

### The Local Public Schools Safety and Upgrades Measure November 5, 2024 Election

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## **LAUSD Bond Program Status**

- Over nearly three decades
  - 24,100+ rehabilitation, modernization, and replacement projects completed
  - \$24.7 billion invested in school facilities
- Since November 2020
  - ~ 1,270 rehabilitation, modernization, and replacement projects completed
  - ~\$3.6 billion invested
- ~600 projects valued at \$3.5 billion in pre-construction
- ~265 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

### **Significant Needs Remain**

- All existing funds are committed
- Current estimates show that Los Angeles Unified schools have over <u>\$80 billion</u> of unfunded school facility needs, and they grow every year
- More than 60 percent of school buildings are over 50 years old

### 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

### **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

### **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

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### **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 rightsize 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

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- 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

## Major modernizations, upgrades and reconfigurations to school campuses -- Funding Target: \$4.9B

- 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 (~\$800M)
- 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)
- Upgrade elementary school classrooms and related facilities to provide ageappropriate spaces for UTK and kindergarten students, including furnishing and equipment (~\$70M)
- Upgrade, expand, reconfigure, alter, and/or furnish and equip campuses for new and realigned programs (~\$70M)

## 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)

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

- Upgrade competitive athletic facilities (~\$230M)
- Install photovoltaic panels, electrification and electrical infrastructure (~\$175M)
- Campus improvements/enhancements determined by Region/Board District (~\$70M)
- School-based student wellness facilities (~\$40M)
- Upgrade libraries with updated furnishings and interior alterations (~\$10M)
- Facilities improvements to support implementation of partner funded projects/programs (~\$10M)
- Create sustainable outdoor learning spaces in collaboration with schoolbased and community-led efforts (~\$5M)

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

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

#### IT Campus Safety Upgrades – Funding Target: \$169M

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

### School Cafeteria Upgrades - Funding Target: \$461M

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

#### Charter School Facilities Upgrades and Expansions – Funding Target: \$300M

- Replace/upgrade school buildings, 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 sites to jointly improve the lives and learning conditions for students in all schools on the campus (~\$5M)

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

- Remove physical barriers and/or enhance accessibility to support implementation of the ADA Transition Plan (~\$250M)
- Rapid access alterations and improvements to facilities to ensure a barrier-free learning environment as required by the ADA (~\$8M)

## Early Childhood Education Facilities Upgrades and Expansions – Funding Target: \$200M

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

#### 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)

#### 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

### **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<br>Period<br>(Years) | Starting FY | Ending FY | Average<br>Annual AV<br>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

### **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

### **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 <u>https://www.lavote.net/home/voting-elections/voter-</u> <u>registration/conditional-voter-registration</u>
- 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 <u>www.LAVote.net</u> for a list of locations
- To track your VBM visit: <u>WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov</u>
- Vote Centers will be open beginning October 26th-- visit <u>www.LAVote.net</u> for a list of locations
- Regardless of how you plan to vote, we encourage you to make your voice heard!

### Summary

- Current estimates show over \$80 billion of unfunded school facilities needs
- Measure US would provide funding to upgrade aging and deteriorating schools
- 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 anticipated to levy approximately 2.5 cents per \$100 or \$25.04 per \$100,000 of assessed – not market – property value, generating \$456,123,000 annually until approximately 2059
- Measure US will create thousands of local jobs benefitting the region's economy



# **Questions?**

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