



**Long Beach Unified
School District
Citizens' Bond
Oversight Committee**



2018-2019

Annual Report to the Community

February 2020

Message from the Chairperson

School Bond Program Sets Record for Busiest Year Ever

The Citizens' Oversight Committee is proud to present this, our 11th annual report to the community, detailing a record-setting year for the Long Beach Unified School District.

During fiscal year 2018-19, more construction and modernization projects were in progress or completed than in any other single year in the history of the district.

There were 78 projects in planning, in construction or completed in this 12-month period, including building new classroom facilities, heating/air conditioning systems, and athletic field improvements.

Even as we continue to address unmet needs, every school in the district has benefited in one way or another from the bond program. Whether it's additional security fencing, new clocks/alarms, or campus-wide wi-fi, all 72,00,000 LBUSD students at all 85 campuses enjoy an improved learning environment thanks to Measures K and E.

The facilities team deserves credit for the hard work and long hours that have made this progress possible. We, as members of the Citizens' Oversight Committee, get a front-row seat view as we tour projects coming to fruition.

We also regularly review and monitor expenditures for these projects, which require meticulous record-keeping and continuous budget balancing.

That's why we are so impressed that for the seventh straight year, an outside audit firm, after thoroughly investigating the bond program's records, has given the district the highest rating for financial accountability and performance.

It has been an honor and privilege for me to witness first-hand the significant progress we are making toward transforming our schools to 21st Century learning environments.

Sincerely,
Walter Larkins, COC Chairperson



Pouring concrete for air conditioning at Alvarado Elementary School

One-Third of Planned Air Conditioning Projects in Progress or Complete

As of September 2019, modernization is in progress or complete at 19 of the 54 campuses targeted for new or replacement air conditioning and major infrastructure improvements.

Today, more than 13,800 students in 538 classrooms on 19 campuses are already benefiting from completed Measure E campus upgrades.

Modernization includes not only new central heating/air conditioning systems but also utility infrastructure and accessibility upgrades, electronic classroom projectors, new lighting, windows, paint and other necessary repairs.

Following voter approval of Measure E in November 2016, planning started immediately for installation of air conditioning systems and other

upgrades at the 54 campuses where central air conditioning was outdated or non-existent.

Work started last summer at four more campuses: Alvarado, Bixby, Muir and Naples.

The plan remains to fully air condition all schools. For a complete schedule, visit School Bond Projects Timeline at <https://lbschoolbonds.net>.

Bond Projects by the Numbers

As of September 2019

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New Schools Built or Re-Built



19

Schools with New Air Conditioning



85

Schools With Campus-Wide WI-Fi



72,000

Students Benefiting from at least one Project

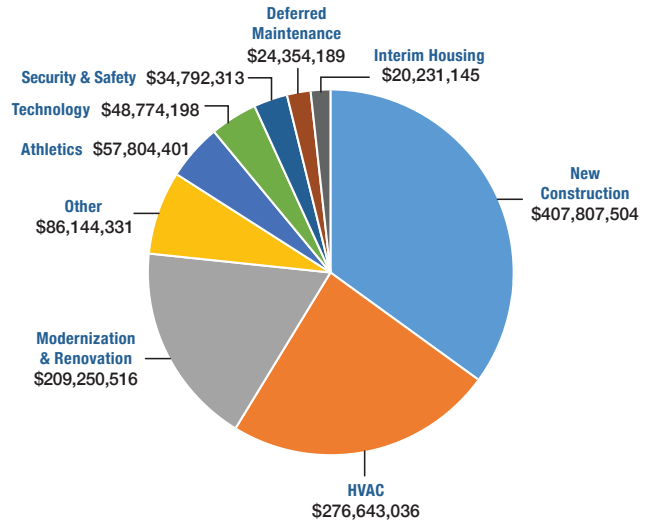


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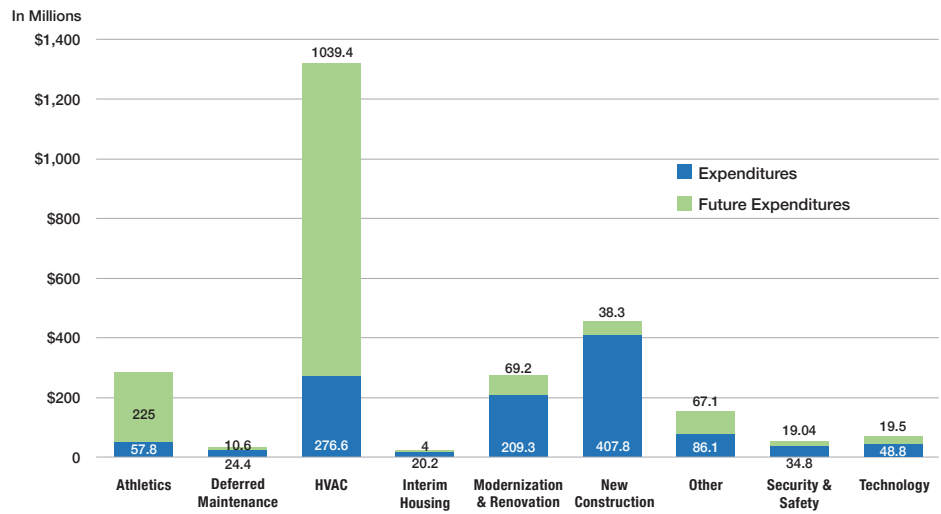
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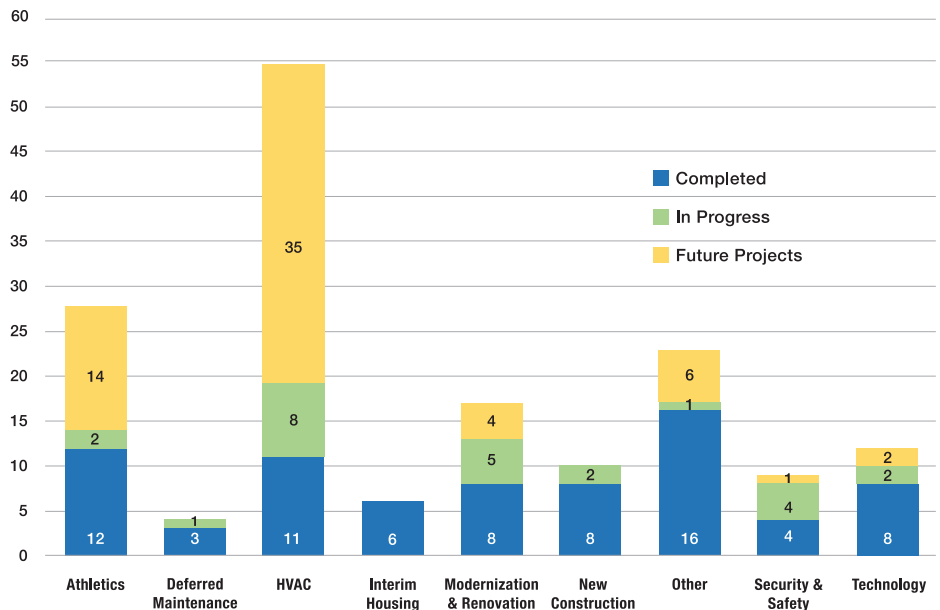
Total Project Expenditures through 6/30/19



Expenditures through 6/30/19 and Future Expenditures



Number of Projects Completed, In Progress, and Planned as of 6/30/19





New Engineering Building Opens at Sato Academy

Sato Academy's new 25,000-square-foot biomedical and engineering building opened in fall of 2019, thanks to funding from Measure E.

The \$20 million Sato project is actually three buildings connected by breezeways, which can be used as outdoor learning areas. The high ceilings and large windows create an open, airy, light-filled environment ideal for the industrial, science and technical educational program.

The space contains 16 classrooms and labs for the small high school's biomedical and engineering academies, which are key components of Sato's unique curriculum.

State of the art manufacturing equipment and lab facilities are expected to be a draw for students choosing to attend Sato, which is located next to the Cal State Long Beach campus.



Lakewood High Gets Air Conditioning

One of the largest air conditioning/modernization projects in the school district is complete at Lakewood High School. The 32-acre campus is the first high school being renovated with Measure E funds, approved by voters in 2016.

In addition to heating/air conditioning installation, the Lakewood project features upgrades in electrical infrastructure, accessibility, earthquake safety, ceilings, interior lights, audio/visual and interior paint.



Jordan High Opens New Buildings

The rebuilding of Jordan High School is progressing with several more buildings about to be completed.

Students and staff moved into two new classroom buildings and the administration building in January 2020. This follows the opening of the first of three new classroom buildings in 2017.

A modernized auditorium and library are expected to be completed later this year – all part of the \$208 million renovation of the 27-acre campus in North Long Beach.



All-Weather Turf Benefits Student Athletes

Students and the community are enjoying more track and field time on all-weather turf being installed at all LBUSD high schools, K-8 and middle school campuses. Work is in progress or complete at six schools, thanks to funding from Measure E.

Reduced water usage, lower maintenance costs and better management of storm water runoff are other key reasons for installing these fields.

The type of turf chosen by the school district meets stringent Proposition 65 health protection standards, and consists of 100 percent new materials, which have been shown to be more durable than the recycled rubber pellets used in older synthetic turf.

School bond funds have also paid for a new set of bleachers at Poly High and other improvements to athletic facilities at high schools and middle schools.

Measure K Funds Millikan Building

A unique new building, begun in 2018, is scheduled to open on the Millikan High campus in fall 2020.

Funded by Measure K, the 2008 voter-approved school bond measure, the 50,000-square-foot facility is designed to serve the needs of the specific learning paths or academies.

Created with input from Millikan High administrators and teachers, the building will house a virtual enterprise classroom where Business Academy students can showcase their final projects.

For the COMPASS Academy, new graphic arts studios will expand students design capabilities, and for the SEGA-



Rendering of the future Millikan High building

MIT Academy, special computer labs will students to explore the inner workings of the latest technology.

PEACE Academy students preparing for careers in law or government service will be able to conduct mock trials in a new, modern courtroom.

The building will also feature a college/career center and facilities designed for Special Education students, along with standard classrooms for general use.

What are Measures K and E?

Measure K is a 2008 ballot initiative that makes available \$1.2 billion to renovate and build schools in the Long Beach Unified School District.

Measure E is a 2016 ballot initiative that funds an additional \$1.5 billion to make critical repairs, enhance technology and install/replace air conditioning and other infrastructure improvements to aging campuses.

Role of the Citizens' Oversight Committee

The Board of Education established the Citizens' Oversight Committee to monitor expenditures of Measures K and E. The seven volunteer members are appointed and serve a maximum of three two-year terms.

The committee is required to issue one report annually and meets up to six times a year. Each member is appointed at large or represents a segment of the community: senior citizens, parents, businesses, or taxpayers.

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