

**FULL TEXT OF MEASURE S
TUSTIN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

The following is the full proposition presented to the voters by the TUSTIN UNIFIED School District.

To better prepare students for college and high-demand jobs, improve students' technology skills for today's higher standards, retain qualified teachers, improve instruction and career training in science, math and skilled trades, and maintain high-quality education; shall Tustin Unified School District upgrade classrooms, science labs, equipment, instructional technology and infrastructure by issuing \$135 million in bonds at legal rates, with independent citizen oversight, no funds for administrator compensation, all funds benefiting neighborhood schools?

PROJECT LIST

The Board of Trustees of the TUSTIN UNIFIED School District evaluated the District's urgent and essential facility and equipment needs, including safety issues, class size reduction, and computer and information technology, to determine the most critical educational requirements of preparing our students to compete successfully in the 21st Century. In developing the projects to be funded, the Board received input from teachers, staff and community members and prioritized the advancement of instructional technology as the most critical District need, since without such upgrades our students will fall behind others in the State and nation that are given access to new learning tools. The Board concluded that if these needs are not addressed now, the problems will only become more pressing and expensive. Therefore, in approving this Project List, the Board of Trustees determines that:

- (i) To best prepare our students with 21st Century skills, the District must place emphasis on math, science, engineering and career technology education in the classroom.
- (ii) To attract and retain qualified teachers at our local schools the teachers and students must have the access to new learning tools.
- (iii) To achieve our goals, the District must provide every neighborhood school with up-to-date technology.
- (iv) THE DISTRICT MUST ADHERE TO SPECIFIC ACCOUNTABILITY SAFEGUARDS, SUCH AS:
 - (a) Sacramento must be prohibited from taking any of the funds raised.
 - (b) All expenditures must be subject to annual independent financial audits.
 - (c) No funds can be used for teacher and administrators' salaries (as determined by the California Attorney General) and pensions.
 - (d) All funds must be used locally.
 - (e) An independent citizen oversight committee must be appointed to ensure that all funds are spent only as authorized.

The Project List includes the following types of projects at the local schools listed below and any future school(s) built and/or established within the TUSTIN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT attendance boundary:

Arroyo Elementary School
Benson Elementary School
Beswick Elementary School
Estock Elementary School
Guin Foss Elementary School
Heideman Elementary School
Heritage School
Hicks Canyon Elementary School
Ladera Elementary School
Lambert Elementary School
Loma Vista Elementary School
Myford Elementary School
Nelson Elementary School
Orchard Hills School
Peters Canyon Elementary School
Red Hill Elementary School
Thorman Elementary School
Tustin Memorial Elementary School
Tustin Ranch Elementary School
Veeh Elementary School
Columbus Tustin Middle School
Currie Middle School
Hewes Middle School
Pioneer Middle School
Utt Middle School
Beckman High School
Foothill High School
Hillview High School
Tustin High School

Districtwide Instructional Technology and Wiring Projects to maintain a high standard of student achievement

Goal and Purpose: To upgrade classroom computers and educational technology in order to ensure our schools have the technology needed to prepare our students for success at work and in life. To support the mastery of subjects like reading, writing, math, science, the arts, and foster innovation in our classrooms. To provide our teachers and students educational technology that can enhance teaching and learning through: Creativity, Innovation, Critical Thinking, Problem Solving, Communication and Collaboration. To provide the support systems necessary to ensure student mastery of 21st century standards, assessments, curriculum and instruction that will best prepare our students to compete successfully for college and career opportunities:

- Provide and maintain up-to-date technology, data and communication equipment.
- Upgrade and expand wireless systems, telecommunications, Internet and network connections.
- Upgrade and replace district technology improving efficiency and reducing operational costs.
- Upgrade and replace computers, hardware and software systems, classroom and library technology and teaching equipment to enhance instruction.
- Keep our technology up-to-date and allow our students to learn the skills necessary for a 21st Century economy.
- Upgrade middle school science and secondary career technical educational classrooms and instructional technology to meet university and industry-standard specifications better preparing our students for college and career opportunities.
- Provide additional electrical, network and telephone service capacity to relieve overloaded systems so that it can handle modern instructional technology.
- Provide online and virtual classroom learning curriculum and instruction.

The listed projects will be completed as needed. Project expenditures described above may be undertaken at any and all District schools and facilities. 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 include: the acquisition of a variety of instructional, maintenance and operational equipment. The upgrading of technology infrastructure includes, but is not limited to, LCD projectors, portable interface devices, servers, switches, routers, modules, sound projection systems, laser printers, digital white boards, document projectors, upgrade voice-over-IP, mobile iPad/tablet devices, interactive whiteboard displays, mobile computer labs, call manager and network security/firewall, wireless technology systems and other miscellaneous equipment and software, as well as computer server rooms, technology office space, centralize high speed data connections between school sites. The budget for each project is an estimate and may be affected by factors beyond the District's control. The final cost of each project will be determined as plans and construction documents are finalized, construction bids are received, 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. 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, including pensions.