



# Wiseburn Unified School District Measure EE FACT SHEET

**Background:** Wiseburn Unified School District (WUSD) is the local provider of TK-12 public education, and has two key priorities: first, to ensure academic and career success for every teacher and student; and second, to make sure that its five school campuses, including facilities, technology, and school grounds are healthy, safe, secure, technologically current, environmentally sound, and equipped to provide Wiseburn teachers and students with the very best educational setting possible. As one of the top performing districts in the state, WUSD has been planning to ensure our facilities continue to support excellent teaching and learning for years to come. As part of that process, a community input driven 2022 Facilities Master Plan has been adopted. This identifies key safety updates and critical repairs that are needed to ensure safe, modern, up-to-date classrooms and labs to support teaching and learning. Measure EE provides a plan to address the most critical WUSD School District facilities & technology needs. No other funding currently exists to properly upgrade these facilities.

**Measure EE DEFINED:** Measure EE is a school bond measure on the November 8, 2022 ballot seeking voter authorization for Wiseburn Unified School District funding to make needed facilities repairs, technology upgrades, and improvements to school sites. Measure EE requires 55% support to pass. A “YES vote” approves funding for the District’s plan; a “NO vote” rejects the plan.

## **Measure EE Ballot Question:**

“To upgrade school security, emergency communications and fire safety systems, upgrade classroom technology, science, computer and engineering labs; repair aging gas/water lines, leaky roofs; ensure school drinking water remains safe; repair, construct, acquire equipment, sites/facilities; shall Wiseburn Unified School District’s locally controlled measure authorizing \$98,000,000 in bonds at legal rates, levying 3¢ per \$100 of assessed valuation, generating \$6,300,000 annually while bonds are outstanding be adopted, requiring audits, independent oversight and public disclosure of all spending?”

## **Measure EE Summary – Measure EE will:**

- Retain and attract quality teachers by maintaining safe, modern, up-to-date classrooms and facilities
- Upgrade campus safety and security for emergencies including safety doors, smoke alarms/detectors, and communications systems.
- Improve student access to instruction in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math).
- Repair urgent basic needs including gas lines, leaky roofs, disabled accessibility, HVAC, plumbing, internet access, etc.
- Provide clean, safe sports fields.
- Improve access to student mental health services

## **Taxpayer Safeguards:**

- By law, all funds from Measure EE must stay local, dedicated to WUSD schools only.
- The State cannot take Measure EE funding away.
- Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee, independent annual audits, and regular public reports ensure proper spending of funds.

**Measure EE would cost** property owners 3 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation per year, while bonds are outstanding. The assessed valuation refers to the taxable value, not the market value of your property. The taxable value of your home or business will depend on when you purchased it.

**Commercial, industrial, and residential property would be subject to the assessment.** Because the property in the WUSD community is mostly business, Measure EE would be funded 75% by business and 25% by residents.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Please visit our website at: [wiseburn.org](http://wiseburn.org) or contact Superintendent Blake Silvers via email at [wtsubaki@wiseburn.org](mailto:wtsubaki@wiseburn.org) or by phone: 310-725-2101 ext. 5105.