

Visalia

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

CREATING SPACES TO LEARN:
WHY BRICKS AND MORTAR MATTER





Quality
school
campuses



+

Quality
school
teachers



=

An
Excellent
Education

Measure G:

- **Property tax passed in 1999**
- **Costs a homeowner \$30 per year per \$100,000 valuation**
Example: Assessed Value = \$143,050, annual cost = \$42.90
- **Generated \$49 million**
- **Made possible \$120 million in projects**
- **Brings state matching funds back to Visalia**





Measure G helped make possible:

- **El Diamante High School**
- **Four Creeks Elementary School**
- **Oak Grove Elementary School**



Measure G helped make possible:

- Cottonwood Creek Elementary School
- Manuel F. Hernandez Elementary School
- Annie R. Mitchell Elementary School
- Shannon Ranch Elementary School



As well as Multi-Purpose Rooms at:

- Elbow Creek Elementary School
- Mt. View Elementary School
- Royal Oaks Elementary School
- Divisadero Middle School
- Green Acres Middle School



And \$14.5 million in modernization projects:

Repair or replace:

- Leaking roofs
- Flooring
- Air conditioning units

With an emphasis on energy savings





Where are we now?

- **70% of our schools are over 20 years old**
- **40% of our schools are over 50 years old**
- **Campuses need ongoing maintenance**
- **Energy-saving alternatives are now available**



Coming baby boom:

- **Over 4,000 students in middle school**
- **800 more coming based upon current elementary enrollment and birth rates**
- **It takes 4 years to build a middle school**
- **And approximately \$35 million**



What's next? Measure E

After a year of study, the VUSD Board approved Measure E for the November ballot



Measure E: Extend Our Commitment!

Measure E would *extend, not increase*, the current property tax rate.



Measure E:

Independent Bond Oversight Committee & Funds cannot be used for salaries, benefits or new programs.



- **Measure E would generate \$60 million**
- **And allow VUSD to leverage state matching funds**
- **Total over \$120 million to invest in local schools**



Measure E will:

- **Repair leaking roofs**
- **Make necessary safety upgrades**
- **Improve access for disabled students**

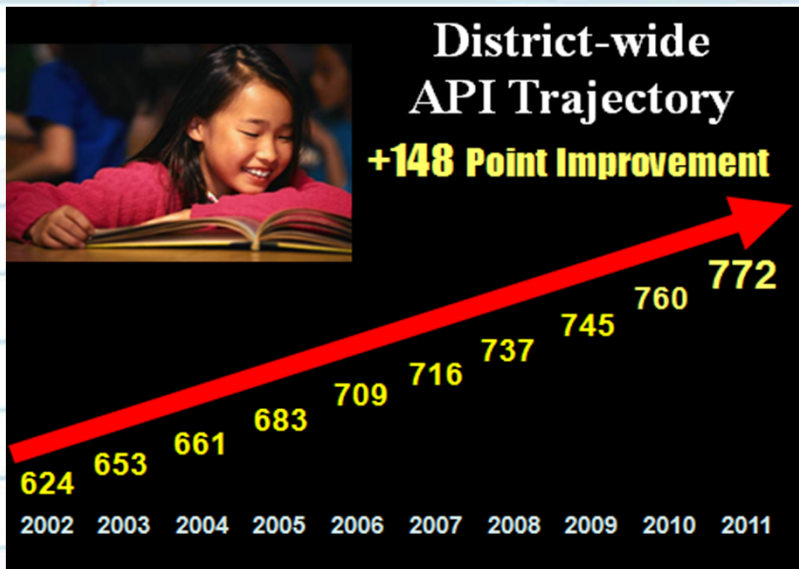
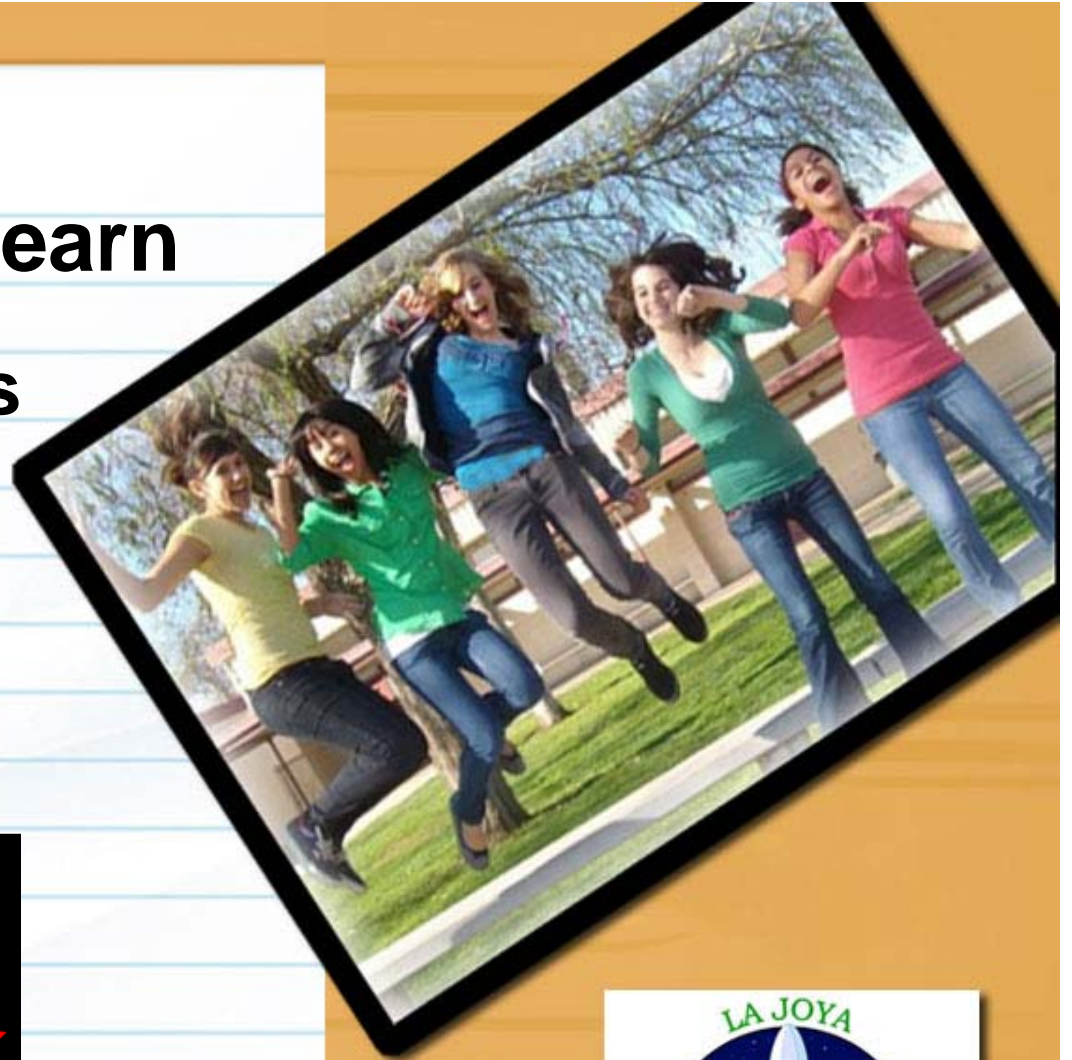


Measure E will:

- **Fund modernization projects District-wide**
- **Add classrooms**
- **Build a middle school**

Creating spaces to learn

Studies show students perform better when learning in quality spaces





Today ...

**More VUSD students are
succeeding ...**

- **Preparing for careers ...**
- **And looking forward to
productive lives**

***Because as a community
we have made education
a priority.***

COMMENTS?

QUESTIONS?

