Implementation (Funding Target: \$258M)
- Early Childhood Education Facilities Upgrades and Expansions (Funding Target: \$200M)
- Adult and Career Education Facilities Upgrades (Funding Target: \$144M)
- Replace Aging and Outdated School Buses (Funding Target: \$75M)
- Ensure oversight and accountability of bond expenditures (Funding Target: \$30M)

Oversight and Accountability

- Measure US is subject to strict independent oversight and accountability requirements
- All bond expenditures will be 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
- All bond projects and contracts may be subject to review and/or audit by the Office of the Inspector General

Proposition 2

PROP 2 AUTHORIZES BONDS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE FACILITIES. LEGISLATIVE STATUTE.

SUMMARY

Put on the Ballot by the Legislature

Authorizes \$10 billion in general obligation bonds for repair, upgrade, and construction of facilities at K–12 public schools (including charter schools), community colleges, and career technical education programs, including for improvement of health and safety conditions and classroom upgrades. Requires annual audits.

Fiscal Impact: Increased state costs of about \$500 million annually for 35 years to repay the bond.

Supporters: California Teachers Association; California School Nurses Organization; Community College League of California **Opponents:** Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association

WHAT YOUR VOTE MEANS

YES A YES vote on this measure means: The state could borrow \$10 billion to build new or renovate existing public school and community college facilities.

NO A NO vote on this measure means: The state could not borrow \$10 billion to build new or renovate existing public school and community college facilities.

ARGUMENTS

PRO Many schools and community colleges are outdated and need basic health and safety repairs and upgrades to prepare students for college and careers and to retain and attract quality teachers. Prop. 2 meets those needs and requires strict taxpayer accountability so funds are spent as promised with local control.

CON Proposition 2 will increase our bond obligations by \$10 billion, which will cost taxpayers an estimated \$18 billion when repaid with interest. A bond works like a government credit card —paying off that credit card requires the government to spend more of your tax dollars! *Vote NO on Prop. 2.*

AB 247 – Proposition 2

- LAUSD anticipates applying for and receiving in the range of \$600–700M
- Amends Education Code to permit a State School Facilities Program grant/apportionment for new construction and modernization to be used for the cost of design, materials, demolition (modernization), and construction to:
 - advance state energy goals pursuant to state law, support outdoor learning environments, or to directly shade and protect pupils from higher average temperatures, which may include incorporating nature and natural materials
- Language provides clarity for outdoor and energy related permissible scope for modernization and new construction applications
- New construction grant may be used for “any and all costs necessary to adequately house new pupils”
- Modernization apportionment may be used for “an improvement to extend the useful life of, or to enhance the physical environment of, the school”

Summary

- Los Angeles Unified current estimates show over \$80 billion of unfunded school facilities needs
- Measure US would provide funding to upgrade aging and deteriorating schools – 60% of school buildings are more than 50 years old
- Measure US is meant to support the continued investment in an effort that has been ongoing for over 20 years
- Measure US is subject to strict oversight and accountability
- Measure US is estimated to levy an average of 2.5 cents per \$100 of assessed (not market) property value annually, generating about \$456,123,000 each year until approximately 2059
- Language provides clarity for outdoor and energy related permissible scope for modernization and new construction applications
- If Proposition 2 is approved by voters, LAUSD anticipates applying for and receiving in the range of \$600–700M



Questions?