

# CITIZENS' BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE 2020-2021 REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY FOR MEASURE M UPDATE TO THE COMMUNITY FOR MEASURE P



**WINTER 2021/2022** 

Dear Evergreen Elementary School District Voters,

In November 2014, voters in the Evergreen Elementary School District approved Measure M, a \$100 million general obligation bond measure.

As required by state law (Proposition 39), after the passage of Measure M, the district's Board of Trustees established a Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) to monitor and review the expenditures of the bond funds and to ensure that these funds are spent as set forth in the voter-approved ballot measure. The members of this committee represent a broad cross-section of our community and, by law, may not have any connections to the district as either an employee, elected official or vendor.

The CBOC conducted a review of bond fund expenditures and the annual audit report, and has found that the bond funds have been spent in accordance with the bond language.

In June 2021, the CBOC presented its 2020 Annual Report to the district's Board of Trustees. A copy of this report can be viewed on the district's website at <a href="www.eesd.org">www.eesd.org</a>. The following Report to the Community expands upon the Annual Report to provide taxpayers and voters with a fuller understanding of the projects being funded under Measure M.

Measure P was approved by voters in the November 2020 election. This general obligation bond measure authorizes the sale of \$80 million of bonds to increase student access to computers and technology and improve student and school safety throughout the district. The district will begin projects with funding from Measure P starting this fall.

Thank you,

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Cameron Eidmann Committee President

Evergreen Elementary School District

For 2020, the Evergreen Elementary School District CBOC has made the following findings for Measure M:

- The district is in compliance with Article XIIIA, Section 1(b)(3) of the Constitution of the State of California
- Bond dollars have been expended only for the purposes outlined in the ballot measures and no bond dollars have been used for teacher or administrative salaries, or for District operating expenses
- In reviewing the Evergreen ESD's Measure M Fund Financial and Performance Audit, there were no findings or recommendations



### Bond Amount: \$100 million | Election Date: November 4, 2014 | Voter Approval: 67.51%

## MEASURE M PROJECTS

- Upgrading and constructing classrooms
- Constructing and upgrading hands-on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) classrooms and labs
- Constructing and updating restrooms
- Increasing campus security and student safety
- Improving overall energy efficiency
- Expanding Child Nutrition Services

#### **CHILD NUTRITION SERVICES**

Construction of the new kitchen addition for Child Nutrition Services has been completed. This project includes adding new furnishings and updated kitchen equipment. The new addition to the Child Nutrition Services building will increase efficiency and streamline delivery of nutritious meals to students.



FRAMEWORK FOR KITCHEN ADDITION



NEW CHILD NUTRITION SERVICES EXTERIOR



NEW KITCHEN EQUIPMENT

#### KATHERINE R. SMITH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Construction of new STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) classrooms, labs and a new exterior workspace. Additional projects include renovations, new furnishings and equipment and electrical updates for existing STEM classrooms. These additions and renovations will provide hands-on learning for students.





NEW AND UPDATED STEM LAB CLASSROOMS AND FURNITURE



#### TOM MATSUMOTO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The construction for the Kindergarten expansion has been completed. Student safety projects, including installing new sidewalks, new turf and upgraded playground equipment, have also been completed.







NEW TURF AND PLAYGROUND STRUCTURES TO INCREASE STUDENT SAFETY

#### NORWOOD CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Renovation and modernization of the primary playground for Norwood Creek Elementary School has been completed. The previous playground had deteriorating play matting which created tripping hazards for students and staff. The entire playground was renovated and play matting removed. New turf and playground equipment were added to create a safer environment for students.



DETERIORATING PLAY MATTING PRIOR TO MEASURE M RENOVATIONS



NEW AND SAFER PRIMARY PLAYGROUND FOR STUDENTS



Bond Amount: \$80 million | Election Date: November 3, 2020 Voter Approval: 56.2% | Project Start Date: Fall 2021

## MEASURE P PROJECTS

- Increasing student access to modern technology and computers
- Upgrading technology, software and internet infrastructure
- Renovating classrooms

- Improving school security and student safety
- Upgrading emergency notification systems and emergency preparedness
- Reconfiguring and expanding sidewalks and pick-up/drop-off areas

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#### CITIZENS' BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR FY 2020/2021

**Cameron Eidmann** serves as the CBOC President and is in his first term. He currently works for Cisco and is an active Certified Public Accountant. Cameron has lived in the Evergreen ESD for over four years. His oldest son attends Cedar Grove Elementary School.

**Alisha Collier** is in her first term on the committee. She is an active volunteer at Chaboya Middle School and is a member of the School Site Council at Silver Oak Elementary School. Alisha has been a resident of the district for over 21 years. She has five children that have attended or are currently attending schools in the Evergreen ESD.

**Niraj Gopal** is serving his first term on the committee. He currently works for Cisco. He is part of the facilities committee at Evergreen ESD. Niraj has been a resident of the district for over 15 years. His son attended Tom Matsumoto Elementary and Chaboya Middle School, and his daughter attends Tom Matsumoto Elementary School.

**Delma Juarez** is serving her first term on the committee. In 2014 she retired from the Franklin-McKinley SD as Director of IT. She has been a member of the Evergreen ESD Budget Advisory Committee. Delma has lived in the district for over 29 years. Her grandson currently attends Carolyn Clark Elementary School.

**Dr. Jagrup K. Kahlon** is the Secretary of the CBOC in her first term. She is a faculty member of the San José-Evergreen Community College District. Jagrup actively volunteers with the Norwood Creek Elementary School and their School Site Council. She has been a resident of the district for over 27 years. Her child attends Norwood Creek Elementary School.

**Kim Roberts** is serving her first term on the committee. She was a teacher in the Evergreen ESD for 24 years. She has been a parent volunteer, a member of the PTA, and a School Site Council member. Her children have attended schools in the district, She has lived in the district for over 37 years.

**Carol Stephen** is serving her first term on the committee. She is self-employed and volunteered as the co-chair of the PACT and Yerba Buena School Site Council. Carol has lived in the district for over 40 years. Her children attended Evergreen ESD.

#### **DUTIES OF COMMITTEE**

To carry out its stated purposes, the CBOC shall perform the following duties:

- Inform the Public. The committee shall inform the public concerning the district's expenditures of bond proceeds.
- **Regular Meetings.** The committee holds one meeting each quarter. The purpose of these meetings is to receive and review reports and documents from the district to determine compliance with the bond measure's stated projects.
- **Review Expenditures.** The committee shall provide oversight, including reviewing specific reports produced by the district to ensure that:
  - Bond proceeds are expended only for the purposes set forth in the applicable ballot measure; and
  - No bond proceeds are used for any teacher or administrative salaries or district operating expenses.
- Annual Report. The committee shall present to the Board of trustees, in public session, an annual written report, which shall include: a summary of the committee's proceedings and activities for the preceding year.

#### INTERESTED IN BEING A MEMBER OF THE CBOC?

Applications to serve as a member of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee are now being accepted from Evergreen ESD residents. For more information, please call 408.270.6800 or email <a href="wknutson@eesd.org">wknutson@eesd.org</a>.

For more information, current meeting schedules and updates, please visit the CBOC website <a href="https://www.eesd.org">www.eesd.org</a>

#### **QUESTIONS?**

Please contact Victoria Knutson at 408.270.6800 or by email: <a href="mailto:vknutson@eesd.org">vknutson@eesd.org</a>