

ALUM ROCK UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

2930 Gay Avenue, San Jose, CA 95127

Office of Superintendent of Schools

ITEM REQUIRING ATTENTION - BOARD OF TRUSTEES

To the Board of Trustees:

Subject: Resolution #41-07/08
Bond Measure

Staff Analysis:

The Board will receive the bond measure resolution and consider placing it on the June 3rd ballot.

Recommendation:

The staff recommends that the Board of Trustees authorize a bond resolution for the June 3, 2008 election.

February 27, 2008
[Signature]

Submitted by: Rebecca G. Wright Title: Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Rebecca G. Wright

To the Board of Trustees:
Recommend Approval
4.2
Agenda Placement

Meeting: February 27, 2008

Norma Martinez
Norma Martinez, Superintendent

DISPOSITION BY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Motion by: Rob Morales Seconded by: Patricia Potter

Approved: 5 Not Approved: 0 Tabled: _____

RESOLUTION NO. 41 – 07/08

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
ALUM ROCK UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
ORDERING AN ELECTION, AND ESTABLISHING
SPECIFICATIONS OF THE ELECTION ORDER

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the “Board”) has determined that each public school within the Alum Rock Union Elementary School District (the “District”), needs to be upgraded, repaired, improved, and better equipped, to enable the District to enhance the educational opportunities of all the students in the District and to achieve one of the Board’s primary goals of providing comparable schools for all students throughout the District; and

WHEREAS, the District has undertaken additional significant community outreach efforts to gather opinions of parents and community members as to their assessment of the District’s facility needs; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding concerted and ongoing efforts by the District to obtain sufficient facility money from the State of California (the “State”), the State has been unable to provide the District with enough money for the District to adequately maintain, construct, repair, and equip our schools to provide an optimal learning environment for all students; and

WHEREAS, the District will apply for State matching facility improvement money when eligible; and

WHEREAS, in the judgment of the Board, it is advisable to provide additional facility funding to both repair and upgrade District schools and qualify for additional State money by means of a general obligation bond; and

WHEREAS, in seeking the passage of a local general obligation bond, the Board determines that investment in the District today will have long-term benefits for our community and our property values; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 46, approved by the voters of the State on June 3, 1986 (“Proposition 46”), amended Section 1(b) of Article XIII A of the California Constitution by adding a provision which exempts from the 1% of full cash value limitation, those ad valorem taxes used to pay for debt service of any bonded indebtedness for the acquisition or improvement of real property approved on or after July 1, 1978, by two-thirds of the votes cast by voters voting on the proposition; and

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2000 the voters of California approved the Smaller Classes, Safer Schools and Financial Accountability Act (“Proposition 39”) which, as of its effective date, reduced the voter threshold for ad valorem tax levies used to pay for debt service or bonded indebtedness to 55% of the votes cast on a school district general obligation bond; and

WHEREAS, concurrent with the passage of Proposition 39, Chapter 1.5, Part 10, Division 1, Title 1 (commencing with Section 15264) of the Education Code (the “Act”) became operative and established requirements associated with the implementation of Proposition 39; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to make certain findings herein to be applicable to this election order and to establish certain performance audits, standards of financial accountability and citizen oversight which are contained in Proposition 39 and the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby determines, in accordance with the opinion of the Attorney General of the State of California, that the restrictions in Proposition 39 which prohibit any bond money from being wasted or used for administrative salaries or other operating expenses of the District be strictly enforced by the Citizens' Oversight Committee; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Education Code Section 15270, based upon a projection of assessed property valuation, the Board has determined that, if approved by voters, the tax rate levied to meet the debt service requirements of the bonds proposed to be issued will not exceed the Proposition 39 limits per year per \$100,000 of assessed valuation of taxable property; and

WHEREAS, Section 9400 *et seq.* of the Elections Code of the State of California (the "Elections Code") requires that a tax rate statement be contained in all official materials, including any ballot pamphlet prepared, sponsored or distributed by the District, relating to the election; and

WHEREAS, the Board now desires to authorize the filing of a ballot argument in favor of the proposition to be submitted to the voters at the election; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the California Elections Code, it is appropriate for the Board to request consolidation of the election with any and all other elections to be held on Tuesday, June 3, 2008, and to request that the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters perform certain election services for the District;

NOW THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ALUM ROCK UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the Board, pursuant to Education Code Sections 15100 *et seq.*, 15264 *et seq.*, and Government Code Section 53506, hereby requests the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters to conduct an election under the provisions of Proposition 39 and the Act and submit to the electors of the District the question of whether bonds of the District in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$179 million (the "Bonds") shall be issued and sold for the purpose of raising money for the purposes described in Exhibits "A" and "B" hereto. Both exhibits are directed to be printed in the voter pamphlet.

Section 2. That the date of the election shall be June 3, 2008.

Section 3. That the purpose of the election shall be for the voters in the District to vote on a proposition, a copy of which is attached hereto and marked Exhibit "A" and incorporated by reference herein, containing the question of whether the District shall issue the Bonds to pay for improvements to the extent permitted by such proposition. In compliance with Proposition 39 and the Act, the ballot proposition in Exhibit "A" is subject to the following requirements and determinations:

(a) the proceeds of the sale of the Bonds shall only be used for the purposes set forth in the ballot measure and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries and other operating expenses;

(b) that the Board, in establishing the projects set forth in Exhibit "B," evaluated the safety, class size reduction and information technology needs of the District as well as the importance of the projects to student achievement and enhanced instruction;

(c) that the Board will cause to be conducted an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the Bond moneys get expended for the projects identified in Exhibit "B" hereto;

(d) that the Board will cause an annual, independent financial audit of the proceeds from the sale of Bonds to be conducted until all of the Bond proceeds have been expended;

(e) that the Board will cause the appointment of a Citizens' Oversight Committee in compliance with Education Code Section 15278 no later than 60 days after the Board enters the election results in its minutes pursuant to Elections Code Section 15274; and

(f) that the tax levy authorized to secure the Bonds of this election shall not exceed the Proposition 39 limit per \$100,000 of taxable property in the District when assessed valuation is projected by the District to increase in accordance with Article XIII A of the California Constitution.

Section 4. That the authority for ordering the election is contained in Education Code Sections 15100 *et seq.*, 15264 *et seq.*, and Government Code Section 53506.

Section 5. That the authority for the specifications of this election order is contained in Sections 5322 of the Education Code.

Section 6. That the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters and the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors are hereby requested to consolidate the election ordered hereby with any and all other elections to be held on June 3, 2008 within the District.

Section 7. That the Secretary of the Board is hereby directed to send a certified copy of this Resolution to the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters no later than March 7, 2008.

Section 8. That the maturity of any Bonds issued pursuant to Section 15264 *et seq.* of the Education Code hereto shall have a maturity not exceeding twenty-five (25) years, and Bonds issued pursuant to Section 53506 of the Government Code shall have a maturity of not exceeding forty (40) years. The maximum rate of interest on any Bond shall not exceed the maximum rate allowed by Education Code Sections 15140 to 15143, as modified by Government Code Section 53531.

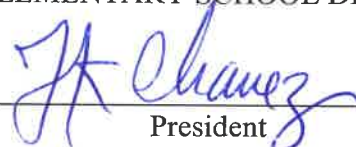
Section 9. That the Board requests the governing body of any such other political subdivision, or any officer otherwise authorized by law, to partially or completely consolidate such election and to further provide that the canvass be made by any body or official authorized by law to canvass the returns of the election, and that the Board consents to such consolidation.

Section 10. Pursuant to Section 5303 of the Education Code and Section 10002 of the Elections Code, the Board of Supervisors of Santa Clara County is requested to permit the Registrar of Voters to render all services specified by Section 10418 of the Elections Code relating to the

election, for which services the District agrees to reimburse Santa Clara County, such services to include the printing of the Full Text Ballot Proposition in the voter pamphlet, the publication of a Formal Notice of School Bond Election and the mailing of the sample ballot and tax rate statement (described in Section 9401 of the Elections Code) pursuant to the terms of Section 5363 of the Education Code and Section 12112 of the Elections Code.

ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this 27th day of February, 2008.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ALUM ROCK
UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

By 
President

Attest:


Secretary

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
)
SANTA CLARA COUNTY)

I, Norma Martinez, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 41-07/08, which was duly adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Alum Rock Union Elementary School District at meeting thereof held on the 27th day of February, 2008, and that it was so adopted by the following vote:

AYES: 5

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

By Norma Martinez
Secretary

EXHIBIT A

“Alum Rock Schools Safety and Repair Measure: To improve neighborhood schools, fix leaky, deteriorated roofs, improve fire safety, repair and upgrade classrooms, improve student safety and security, renovate outdated restrooms, upgrade heating/ventilation/electrical systems for energy efficiency, and computer technology, shall Alum Rock Union Elementary School District issue \$179 million of bonds at legal rates to renovate, acquire, construct, repair and equip schools, sites and facilities, with required independent financial audits, citizens’ oversight and no money for administrators’ salaries?”

Bonds - Yes

Bonds – No

EXHIBIT B

FULL TEXT BALLOT PROPOSITION OF THE ALUM ROCK UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND MEASURE ELECTION JUNE 3, 2008

“Alum Rock Schools Safety and Repair Measure: To improve neighborhood schools, fix leaky, deteriorated roofs, improve fire safety, repair and upgrade classrooms, improve student safety and security, renovate outdated restrooms, upgrade heating/ventilation/electrical systems for energy efficiency, and computer technology, shall Alum Rock Union Elementary School District issue \$179 million of bonds at legal rates to renovate, acquire, construct, repair and equip schools, sites and facilities, with required independent financial audits, citizens’ oversight and no money for administrators’ salaries?”

PRIORITY SCHOOL PROJECTS LIST

The Board of Trustees of the Alum Rock Union Elementary School District evaluated the District’s urgent and critical facility needs, including safety issues, enrollment trends, class size, energy efficiency and computer technology, in developing the scope of projects to be funded. In developing the scope of projects, teachers, staff and community members have prioritized the key health and safety needs so that the most critical facility needs are addressed. The Board conducted a facilities evaluation and received public input and review in developing the scope of facility projects to be funded. This input concluded that if these needs were not addressed now, the problem would only get worse. **In approving this Priority School Projects List, the Board of Trustees makes six important policy determinations:**

- (i) The District must install and upgrade fire prevention, security and emergency response systems, including safety locks and fencing at school sites so that all students are safe; and**
- (ii) In repairing aging schools, priority must be given to basic repairs, such as leaky roofs and installing and upgrading heating, cooling and ventilation systems to make them more energy efficient; and**
- (iii) If essential repairs are not made now they will be more expensive to repair in the future; and**
- (iv) The District must maximize its resources through efficient facility and financial management, seek energy and utility cost savings, must aggressively apply for State matching funds, and must spend any local bond money on projects within the District and shall not allow bond monies to be transferred to the State or any other agency; and**
- (v) The District must improve technology in classrooms; and**
- (vi) The District must insist that all of its schools be healthy and safe from fire dangers, earthquake risks, hazardous materials such as asbestos and mold.**

The Bond Project List is on file at the District Office of the Superintendent and include the following projects:

PRIORITY SCHOOL PROJECTS

Project costs for repair and renovation of all existing schools and facilities include, but are not limited to, some or all of the following: renovate student restrooms; install, repair and/or replace plumbing, heating and ventilation systems; repair and replace worn-out roofs, windows, flooring materials, walls and doors; improve signage; install electrical system wiring to safely accommodate computers, technology and other electrical devices; improve school site parking; upgrade drainage systems, landscaping, eliminate harmful ponding; repair and replace fire alarms, emergency communications and security systems (including security locks in classrooms, security cameras, outdoor lighting and perimeter fencing); upgrade gas and water shut-off valves; interior and exterior painting; repair and improve portable classrooms; repair or replace unsafe play structures; demolition; inspect for and abate any hazardous materials, including asbestos and mold; improve access for people with disabilities; and, construct and upgrade classrooms, facilities, and various forms of storage and support space; repair unsafe asphalt, walkways, play surfaces, drinking fountains and covered areas.

Arbuckle Elementary School (Constructed in 1961)

- Install new or improve existing student fire safety systems.
- Upgrade electrical, heating, cooling and ventilation systems for energy efficiency and to reduce energy costs.
- Upgrade aging and/or deteriorating restrooms.
- Upgrade classroom technology and technology infrastructure.
- Renovate, upgrade classrooms, buildings, including support areas, upgrade facilities, as needed; improve access for students and teachers with disabilities, remove hazardous materials, if any.
- Enhance student safety with improved security systems and emergency communication systems, safety locks, and outdoor lighting.
- Upgrade student drop-off areas and improve off-street parking.

Cassell Elementary School (Constructed in 1963)

- Repair/replace leaking or deteriorating roofs.
- Install new or improve existing student fire safety systems.
- Upgrade electrical, heating, cooling and ventilation systems for energy efficiency and to reduce energy costs.
- Upgrade aging and/or deteriorating restrooms.

- Upgrade classroom technology and technology infrastructure.
- Renovate, upgrade classrooms, buildings, including support areas, upgrade facilities, as needed; improve access for students and teachers with disabilities, remove hazardous materials, if any.
- Enhance student safety with improved security systems, lockable gates, security locks and emergency communication systems and outdoor lighting.

Cesar Chavez Elementary School (Constructed in 1950)

- Install new or improve existing student fire safety systems.
- Upgrade electrical, heating, cooling and ventilation systems for energy efficiency and to reduce energy costs.
- Upgrade aging and/or deteriorating restrooms.
- Upgrade classroom technology and technology infrastructure.
- Renovate, upgrade classrooms, buildings, including support areas, upgrade facilities, as needed; improve access for students and teachers with disabilities, remove hazardous materials, if any.
- Enhance student safety with improved security systems, door locks, fencing and emergency communication systems, building and outdoor lighting.

Cureton Elementary School (Constructed in 1952)

- Repair/replace leaking or deteriorating roofs, as needed.
- Install new or improve existing student fire safety and public address systems.
- Upgrade electrical, heating, cooling and ventilation systems for energy efficiency and to reduce energy costs.
- Upgrade aging and/or deteriorating restrooms.
- Upgrade classroom technology and technology infrastructure.
- Improve student drop-off areas and reconfigure parking area.
- Renovate, upgrade classrooms, multi-purpose room, buildings, upgrade facilities, as needed; improve access for students and teachers with disabilities, remove hazardous materials, if any.
- Enhance student safety with improved security systems, lockable gates, security locks, and emergency communication systems and outdoor lighting.

Dorsa Elementary School (Constructed in 1960)

- Repair/replace leaking or deteriorating roofs.
- Install new or improve existing student fire safety systems.
- Upgrade electrical, heating, cooling and ventilation systems for energy efficiency and to reduce energy costs.
- Upgrade aging and/or deteriorating restrooms.
- Upgrade classroom technology and technology infrastructure.
- Renovate, upgrade classrooms, library, multi-purpose room, buildings, upgrade facilities, as needed; improve access for students and teachers with disabilities, remove hazardous materials, if any.
- Improve student drop-off areas.
- Enhance student safety with improved security systems, lockable gates, security locks and emergency communication systems, indoor and outdoor lighting, and upgrade field surfaces.

Goss Elementary School (Constructed in 1961)

- Repair/replace leaking or deteriorating roofs, as needed.
- Install new or improve existing student fire safety systems.
- Upgrade electrical, heating, cooling and ventilation systems for energy efficiency and to reduce energy costs.
- Upgrade aging and/or deteriorating restrooms.
- Upgrade classroom technology and technology infrastructure.
- Renovate, upgrade classrooms, buildings, including band room, storage areas, upgrade facilities, as needed; improve access for students and teachers with disabilities, remove hazardous materials, if any.
- Enhance student safety with improved security systems, lockable gates, security locks, and emergency communication systems, outdoor lighting, and upgrade play courts and field surfaces.

Hubbard Elementary School (Constructed in 1959)

- Repair/replace leaking or deteriorating roofs and gutters.
- Install new or improve existing student fire safety systems.
- Upgrade electrical, heating, cooling and ventilation systems for energy efficiency and to reduce energy costs.
- Upgrade aging and/or deteriorating restrooms.
- Upgrade classroom technology and technology infrastructure.
- Renovate, upgrade classrooms, teachers' workroom, upgrade facilities, as needed; improve access for students and teachers with disabilities, remove hazardous materials, if any.
- Improve student drop-off areas.
- Enhance student safety with improved security systems, lockable gates, security locks, and emergency communication systems, outdoor lighting, and upgrade play court surfaces due to sinkholes and ponding.

Linda Vista Elementary School (Constructed in 1959)

- Repair/replace leaking or deteriorating roofs.
- Install new or improve existing student fire safety systems.
- Upgrade electrical, heating, cooling and ventilation systems for energy efficiency and to reduce energy costs.
- Upgrade aging and/or deteriorating restrooms.
- Upgrade classroom technology and technology infrastructure.
- Renovate, upgrade classrooms, library, multi-purpose room, buildings, upgrade facilities, as needed; improve access for students and teachers with disabilities, remove hazardous materials, if any.
- Improve student drop-off areas.
- Enhance student safety with improved security systems, lockable gates, security locks and emergency communication systems, outdoor lighting.

Lucha Elementary School (Constructed in 1964)

- Repair/replace leaking or deteriorating roofs.
- Install new or improve existing student fire safety systems.
- Upgrade electrical, heating, cooling and ventilation systems for energy efficiency and to reduce energy costs.
- Upgrade aging and/or deteriorating restrooms.
- Upgrade classroom technology and provide internet access.
- Renovate, upgrade and expand classrooms, provide library space, upgrade facilities, as needed; improve access for students and teachers with disabilities, remove hazardous materials, if any.
- Enhance student safety with improved security systems, lockable gates, security locks and emergency communication systems and outdoor lighting.

Lyndale Elementary School (Constructed in 1959)

- Repair/replace leaking or deteriorating roofs.
- Install new or improve existing student fire safety systems.
- Upgrade electrical, heating, cooling and ventilation systems for energy efficiency and to reduce energy costs.
- Upgrade aging and/or deteriorating restrooms.
- Upgrade classroom technology and technology infrastructure.
- Renovate, upgrade classrooms, library, multi-purpose room, buildings, upgrade facilities, as needed; improve access for students and teachers with disabilities, remove hazardous materials, if any.
- Improve parking areas.
- Enhance student safety with improved security systems, lockable gates, security locks, and emergency communication systems, outdoor lighting.

Millard McCollam Elementary School (Constructed in 1958)

- Repair/replace leaking or deteriorating roofs and gutters.
- Install new or improve existing student fire safety systems.

- Upgrade electrical, heating, cooling and ventilation systems for energy efficiency and to reduce energy costs.
- Upgrade aging and/or deteriorating restrooms.
- Upgrade classroom technology and technology infrastructure.
- Renovate, upgrade classrooms, buildings, including storage areas, upgrade facilities, as needed; improve access for students and teachers with disabilities, remove hazardous materials, if any.
- Improve student drop-off areas.
- Enhance student safety with improved security systems, lockable gates, security locks, and emergency communication systems, outdoor lighting, and upgrade play courts field surfaces.

Meyer Elementary School (Constructed in 1962)

- Repair/replace leaking or deteriorating roofs.
- Install new or improve existing student fire safety systems.
- Upgrade electrical, heating, cooling and ventilation systems for energy efficiency and to reduce energy costs.
- Upgrade aging and/or deteriorating restrooms.
- Upgrade classroom technology and technology infrastructure.
- Renovate, upgrade facilities, as needed; improve access for students and teachers with disabilities, remove hazardous materials, if any.
- Enhance student safety with improved security systems, lockable gates, security locks, and emergency communication systems, outdoor lighting, and replace unsafe playground equipment.

Painter Elementary School (Constructed in 1961)

- Repair/replace leaking or deteriorating roofs.
- Install new or improve existing student fire safety systems.
- Upgrade electrical, heating, cooling and ventilation systems for energy efficiency and to reduce energy costs.
- Upgrade classroom technology and technology infrastructure.

- Renovate, upgrade and/or provide distinct classrooms, multi-purpose room, storage, upgrade facilities, as needed; improve access for students and teachers with disabilities, remove hazardous materials, if any.
- Improve student drop-off areas.
- Enhance student safety with improved security systems, lockable gates, security locks, and emergency communication systems, outdoor lighting, and upgrade field surfaces.

Rogers/Adelante Elementary School (Constructed in 1967)

- Repair/replace leaking or deteriorating roofs, as needed.
- Install new or improve existing student fire safety systems.
- Upgrade electrical, heating, cooling and ventilation systems for energy efficiency and to reduce energy costs.
- Upgrade aging and/or deteriorating restrooms.
- Upgrade classroom technology and technology infrastructure.
- Renovate, upgrade classrooms, provide additional classrooms (Adelante), buildings, including storage areas, upgrade facilities, as needed; improve access for students and teachers with disabilities, remove hazardous materials, if any, remodel or expand administrative facilities.
- Enhance student safety with improved security systems, lockable gates, security locks and emergency communication systems, outdoor lighting, and upgrade play courts field surfaces.

Russo Academy/McEntee Academy Elementary School (Constructed in 1956)

- Repair/replace leaking or deteriorating roofs and gutters.
- Install new or improve existing student fire safety systems.
- Upgrade electrical, heating, cooling and ventilation systems for energy efficiency and to reduce energy costs.
- Upgrade aging and/or deteriorating restrooms.
- Upgrade classroom technology and technology infrastructure.
- Renovate, upgrade classrooms, multi-purpose room, workroom, upgrade facilities, as needed; improve access for students and teachers with disabilities, remove hazardous materials, if any.

- Enhance student safety with improved security systems, lockable gates, security locks, and emergency communication systems, outdoor lighting.

Thomas P. Ryan Elementary School (Constructed in 1967)

- Repair/replace leaking or deteriorating roofs.
- Install new or improve existing student fire safety systems.
- Upgrade electrical, heating, cooling and ventilation systems for energy efficiency and to reduce energy costs.
- Upgrade aging and/or deteriorating restrooms.
- Upgrade classroom technology and technology infrastructure.
- Renovate, upgrade classrooms, buildings, including storage areas, upgrade facilities, as needed; improve access for students and teachers with disabilities, remove hazardous materials, if any.
- Enhance student safety with improved security systems, lockable gates, security locks, and emergency communication systems and outdoor lighting.

San Antonio Elementary School (Constructed in 1967)

- Repair/replace leaking or deteriorating roofs.
- Install new or improve existing student fire safety systems.
- Upgrade electrical, heating, cooling and ventilation systems for energy efficiency and to reduce energy costs.
- Upgrade aging and/or deteriorating restrooms.
- Upgrade classroom technology and technology infrastructure.
- Renovate, upgrade classrooms, facilities, add covered walkways to relocatable classrooms and covered lunch area, as needed; improve access for students and teachers with disabilities, remove hazardous materials, if any.
- Improve student drop-off areas.
- Enhance student safety with improved security systems, lockable gates, door locksets, fencing and emergency communication systems and outdoor lighting.

Slonaker Elementary School (Constructed in 1962)

- Install new or improve existing student fire safety systems.

- Upgrade electrical, heating, cooling and ventilation systems for energy efficiency and to reduce energy costs.
- Upgrade aging and/or deteriorating restrooms.
- Upgrade classroom technology and technology infrastructure.
- Improve student drop-off areas.
- Renovate, upgrade classrooms, facilities, as needed; improve access for students and teachers with disabilities, remove hazardous materials, if any.
- Enhance student safety with improved security systems, perimeter fencing, lockable gates, door locksets, and emergency communication systems, outdoor lighting, and upgrade play court surfaces, expand campus visibility by relocating portable classrooms.

Clyde Fisher Middle School (Constructed in 1960)

- Repair/replace leaking or deteriorating roofs.
- Install new or improve existing student fire safety systems.
- Upgrade electrical, heating, cooling and ventilation systems for energy efficiency and to reduce energy costs.
- Upgrade classroom technology and technology infrastructure.
- Add additional classrooms to reduce class size and construct new gym.
- Renovate, upgrade classrooms, facilities, as needed; improve access for students and teachers with disabilities, remove hazardous materials, if any.
- Enhance student safety with improved security systems, lockable gates, security locks, and emergency communication systems, outdoor lighting, and upgrade field and track surfaces.

Joseph George Middle School (Constructed in 1973)

- Repair/replace leaking or deteriorating roofs.
- Install new or improve existing student fire safety systems.
- Upgrade electrical, heating, cooling and ventilation systems for energy efficiency and to reduce energy costs.
- Upgrade aging and/or deteriorating restrooms.
- Upgrade classroom technology and technology infrastructure.

- Expand multi-purpose building and construct a full science lab.
- Renovate, upgrade classrooms, facilities, locker building, as needed; improve access for students and teachers with disabilities, remove hazardous materials, if any.
- Enhance student safety with improved security systems, lockable gates and security locks, and emergency communication systems and outdoor lighting.

Lee Matheson Middle School (Constructed in 1958)

- Repair/replace leaking or deteriorating roofs, as needed.
- Install new or improve existing student fire safety systems.
- Upgrade electrical, heating, cooling and ventilation systems for energy efficiency and to reduce energy costs.
- Upgrade aging and/or deteriorating restrooms.
- Upgrade classroom technology and technology infrastructure.
- Renovate, upgrade classrooms, library, science lab, upgrade facilities, as needed; improve access for students and teachers with disabilities, remove hazardous materials, if any.
- Enhance student safety with improved security systems, lockable gates, security locks, and emergency communication systems and outdoor lighting, and upgrade landscaping and perimeter fencing.

Ocala Middle School (Constructed in 1972)

- Repair/replace leaking or deteriorating roofs.
- Install new or improve existing student fire safety systems.*
- Upgrade electrical, heating, cooling and ventilation systems for energy efficiency and to reduce energy costs.
- Upgrade aging and/or deteriorating restrooms.
- Upgrade classroom technology and technology infrastructure.
- Improve student drop-off areas.
- Renovate, upgrade classrooms, buildings, including physical education, administration areas, upgrade facilities, as needed; improve access for students and teachers with disabilities, remove hazardous materials, if any.

- Enhance student safety with improved security systems, fencing, lockable gates, security locks, emergency communication systems, outdoor lighting, and upgrade field surfaces.

Pala Middle School (Constructed in 1938)

- Repair/replace leaking or deteriorating roofs.
- Install new or improve existing student fire safety systems.
- Upgrade electrical, heating, cooling and ventilation systems for energy efficiency and to reduce energy costs.
- Upgrade aging and/or deteriorating restrooms and plumbing.
- Upgrade classroom technology and technology infrastructure.
- Renovate, upgrade classrooms, buildings, including physical education facilities, as needed; improve access for students and teachers with disabilities, remove hazardous materials, if any.
- Enhance student safety with improved security systems, lockable gates, security locks, fencing, and emergency communication systems and outdoor lighting.

William Shepherd Middle School (Constructed in 1961)

- Repair/replace leaking or deteriorating roofs.
- Install new or improve existing student fire safety systems.
- Upgrade electrical, heating, cooling and ventilation systems for energy efficiency and to reduce energy costs.
- Upgrade aging and/or deteriorating restrooms.
- Upgrade classroom technology and technology infrastructure.
- Renovate, upgrade classrooms, buildings, including multi-purpose room, upgrade facilities, as needed; improve access for students and teachers with disabilities, remove hazardous materials, if any.
- Improve student drop-off areas.
- Enhance student safety with improved security systems, lockable gates, security locks, fencing, and emergency communication systems, outdoor lighting, and upgrade field surfaces.

District-Wide Projects

- Upgrade the District central support office, including electrical, heating, cooling and ventilation systems, restrooms, signage, door locks, outdoor security lighting, handicapped accessibility and adding relocatable rooms; repair/replace deteriorating roofs, and District technology systems.

Listed building, repair and rehabilitation projects and upgrades will be completed as needed. Each project is assumed to include its share of furniture, equipment, architectural, engineering, and similar planning costs, program management, staff training expenses and a customary contingency for unforeseen design and construction costs. In addition to the listed repair and construction projects stated above, the Priority School Projects List also includes the acquisition of land and facilities, the payment of the costs of preparation of all facility planning, facility assessment reviews, environmental studies and construction documentation, and temporary housing of dislocated District activities caused by bond projects. 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 may not be able to complete some of the projects listed above. Certain projects may be undertaken as joint use projects in cooperation with other local public agencies. 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 are finalized, construction bids 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, redirecting fire access, and acquiring any necessary easements, licenses, or rights of way to the property. 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 TRUSTEES 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.