



Temple City Unified School District
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**TEMPLE CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Measure S: Citizens' Oversight Committee**

Meeting No. 06

Date: January 22, 2015
Time: 5:30 PM
Location: Dr. Doug Sears Learning Center – Room 1

COC Members:

Steven Tyre (ST)
Lucy Liou (LL)
Wil McKnight (WM)
Cynthia Vance (CV)
Gina Aparicio (GA)
Sherry Goin (SG)

ATTENDEES

Support Staff:

Kathy Perini (KP)	Temple City Unified School District
Marianne Sarraill (MS)	Temple City Unified School District
Dale Shaffer	Temple City Unified School District
Daniel Rodriguez (DR)	TELACU Construction Management
Octavio Nava (ON)	TELACU Construction Management
Kwok Su (KS)	TELACU Construction Management
Betty Hanson (BH)	California Financial Services

Members of the Public:

Kenneth Knollenberg
Nanette Fish

Minutes prepared by: Daniel Rodriguez, TELACU Construction Management

Note: If there are important errors or omissions, please note them so they can be corrected in subsequent reports and documents.

The meeting was opened at 5:35 pm in Room 1 at Dr. Doug Sears Learning Center (DDSLC).

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Lucy Liou due to the late arrival of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.

2. Roll Call:

Steven Tyre: Present
Sherry Goin: Present
Lucy Liou: Present
Will McKnight : Present
Cynthia Vance: Present
Gina Aparicio: Present

4. Introduction and Welcome

- 4.1 Kathy Perini, Superintendent Introduction

5. Public Comments

- 5.1 Nanette Fish introduced herself and stated that she is running for City Council. She inquired about the status of State Funding for the projects. Betty Hanson from California Financial Services (CFS) explained that there is currently no State funding, but CFS and TELACU are processing all paperwork necessary in case a state-wide bond is approved in the future, the District will be eligible for funding.

6. Approvals (only 4 committee members were present at the time of approval items)

- 6.1 Action Item: It is recommended that the Committee approve the agenda as presented. (Motion approved 4-0)
- 6.2 Action Item: It is recommended that the Committee approve the COC Meeting Minutes from October 9, 2014. (Motion approved 4-0)

7. Information Items

- 7.1 (BH) from CFS went over budget tracking and Bond Funding (See Attached). (BH) discussed the possibility of future state funding that the District is entitled to and will be applying for.
- 7.2 (DR) discussed Bond Program and Construction Update. (See Attached)

8. New Business

- 8.1 Steven Tyre distributed an article from the Los Angeles Times regarding School Bonds (attached).

9. Future Items

- 9.1 (WM) requested additional information with regards to project reporting, including schedule updates, budget variances, claims, and any safety incidences. TELACU will add these items to future presentations.

10. Establish COC Meeting Dates

- 10.1 The next meeting will be in three months and will be meeting at Dr. Doug Sears Learning Center on Thursday, April 23, 2015 at 5:30pm.

11. Adjournment

- 11.1 The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 pm.

Distribution: All Present
Board of Education

Attachments: Sign-In Sheet
COC Update presentation dated January 22, 2015
Handout from Steven Tyre



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TEMPLE CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

2012 General Obligation Bond Authorization

Measure S



COC Update

January 22, 2015

MEASURE S - 2013 SERIES ESTIMATED PROJECT BUDGETS & SCHEDULE

No.	District Goal Number	District Project Name	Estimated Project Budget	Project Commitments to Date	Project Expenditures to Date	Estimated Project Start Date *	Project Completion Date
1	0010000	Cloverly Elementary School	\$3,637,666.00	\$829,733.51	(\$404,964.30)	July 2014	December 2015
2	0030000	La Rosa Elementary School	4,217,815.00	1,099,418.04	(527,833.53)	August 2014	December 2015
3	0040000	Longden Elementary School	2,089,694.00	1,068,541.81	(582,474.99)	September 2014	June 2017
4	0020000	Emperor Elementary School	3,696,298.00	525,383.26	(372,188.96)	November 2013	September 2016
5	0050000	Oak Avenue Technology Project	369,605.32	369,605.32	(363,357.77)	Complete	Complete
6	0060000	Temple City High School - Phase 1A	22,864,184.00	6,911,822.65	(5,428,645.20)	August 2014	September 2016
7	0070000	Doug Sears Learning Center	675,907.12	206,691.52	(117,059.77)	June 2014	March 2015
8	0030000	District-Wide Miscellaneous Expenditures	9,905.93	9,905.93	(9,905.93)	September 2013	Ongoing
9	N/A	Program Contingency	4,085,888.98	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
COMBINED BUDGET ESTIMATES:			<u>\$41,646,964.35</u>	\$11,021,102.04	(\$7,806,430.45)		

* Dates are contingent on DSA approval.

CLOVERLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Modernization Project

Current Phase Scope

Interim Housing

- One portable classroom building and related site work

Modernization Scope to include (4) Classroom Buildings:

- New HVAC units
- New roofing on (1) building
- Replace old window system with a new aluminum window system
- New doors and frames
- New flooring
- Interior painting
- Interactive white board system (all remaining classrooms not installed in the Interactive Whiteboard Project)

Current Phase Status Update

- The Interim Housing Project is complete and the building has been occupied.
- The Modernization Project has been approved by DSA and has been publicly advertised with a bid date of January 29, 2015, from pre-qualified contractors.
- The construction is scheduled to begin February 2015 and will be completed by the end of the year.



0010000 - CLOVERLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

	District Object Code	Cost Category	District Goal Number	Estimated Project Budget	Project Commitments to Date	Project Expenditures to Date	Remaining Project Budget
PLANNING COSTS							
	6210	Architect & Engineering Fees	92100	\$320,000.00	\$317,089.79	\$192,475.51	\$2,910.21
	6220	DSA Fees	92100	18,868.00	13,825.00	13,825.00	5,043.00
	5950	Preliminary Tests	92100	9,000.00	8,634.00	8,634.00	366.00
	5970	Printing Charges	92100	1,795.00	1,795.00	1,795.00	0.00
	5820	Legal Fees - Planning	92100	1,234.71	1,234.71	461.19	0.00
	5830	Advertising	92100	3,346.32	3,346.32	1,699.12	0.00
	5890	Program Administration	92100	<u>165,000.00</u>	<u>161,568.61</u>	<u>107,106.40</u>	<u>3,431.39</u>
Total Planning Costs:				\$519,244.03	\$507,493.43	\$325,996.22	\$11,750.60
CONSTRUCTION COSTS							
	6250	Construction Costs	92100	\$2,200,973.00	\$3,248.20	\$3,248.20	\$2,197,724.80
	6272	Construction Management	92100	125,000.00	123,900.00	0.00	1,100.00
	6293	Abatement	92100	30,660.00	0.00	0.00	30,660.00
	6278	Labor Compliance	92100	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	6295	Legal Fees - Construction	92100	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00
	6276	Interim Housing	92100	300,000.00	51,512.00	0.00	248,488.00
	6270	Construction Testing	92100	23,585.00	0.00	0.00	23,585.00
	6280	Inspection	92100	67,860.00	67,860.00	0.00	0.00
	6410	Technology (Furniture & Equipment)	92100	181,993.22	75,719.88	75,719.88	106,273.34
	6292	Construction Contingency	92100	<u>178,350.75</u>	<u>0.00</u>	0.00	<u>178,350.75</u>
Total Construction Costs:				\$3,118,421.97	\$322,240.08	\$78,968.08	\$2,796,181.89
COMBINED PROJECT TOTALS:				\$3,637,666.00	\$829,733.51	\$404,964.30	\$2,807,932.49

LA ROSA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Modernization Project

Current Phase Scope

Interim Housing

- Three portable classroom buildings and related site work

Scope to include (2) Classroom Buildings:

- New HVAC units (on (4) classroom buildings)
- New Roofing (on (1) classroom building)
- Replace old window system with a new aluminum window system
- New Doors and Frames
- New flooring
- Interior painting
- Interactive white board system (in all remaining classrooms)

Current Phase Status Update

- The Interim Housing Project is complete and the buildings have been occupied.
- The Modernization Project has been approved by DSA and has been publicly advertised with a bid date of January 29, 2015, from pre-qualified contractors.
- The project is scheduled to begin February 2015 and be completed by the end of the year.



0030000 - LA ROSA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

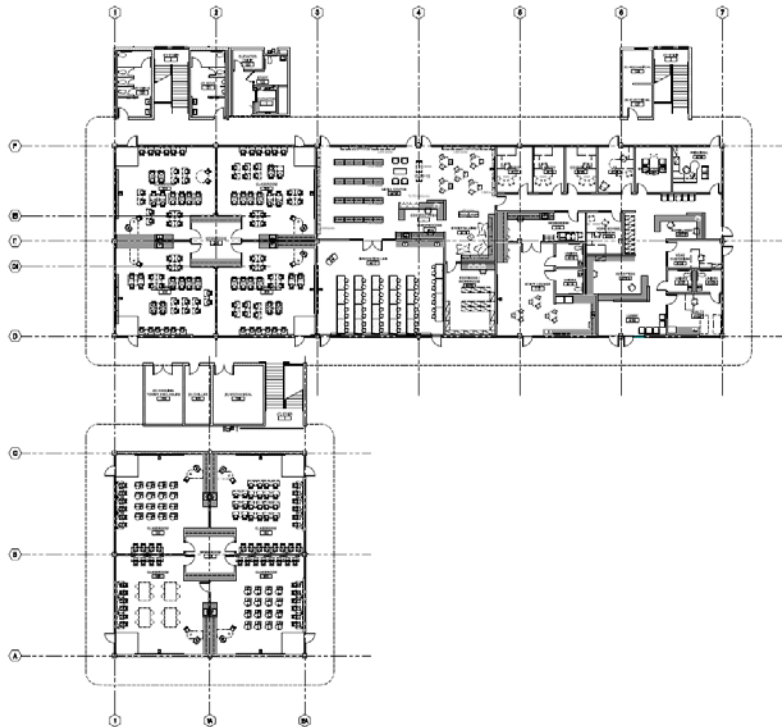
District Object Code	Cost Category	District Goal Number	Estimated Project Budget	Project Commitments to Date	Project Expenditures to Date	Remaining Project Budget
PLANNING COSTS						
6210	Architect & Engineering Fees	92300	\$370,000.00	\$369,344.78	\$223,304.25	\$655.22
6220	DSA Fees	92300	22,174.00	15,635.00	15,635.00	6,539.00
5950	Preliminary Tests	92300	22,913.00	13,413.50	9,669.00	9,499.50
5970	Printing Charges	92300	1,893.55	1,893.55	1,893.55	0.00
5820	Legal Fees - Planning	92300	1,431.62	1,431.62	534.79	0.00
5830	Advertising	92300	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5890	Program Administration	92300	<u>194,308.60</u>	<u>187,698.54</u>	<u>123,990.13</u>	<u>6,610.06</u>
Total Planning Costs:			\$612,720.77	\$589,416.99	\$375,026.72	\$23,303.78
CONSTRUCTION COSTS						
6250	Construction Costs	92300	\$2,614,264.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,614,264.00
6272	Construction Management	92300	134,650.00	134,650.00	0.00	0.00
6293	Abatement	92300	36,033.00	0.00	0.00	36,033.00
6278	Labor Compliance	92300	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6295	Legal Fees - Construction	92300	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00
6276	Interim Housing	92300	300,000.00	154,536.00	0.00	145,464.00
6270	Construction Testing	92300	27,718.00	0.00	0.00	27,718.00
6280	Inspection	92300	70,680.00	67,860.00	0.00	2,820.00
6410	Technology (Furniture & Equipment)	92300	279,692.06	152,955.05	152,806.81	126,737.01
6292	Construction Contingency	92300	<u>132,057.17</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>132,057.17</u>
Total Construction Costs:			\$3,605,094.23	\$510,001.05	\$152,806.81	\$3,095,093.18
COMBINED PROJECT TOTALS:			\$4,217,815.00	\$1,099,418.04	\$527,833.53	\$3,118,396.96

LONGDEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Modernization Project

Current Phase Scope

- Modernize 2-Story Classroom Building
- Modernize Kindergarten Buildings
- Related site work



Current Phase Status Update

- The Architect (LPA, Inc.) is continuing with the Construction Document phase of the design process. Drawings will be submitted to DSA in February 2015.
- Construction is scheduled to begin before the end of the year and have an 18 month construction duration.
- The District and TELACU will review interim housing options. Working options will include site input.

* Dates are contingent on DSA approval.

0040000 - LONGDEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

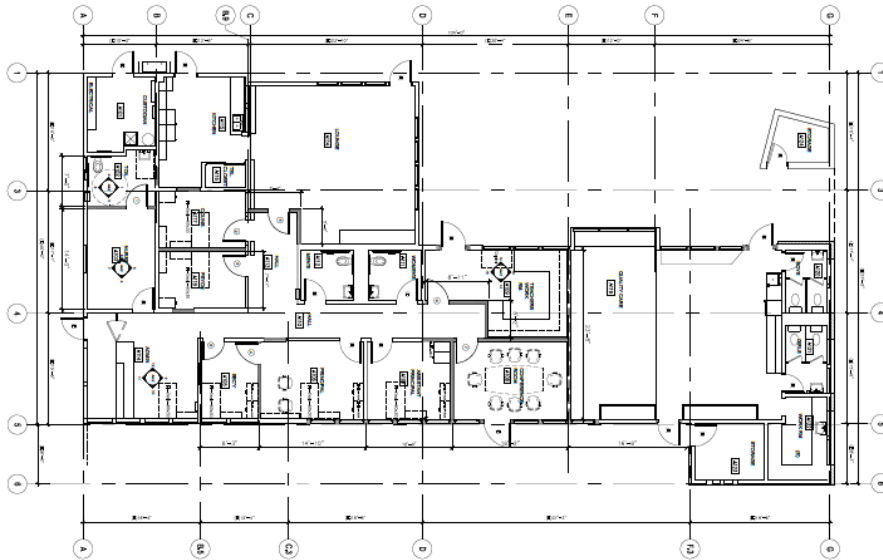
District Object Code	Cost Category	District Goal Number	Estimated Project Budget	Project Commitments to Date	Project Expenditures to Date	Remaining Project Budget
PLANNING COSTS						
6210	Architect & Engineering Fees	92400	\$863,073.00	\$770,244.02	\$316,100.02	\$92,828.98
6220	DSA Fees	92400	87,340.00	75.00	75.00	87,265.00
5950	Preliminary Tests	92400	75,000.00	46,762.00	46,762.00	28,238.00
5970	Printing Charges	92400	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00
5820	Legal Fees - Planning	92400	1,000.00	709.29	264.96	290.71
5830	Advertising	92400	3,000.00	221.82	221.82	2,778.18
5890	Program Administration	92400	490,000.00	93,176.48	61,697.99	396,823.52
Total Planning Costs:			\$1,529,413.00	\$911,188.61	\$425,121.79	\$618,224.39
CONSTRUCTION COSTS						
6250	Construction Costs	92400	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
6272	Construction Management	92400	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6293	Abatement	92400	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6278	Labor Compliance	92400	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6295	Legal Fees - Construction	92400	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6276	Interim Housing	92400	227,831.68	0.00	0.00	227,831.68
6270	Construction Testing	92400	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6280	Inspection	92400	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6410	Technology (Furniture & Equipment)	92400	157,353.20	157,353.20	157,353.20	0.00
6292	Construction Contingency	92400	175,096.12	0.00	0.00	175,096.12
Total Construction Costs:			\$560,281.00	\$157,353.20	\$157,353.20	\$402,927.80
COMBINED PROJECT TOTALS:			\$2,089,694.00	\$1,068,541.81	\$582,474.99	\$1,021,152.19

EMPEROR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Modernization, Window Replacement & Fire Alarm Upgrades

Current Phase Scope

- Window replacement in (2) classroom buildings, cafeteria, and administration buildings.
- New administration office layout
- New doors and frames
- New flooring
- Interior painting
- ADA upgrades



Current Phase Status Update

- The drawings for the Window Replacement Project have been approved by DSA.
- The Drawings for the Modernization Project will be submitted to DSA at the end of January 2015.
- The project is slated to begin Summer 2015 and be completed for the 2016/2017 school year.

* Dates are contingent on DSA approval.

0020000 - EMPEROR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

	District Object Code	Cost Category	District Goal Number	Estimated Project Budget	Project Commitments to Date	Project Expenditures to Date	Remaining Project Budget
PLANNING COSTS							
	6210	Architect & Engineering Fees	92200	\$255,000.00	\$203,358.24	\$56,722.39	\$51,641.76
	6220	DSA Fees	92200	25,000.00	8,925.00	8,925.00	16,075.00
	5950	Preliminary Tests	92200	20,000.00	4,570.00	4,480.00	15,430.00
	5970	Printing Charges	92200	539.00	0.00	0.00	539.00
	5820	Legal Fees - Planning	92200	562.26	562.26	210.03	0.00
	5830	Advertising	92200	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
	5890	Program Administration	92200	<u>34,437.74</u>	<u>34,342.48</u>	<u>28,561.01</u>	<u>95.26</u>
Total Planning Costs:				\$337,539.00	\$251,757.98	\$98,898.43	\$85,781.02
CONSTRUCTION COSTS							
	6250	Construction Costs	92200	\$2,589,000.00	\$5,323.75	\$4,989.00	\$2,583,676.25
	6272	Construction Management	92200	120,000.00	0.00	0.00	120,000.00
	6293	Abatement	92200	46,278.00	0.00	0.00	46,278.00
	6278	Labor Compliance	92200	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	6295	Legal Fees - Construction	92200	562.26	0.00	0.00	562.26
	6276	Interim Housing	92200	100,000.00	0.00	0.00	100,000.00
	6270	Construction Testing	92200	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00
	6280	Inspection	92200	80,000.00	0.00	0.00	80,000.00
	6410	Technology (Furniture & Equipment)	92200	268,646.72	268,301.53	268,301.53	345.19
	6292	Construction Contingency	92200	<u>144,272.02</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>144,272.02</u>
Total Construction Costs:				\$3,358,759.00	\$273,625.28	\$273,290.53	\$3,085,133.72
COMBINED PROJECT TOTALS:				\$3,696,298.00	\$525,383.26	\$372,188.96	\$3,170,914.74

TEMPLE CITY HIGH SCHOOL

2-Story Classroom Building/Interim Housing/Utility Relocation & Demolition

Current Phase Update

New 2-Story Classroom Building

- The 2-Story Classroom Building Project is currently being reviewed by DSA and is expected to be approved in February 2015.
- TELACU Construction Management has completed the constructability review and comments have been sent to the Architect for incorporation into the drawings.
- Construction is slated to begin March 2015 and will be completed and occupied for the 2016/2017 school year.

* Dates are contingent on DSA approval



0060000 - TEMPLE CITY HIGH SCHOOL PHASE 1A

District Object Code	Cost Category	District Goal Number	Estimated Project Budget	Project Commitments to Date	Project Expenditures to Date	Remaining Project Budget
PLANNING COSTS						
6210	Architect & Engineering Fees	92500	\$960,000.00	\$956,029.77	\$881,692.09	\$3,970.23
6220	DSA Fees	92500	120,000.00	113,650.00	113,650.00	6,350.00
5950	Preliminary Tests	92500	185,745.00	169,289.00	153,860.18	16,456.00
5970	Printing Charges	92500	10,000.00	3,274.21	2,893.01	6,725.79
5820	Legal Fees - Planning	92500	25,047.03	25,047.03	20,185.31	0.00
5830	Advertising	92500	36,153.06	35,658.69	35,658.69	494.37
5890	Program Administration	92500	<u>1,074,952.97</u>	<u>1,025,251.21</u>	<u>673,195.40</u>	<u>49,701.76</u>
Total Planning Costs:			\$2,411,898.06	\$2,328,199.91	\$1,881,134.68	\$83,698.15
CONSTRUCTION COSTS						
6250	Construction Costs	92500	\$16,831,258.00	\$2,526,178.44	\$2,421,058.21	\$14,305,079.56
6272	Construction Management	92500	950,000.00	943,515.00	105,550.00	6,485.00
6293	Abatement	92500	130,000.00	129,187.00	129,187.00	813.00
6278	Labor Compliance	92500	2,231.25	2,231.25	2,231.25	0.00
6295	Legal Fees - Construction	92500	41,451.13	33,690.50	33,690.50	7,760.63
6276	Interim Housing	92500	1,000,000.00	308,640.41	241,215.42	691,359.59
6270	Construction Testing	92500	188,034.00	14,020.00	2,386.50	174,014.00
6280	Inspection	92500	226,648.00	42,736.50	28,768.00	183,911.50
6410	Technology (Furniture & Equipment)	92500	810,964.85	583,423.64	583,423.64	227,541.21
6292	Construction Contingency	92500	<u>271,698.71</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>271,698.71</u>
Total Construction Costs:			\$20,452,285.94	\$4,583,622.74	\$3,547,510.52	\$15,868,663.20
COMBINED PROJECT TOTALS:			\$22,864,184.00	\$6,911,822.65	\$5,428,645.20	\$15,952,361.35

DR. DOUG SEARS LEARNING CENTER

New Administration & Classroom Building

Current Phase Scope

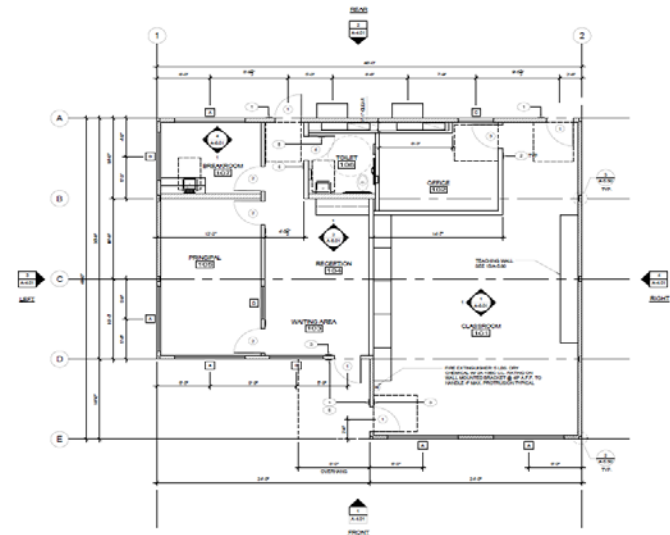
- New Administration Building
- New Classroom Building
- Related site work

* Buildings are pre-manufactured.



Current Phase Status Update

- The drawings have been approved by DSA.
- Temporary Housing options have been finalized and the administrative staff has temporarily moved into a classroom.
- The project has been publicly advertised and is currently out to bid with a due date of February 5, 2015. The project is scheduled to be completed by the end of March 2015.



0070000 - DOUG SEARS LEARNING CENTER

	District Object Code	Cost Category	District Goal Number	Estimated Project Budget	Project Commitments to Date	Project Expenditures to Date	Remaining Project Budget
PLANNING COSTS							
	6210	Architect & Engineering Fees	92600	\$49,227.00	\$49,227.00	\$47,369.57	\$0.00
	6220	DSA Fees	92600	3,675.00	3,675.00	3,675.00	0.00
	5950	Preliminary Tests	92600	3,032.00	1,880.00	1,880.00	1,152.00
	5970	Printing Charges	92600	2,000.00	1,795.00	1,795.00	205.00
	5820	Legal Fees - Planning	92600	555.26	490.50	64.76	64.76
	5830	Advertising	92600	489.00	221.82	221.82	267.18
	5890	Program Administration	92600	<u>25,000.00</u>	<u>23,246.69</u>	<u>15,301.45</u>	<u>1,753.31</u>
Total Planning Costs:				\$83,978.26	\$80,536.01	\$70,307.60	\$3,442.25
CONSTRUCTION COSTS							
	6250	Construction Costs	92600	\$400,037.06	\$37.06	\$0.00	\$400,000.00
	6272	Construction Management	92600	50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00	0.00
	6293	Abatement	92600	20,000.00	0.00	0.00	20,000.00
	6278	Labor Compliance	92600	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	6295	Legal Fees - Construction	92600	3,668.00	173.36	0.00	3,494.64
	6276	Interim Housing	92600	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	6270	Construction Testing	92600	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
	6280	Inspection	92600	50,000.00	29,424.00	0.00	20,576.00
	6410	Technology (Furniture & Equipment)	92600	53,533.09	46,243.14	46,224.61	7,289.95
	6292	Construction Contingency	92600	9,690.71	277.95	527.56	9,412.76
Total Construction Costs:				\$591,928.86	\$126,155.51	\$46,752.17	\$465,773.35
COMBINED PROJECT TOTALS:				\$675,907.12	\$206,691.52	\$117,059.77	\$469,215.60

92900 - DISTRICT-WIDE MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURES

	District Object Code	Cost Category	District Goal Number	Estimated Project Budget	Project Commitments to Date	Project Expenditures to Date	Remaining Project Budget
PLANNING COSTS							
	6210	Architect & Engineering Fees	92900	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	6220	DSA Fees	92900	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	5950	Preliminary Tests	92900	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	5970	Printing Charges	92900	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	5820	Legal Fees - Planning	92900	5,925.25	5,925.25	5,925.25	0.00
	5830	Advertising	92900	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	5890	Program Administration	92900	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Planning Costs:				\$5,925.25			\$0.00
CONSTRUCTION COSTS							
	6250	Construction Costs	92900	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$0.00
	6272	Construction Management	92900	720.00	720.00	720.00	0.00
	6293	Abatement	92900	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	6278	Labor Compliance	92900	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	6295	Legal Fees - Construction	92900	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	6276	Interim Housing	92900	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	6270	Construction Testing	92900	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	6280	Inspection	92900	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	6410	Technology (Furniture & Equipment)	92900	2,810.68	2,810.68	2,810.68	0.00
	6292	Construction Contingency	92900	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Construction Costs:				\$3,980.68			\$0.00
COMBINED PROJECT TOTALS:				\$9,905.93	\$9,905.93	\$9,905.93	\$0.00

2012 MEASURE S G.O. BOND ELECTION

POTENTIAL STATE GRANT FUNDING

The Temple City Unified School District will make every effort to augment its Measure S G.O. Bonds with future State eligible grants. Set forth below are estimated State modernization grant funding amounts that the District may be eligible for under the State's School Facility Program ("SFP"). There will not be a State School Bond Measure on the November 2014 Ballot. The next potential State School Bond Measure may be placed on the ballot in the November of 2016 election. At this point the District is submitting all necessary documentation to be eligible for State funding "if" and "when" it becomes available. However, due to the uncertainty of State grants at this time, the District is not including potential State grants in its planning of Measure S projects.

No.	School Name	Potential State Grant Amount	District Share of Project	Total Project Amount
1	Cloverly Elementary	\$1,313,148.87	\$875,432.58	\$2,188,581.45
2	La Rosa Elementary	1,514,261.76	1,009,507.84	2,523,769.60
3	Longden Elementary	3,032,466.91	2,021,644.61	5,054,111.52
4	Oak Avenue Intermediate	1,963,808.22	1,309,205.48	3,273,013.70
5	Dr. Doug Sears Learning Center	185,497.89	123,665.26	309,163.15
6	Temple City High School	<u>7,168,440.52</u>	<u>4,778,960.35</u>	<u>11,947,400.87</u>
TOTAL ESTIMATED STATE GRANTS:		\$15,177,624.17	\$10,118,416.11	\$25,296,040.28



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Dear Fellow Committee Member:

Please see the enclosed article from Monday, Jan. 19th Los Angeles Times. It discusses the issue we are facing that Governor, Jerry Brown rather spend our tax dollars on a "Bullet Train" to nowhere instead of on our schools.

Sincerely,



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Chairman of Citizens' Oversight Committee

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Brown should bend on bonds to build schools

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Since when did the state government chipping in to help build classrooms for kids become a bad thing? Since Jerry Brown returned as governor, that's when.



Correct that: It's not a bad thing for most people in the state Capitol — only the contrarian governor.

Brown just doesn't like selling bonds — borrowing — and acquiring debt. And you can't entirely fault him. That's generally a wise policy in the abstract.

The governor's proposed \$113-billion general fund budget already spends \$6 billion paying off various infrastructure bonds, including \$2.4 billion for school construction. Since 2000, California voters have approved \$103 billion in general obligation borrowing.

Brown, of course, has a credibility problem in opposing more bond debt. And you know what's coming here.

"It really boils down to priorities," says Dave Cogdill, president of the California Building Industry Assn., part of a coalition sponsoring a ballot initiative that would authorize a \$9-billion school construction bond. "The people have their priorities and the governor has his. And in this case, they don't match up."

"It all depends on what the governor wants the state to go into debt for. Billions for high-speed rail

doesn't seem to bother him. I'm a little confused."

Voters in 2008 approved selling \$9 billion in bonds to start building a bullet train. But they soured on the project after its estimated cost doubled. For Brown, however, it remains an obsession.

Housing developers are pushing a state bond because, without it, their share of school construction costs — passed on to home buyers — would double. School construction has been funded one-third each by local property taxpayers, developers and the state.

"The governor's really [See Skelton, B5]

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[Skelton, from B1] not into taking on debt, but sometimes debt works," asserts Senate Education Committee Chairwoman Carol Liu (D-La Cañada Flintridge). "There's a need to borrow for things."

Liu sits on the Allocation Board, which doles out state bond money — when there is any — to match local funding for school construction and modernization.

"There's an incredible need," she says. "We have so many buildings not even earthquake-proof. We're worried."

In turning his back on a new school bond, Brown doesn't exactly rail against borrowing. He focuses on other complaints. But the governor does make it clear he thinks the state should basically get out of the school construction busi-

ness.

"The locals can do it more efficiently, and I think they're in the best position to judge how to allocate priorities," Brown told reporters after unveiling his budget proposal.

He was asked whether that implied opposition to seeking voter approval of a school bond in 2016. "Well, it's certainly not support," he replied.

Brown argues that the current process for allocating state bond money is "overly complex and cumbersome." He also contends it doesn't force school districts to prioritize between funding facilities and classroom needs.

Another Brown complaint is that the state money is distributed on a first-come, first-served basis, and this gives an edge to big

districts able to hire lots of application writers and lobbyists.

And, he notes, the current system was created before districts were allowed to pass local school bonds on a 55% vote. A two-thirds vote was required until 2006. Since then, bonds have passed 80% of the time. So Brown contends the districts have the ability to raise their own construction money.

To help them generate the money, the governor also wants to raise the legal limit on local bond debt, jack up housing developer fees and use maintenance money to fund construction. In other words, everyone chip in except the state.

"That's really a scary thing to think about," says Joe Dixon, assistant superintendent of the Santa Ana

Unified School District, referring to raiding the maintenance pot to pay for construction. "During the recession, schools deferred a lot of maintenance, and now it's critical."

Dixon is chairman of the Coalition for Adequate School Housing, which has drafted the bond initiative and is awaiting the state attorney general's approval to start collecting the roughly 366,000 voter signatures needed to place it on the November 2016 ballot.

Dixon adds: "We agree with simplifying the (bond) program. We don't agree that pushing it down to the local level is any solution at all."

Critics of Brown's policy say that some districts would be rich enough to finance construction themselves, but poor districts

could never go it alone.

Brown says the state could continue to help the impoverished districts.

Last year, a school bond bill zipped through the Assembly and three Senate committees without a single "no" vote. Then, bowing to Brown, legislative leaders killed the measure as it headed to the Senate floor.

So the bond coalition is bypassing the Capitol with its initiative. Under a new law, the initiative sponsors and legislators ultimately will be encouraged to compromise on a bond bill. Expect that effort next year.

Liu is hoping for that. She agrees the current system needs to be fixed. "The process takes too long and frustrates everybody," she says. "But I do think the state has a (funding) responsibility."

Freshman Assemblyman Patrick O'Donnell (D-Long Beach), who heads the education committee, also is pushing for a bond bill. "A 21st century education requires a 21st century classroom," says the long-time government teacher. "Too many classrooms aren't even wired for the Internet."

Come on, governor: don't be so cheap. Give the kids a good place to learn.

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