



Tustin Unified School District

March 3, 2020 Local School Bond Measure

Measure N Fact Sheet

Background: Tustin Unified Schools rank among the best in the State. We focus every day on helping our students thrive. However, our elementary and middle school classrooms are aging. Many are over 50 years old, built before the “digital age.” Although well maintained, these schools require significant repairs and upgrades after decades of constant use. Meanwhile, today’s teaching and learning standards have changed, requiring more and different instructional spaces. And all our schools need ongoing safety and security upgrades. Over the past two years, Tustin Unified School District, has built a Facilities Master Plan with direct input from over 600 school stakeholders while also engaging and informing thousands of residents regarding our facilities priorities. Measure N is the result of these community conversations, and provides a prudent, responsible plan to address our most critical facilities needs. NO other funding currently exists to repair and upgrade these facilities.

Measure N DEFINED: Measure N is a school bond measure on the March 3, 2020 ballot seeking voter authorization for local funding to repair and upgrade TUSD school facilities. A “YES vote” approves funding for the District’s plan to repair and upgrade schools; a “NO vote” rejects the plan. All voters living within Tustin Unified School District SFID boundaries of who are registered to vote will be eligible to vote on this ballot measure.

Measure N Official Ballot Question: *“TUSTIN SCHOOLS IMPROVEMENT AND SAFETY MEASURE – To improve student learning, provide safe/modern schools, repair/replace deteriorated roofs, plumbing, lighting and electrical systems, modernize science labs, improve school safety-security, replace aging portables with permanent classrooms, upgrade inadequate classrooms, by issuing \$215 million in bonds at legal rates, levying 3 cents per \$100 assessed value (\$12.4 million annually) while bonds are outstanding, be adopted, with mandatory audits, independent oversight, NO administrator salaries, and all funds staying local?”*

If voters approve this ballot measure, **Measure N will:**

- **Upgrade** 1960’s era, very outdated elementary and middle school classrooms
- **Improve** student safety, security and wellbeing
- **Rehabilitate** deteriorating roofs, plumbing, sewer, and electrical systems
- **Renovate** student support spaces for college/career readiness in science, math, technology, engineering, arts, and skilled trades
- **Add** modern hands-on learning spaces and Career Technical Education labs.

Measure N Facts:

- **ALL Measure N funds STAY LOCAL** for Tustin public schools ONLY.
- By law, the State CANNOT take Measure N funding away.
- Measure N is for classroom and school facilities repairs, improvement, and equipment upgrades ONLY.
- NO funds are allowed for administrators' salaries, benefits or pensions.
- Independent Citizens' Oversight and mandatory financial audits ensure funds are spent properly.
- Passage of Measure N qualifies Tustin for State matching funds when they become available.

Investing in Local Schools: The quality of Tustin school facilities directly impacts teaching and learning, local property values and Tustin’s quality of life. Studies show that teachers and students thrive in safe, modern quality schools.

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