

Full Text of Measure I Santa Ana Unified School District

ACCOUNTABILITY SAFEGUARDS

The provisions in this section are specifically included in this proposition in order that the Santa Ana Unified School District's voters and taxpayers may be assured that their money will be spent wisely to address specific facilities needs of the Santa Ana Unified School District, all in compliance with the requirements of Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3) of the State Constitution, and the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000 (codified at Education Code Sections 15264 and following).

Evaluation of Needs. The Board of Education has prepared an updated facilities plan in order to evaluate and address all of the facilities needs of the Santa Ana Unified School District, and to determine which projects to finance from a local bond at this time. The Board of Education hereby certifies that it has evaluated safety, class size reduction and information technology needs in developing the Project List.

Limitation on Use of Bond Proceeds. The State of California does not have the power to take locally approved school district bond funds for any State purposes. Proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this proposition shall be used only for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities, and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries and other school operating expenses. 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 the bond projects.

Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee. The Board of Education shall establish an independent Citizens' Oversight Committee (pursuant to Education Code Section 15278 and following), to ensure bond proceeds are spent only for the school facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List. The committee shall be established within 60 days of the date when the results of the election appear in the minutes of the Board of Education.

Annual Performance Audits. The Board of Education shall conduct an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the bond proceeds have been expended only on the school facilities projects listed in the Project List.

Annual Financial Audits. The Board of Education shall conduct an annual, independent financial audit of the bond proceeds until all of those proceeds have been spent for the school facilities projects listed in the Project List.

Special Bond Proceeds Account; Annual Report to Board. Upon approval of this proposition and the sale of any bonds approved, the Board of Education shall take actions necessary pursuant to Government Code Section 53410 and following to establish an account in which proceeds of the sale of bonds will be deposited. As long as any proceeds of the bonds remain unexpended, the Superintendent of the District shall cause a report to be filed with the Board no later than December 31 of each year, commencing December 31, 2019, stating (1) the amount of bond proceeds received and expended in that year, and (2) the status of any project funded or to be funded from bond proceeds. The report may relate to the calendar year, fiscal year, or other appropriate annual period as the Superintendent shall determine, and may be incorporated into the annual budget, audit, or other appropriate routine report to the Board.

PROJECT LIST

Bond proceeds will be expended to modernize, replace, renovate, expand, construct, acquire, equip, furnish and otherwise improve the classrooms and school facilities of the District.

The school facilities projects to be funded include, but shall not be limited to:

Modernization Improvements to Educationally and Functionally Enhance Existing School Facilities

- Renovate, improve, repair, and upgrade existing classrooms and school facilities
- Furnish and equip classrooms, science labs, multi-purpose rooms, libraries, food service facilities, auditoriums, physical education and playground facilities, outdoor instructional areas and other school facilities
- Repair or replace leaky and aging roofs and exterior walls
- Repair, replace and upgrade aging flooring, walls and ceilings
- Replace existing windows with energy efficient systems
- Make health and safety improvements including handicap accessibility improvements to improve classroom and school access for students and staff with disabilities
- Federal and State-mandated Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility upgrades including site access, parking, staff and student restrooms, relocation of some existing electrical devices, drinking fountains, playground equipment, etc.
- Improve access to classrooms and other school facilities, including for students with disabilities, to promote parent involvement and community services
- Upgrade physical education facilities for school and community use
- Repair, replace, install or upgrade signage and fencing including repair or replacement of school marquees

- Repair, replace or upgrade paved surfaces, turf and other grounds
- Repair or replace irrigation systems and landscaping

Replacement of Temporary Classrooms to Achieve State of the Art Learning Environments

- Replace antiquated portable classrooms with state-of-the-art classrooms and school facilities
- Repair outdated temporary portable classrooms or replace with new and/or permanent classrooms

Improving Building Systems and Infrastructure

- Repair or replace outdated and inadequate heating and air-conditioning, plumbing, sewer, electrical systems and other utilities with building code compliant and energy efficient systems including alternative energy systems
- Install energy efficient lighting systems
- Upgrade and expand campus-wide intercom and wireless systems, and telecommunications, internet and network connections
- Replace existing wiring systems to meet current electrical and accessibility codes and increased capacity
- Create Safe, Effective, Well-Maintained and Equitable Learning Environments
- Construct, acquire, improve, furnish, expand and equip additional classrooms/classroom buildings, property and other school facilities throughout the District
- Acquire land and/or facilities for construction of a neighborhood school in the Irvine/Newport Development Area
- Repair, replace, upgrade and install security, fire, lighting, communication and other safety systems including security cameras and entry/door locks and hardware
- Upgrade classrooms and other school facilities with modern 21st century technology
- Acquire, install and upgrade computers, computer learning technology and technology infrastructure
- Construct, equip, improve and upgrade computer labs and science labs to improve student achievement
- Acquire, construct, install and improve outdoor facilities including lunch areas and other grounds to eliminate safety hazards including heat and sun protection
- Upgrade school site parking, driveways, walkways, drainage and grounds and improve traffic circulation

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 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 list; 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: renovation of student and staff restrooms; upgrade of facilities for energy efficiencies; installation wiring and electrical systems to safely accommodate computers, technology and other electrical devices and needs; upgrades or construction of support facilities, including administrative, physical education/athletic facilities and performing arts buildings and maintenance yards; resurfacing or replacing of hard courts, turf and irrigation systems and campus landscaping and play fields; expand parking; install interior and exterior painting and floor covering; demolition; and construction of various forms of storage and support spaces, upgrade classrooms, bleachers, kitchens, repair, upgrade and install interior and exterior lighting systems; replace outdated security fences and security systems. The upgrading of technology infrastructure includes, but is not limited to, computers, LCD projectors, 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 and other miscellaneous equipment and software. 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 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.