

## Los Alamitos Unified Bond Measure – Measure G: Great Schools, Great Community

### The Five Priority Projects for Measure G are as follows:

1. The high school is 50 years old, and the infrastructure (electrical, mechanical, etc.) needs to be replaced. LAHS is the only school that has not been fully modernized (approx. 20 M).
2. We need a new building with updated classrooms for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. The UC System will be voting on a requirement of three years of science effective with the class of 2022 (approximately 35 M).
3. With a new building, we could remove up to 31 old portables that are nearing the end of their suggested life.
4. We need to modernize the existing classrooms at LAHS, after the infrastructure is done, the multi-story building is built, and the portables are removed (approx. 20 M).
5. Security Fencing, Security Cameras, Alert Towers, etc. need to be installed at every site in the District to enhance safety (approximately 8 M).

### Why didn't Measure K in 2008 address all of our needs?

Approximately 350 M worth of needs were identified in the needs assessment and Facilities Master Plan for Measure K – over 10 years ago. Measure K was 126 M so the most urgent needs were completed. The Facilities Master Plan was the ideal. We had to scale down the projects to do the most urgent needs as determined by our residents and staff.

### 2017 Facilities Master Plan

In 2017, we completed a new needs assessment and Facilities Master Plan. Nearly 250 M worth of needs were identified. We gave multiple surveys to ascertain the priorities of our District community. What we learned was that the five items listed above are the priorities, and 97 M is the limit taxpayers are willing to pay. Consequently, we have to scale down the needs identified in the 2017 Facilities Master Plan as we won't get 250 M. If the bond passes, we will get 97 M. In addition, since the 2017 Facilities Master Plan was developed, costs have escalated.

### Important Information

1. If we pass a bond, we would be eligible for state matching funds. Measure K was 126 M, and we received approximately 30 M in state matching funds. State matching funds do not have to be paid back. The only way we can take advantage of future matching funds is if we pass a bond. State matching funds allow us to do more, hence the reason for more projects on the list than the original bond can possibly cover. And, we never know how much State matching funds we'll get.
2. We only have one high school. It is where every student eventually goes and from which all students graduate. We need to provide them the very best possible education so that they are all prepared to attain their goals for the future. Over 90% of our students go on to post-secondary education; updated classrooms are essential to accommodate science classrooms and the use of technology.
3. We are not about the buildings, but they matter. When students and families are connected to school through students' involvement in academics, co-curricular activities, and extra-curricular

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activities, they are happier, more successful, learn to value diversity, work better with others, and are more prepared to contribute to society.

4. Additional project needs include items such as a new or larger LAHS gym, modernizing the PAC, replacing playgrounds, adding shade structures, adding bathrooms at some sites, etc. The scope of this work cannot be determined until we know if the bond passes, how much money is left after we go to bid on the five priority projects, and how much we get in matching funds and grants.

### **Fiscal Accountability**

In drafting Measure G for voter consideration, the District worked to ensure all Orange County Taxpayer Association's criteria for a fiscally responsible school bond were met. All funds stay local, can only be used for facilities, and cannot be used for employee salaries. A Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee ensures the money is spent as stated on the bond and on the voter approved project list.