



Long Beach Unified School District
CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

2021-22 Annual Report



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Chairperson's Message

On behalf of the members of the Citizens' Oversight Committee (COC), thank you for your interest in the Long Beach Unified School District's Measure K and Measure E bond program. This report highlights key program achievements completed in the fiscal year spanning July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022.

LBUSD's bond program has received the highest financial accountability and performance ratings from independent auditors for 10 consecutive years. This outstanding distinction is evident in the District's detailed financial statements and staff reports. As with previous reporting periods, the COC carefully reviewed all 2021-22 fiscal year expenditures for LBUSD's various capital projects.

One such project is the renovation of Jordan High School, the largest campus modernization project ever undertaken by LBUSD. The District's investment in Jordan is transforming the school into the centerpiece of North Long Beach, heightening the revitalization underway in the neighborhood. The latest phase of Jordan's modernization, highlighted in this report, increases gathering areas for students and provides the school's aspiring medical professionals the learning spaces they need to prepare for high-paying, high-demand jobs.

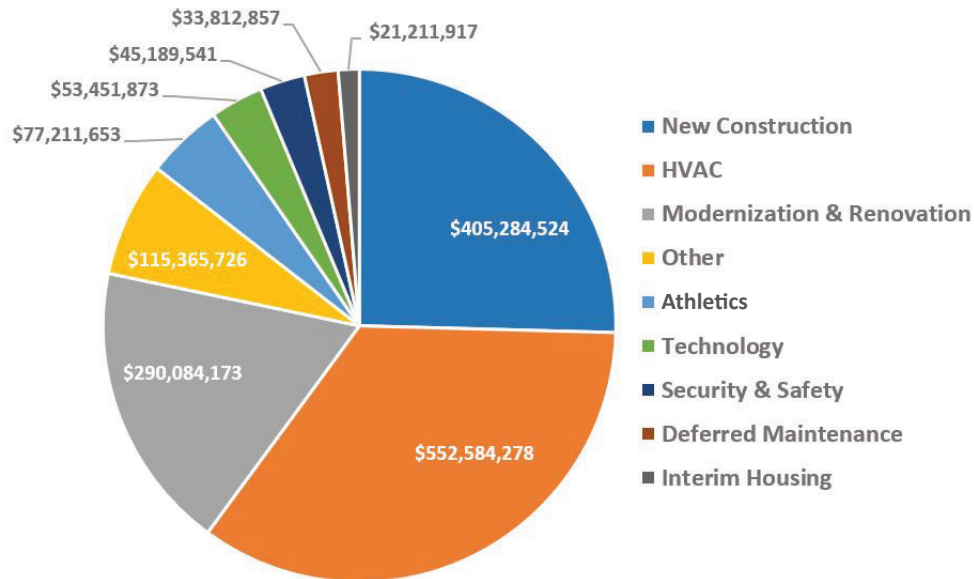
We encourage you to read this report to learn more about Jordan's transformation and other exciting facilities projects underway throughout the District. LBUSD's new bond program website, available at lbschoolbonds.net, is another great way to learn about the District's school renovation projects.

Walter Larkins
Chairperson
LBUSD Citizens' Oversight Committee



Rendering: Jordan High School

Expenditures through June 30, 2022

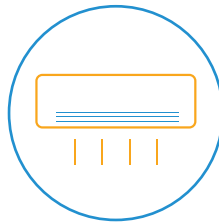


Bond Program Highlights



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New or rebuilt schools



31

Schools with new AC



84

Schools with campuswide Wi-Fi



67K+

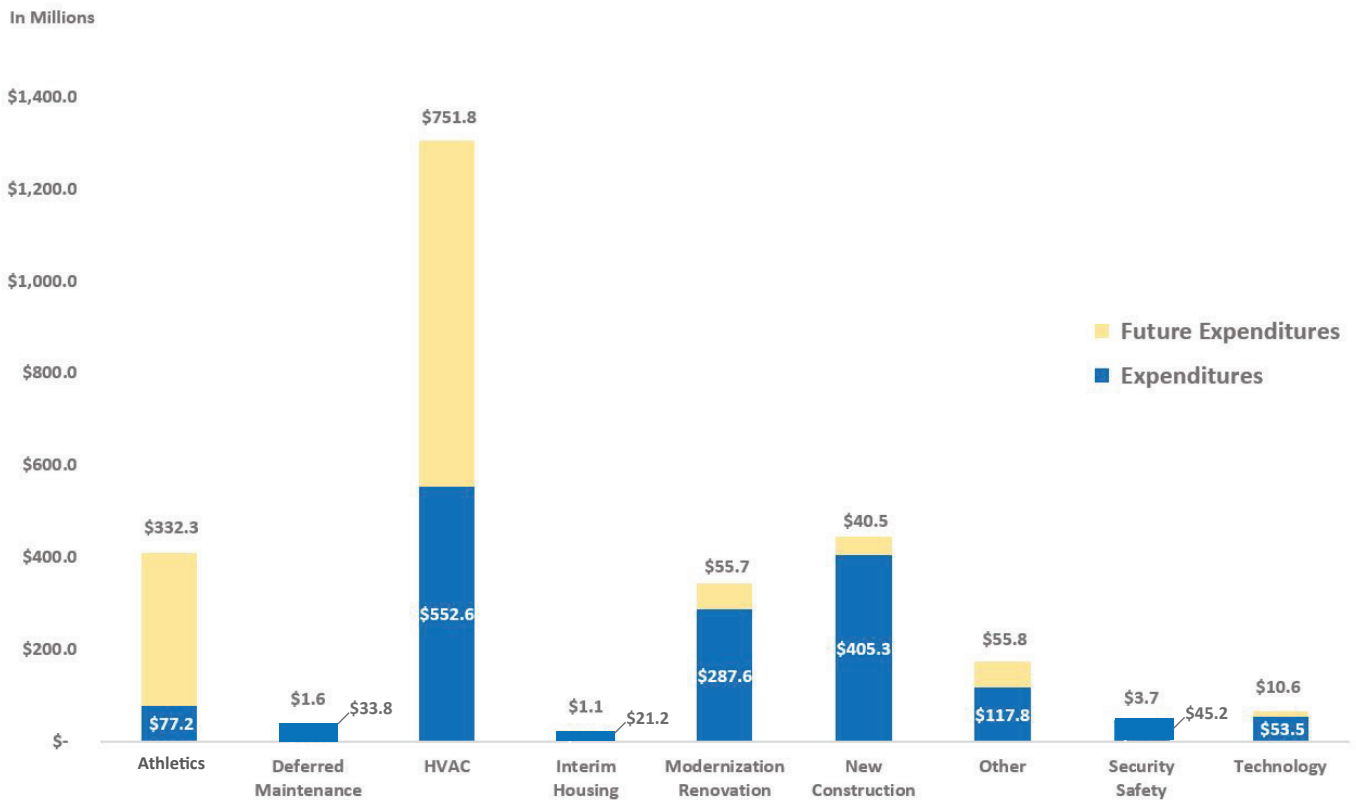
Students benefiting from bond-funded projects



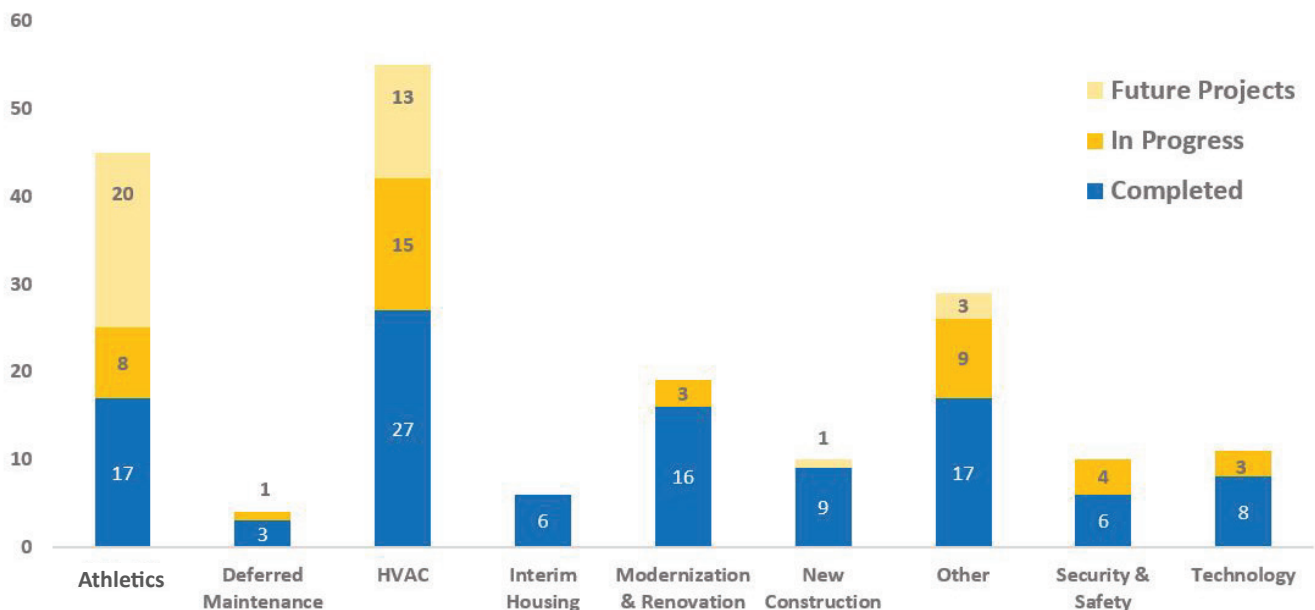
\$1.594B

Expended for new construction or renovation

Current & Future Expenditures through June 30, 2022



Completed, In Progress & Planned Projects as of June 30, 2022



Air Conditioning, Renovations Complete at 31 LBUSD Schools

Measure E has funded the complete renovation of 31 schools to date, or more than one-third of all campuses in the Long Beach Unified School District.

Upgrades at Bryant Elementary School, Hughes Middle School and Wilson High School were completed in the 2021-22 fiscal year. Comprehensive repairs include new, high-efficiency air conditioning systems, technology and accessibility updates, ceiling and roofing repairs, and infrastructure enhancements, among other improvements.

Restoration of historic elements in Wilson's administration building was an integral part of the school's renovation. At Hughes, repairs included the installation of scenic and sustainable landscaping near the school's playground.

Renovations are underway at Twain Elementary School, Bancroft Middle School, Robinson K-8 Academy and Avalon K-12 School. Upgrades to Birney, Emerson and Gompers elementary schools and Stanford Middle School entered the planning stage, and preparations for the final phase of Jordan's modernization continued in the 2021-22 fiscal year.

Additional renovation projects launched or completed in this reporting period include a new lunch shelter at Lowell Elementary School that doubles as an outdoor classroom, Lakewood High School's new 400-meter all-weather running track and field, and repairs to the school's gym.

Information on completed and upcoming Measure E projects is available at lbschoolbonds.net.



Bryant Elementary School



Hughes Middle School



Lowell Elementary School



Transformation Unfolding at Jordan High

Officials from the Long Beach Unified School District and the City of Long Beach gathered at Jordan High School at the start of the 2021-22 fiscal year to break ground on a new state-of-the-art classroom building, ushering in the next phase of Jordan's multiyear transformation. Designed for Jordan's Aspirations in Medical Science academy, the two-story building will feature a simulation lab complete with hospital beds and diagnostic equipment, plus classrooms and instructional spaces for special education students. A new shaded lunch shelter and an outdoor corridor with trees, seating and covered canopies will round out the next construction phase.

Jordan's modernization is the largest campus renovation project ever undertaken by the Long Beach Unified School District. The school's completed upgrades include five new classroom buildings, a revamped auditorium and library, full-service kitchen, renovated band and administration buildings, and new tennis courts and parking lots. Installation of Jordan's new track and field is expected to begin in 2023, and construction of the school's new gym and outdoor swimming pool is anticipated to start in 2024.

Once complete, Jordan's renovations will include 400,000 square feet of new or revived buildings. Jordan's new classroom building is the first of 15 projects in the District's agreement with the Los Angeles/Orange County Building and Construction Trades Council, which represents more than 100,000 skilled workers across 48 local unions. The Community Workforce Development Agreement (CWDA), approved unanimously by the District's Board of Education in 2020, aims to fill 40% of all labor positions in the agreement with local residents.

The CWDA also creates a pathway for students throughout the District to enter the building trades. The agreement established a new scholarship program for economically disadvantaged students interested in construction careers. Students from District high schools will have priority access to apprenticeship opportunities in the year they graduate.

Jordan's \$336 million transformation is funded by Measure K and Measure E.

LBUSD Launches Electronic Locks Pilot

The Long Beach Unified School District introduced a program piloting electronic door locks at schools in the 2021-22 fiscal year, furthering its commitment to student safety.

Electronic locks were installed on classroom doors and entries to essential, high-use spaces at Bixby Elementary School and Muir K-8 School. With the locks in place, pilot schools can lock down within seconds, preventing unwanted campus access in emergency situations. The pilot will guide the rollout of electronic door locks at schools across the District.

Electronic door locks are powered by an online access control system that can track entrances and exits, and when a door is left unlocked. District staff can secure specific doors, buildings, or the whole school in a few mouse clicks. A single flip of a switch will lock down an entire campus.

Doors equipped with electronic locks will open with access cards that double as identification badges. Entry credentials are stored on the cards, ensuring teachers and administrators have access to classrooms and offices in a network outage.

The Measure K-funded pilot, including upcoming installations at Robinson K-8 and Jefferson Middle School, is budgeted at \$2.2 million.



Careful Management Lifts Bond Ratings

The Long Beach Unified School District's credit rating was upgraded due to its improved budget flexibility, build-up of reserves, and lower revenue volatility, according to the latest bond ratings.

Fitch Ratings, the global credit rating and research service, assigned a high AA-rating to the school district. To investors, this rating signifies high quality and low risk. The assessment highlights LBUSD for having the highest gap-closing capacity supported by prudent reserves and improved expenditure flexibility.

A high credit rating helps to save taxpayers millions of dollars in interest on bonds approved by local voters to build, repair and upgrade school campuses. Independent auditors also have consistently given LBUSD's finances, including its school bond finances, the highest possible ratings.



2022-23 Fiscal Year Preview: Measure Q

Measure Q, LBUSD's health, safety and student achievement bond measure, was approved with a 60.7% yes vote by voters who cast ballots in the Nov. 8 general election. Measure Q's passage provides the District \$1.7 billion for school renovations and the possibility of state matching funds totaling millions of dollars over the life of the bond.

The Citizens' Oversight Committee, as with Measures K and E, will review all expenditures from the new bond measure. Measure Q projects will be included in the committee's annual report to LBUSD's Board of Education.

The District's Board voted unanimously to place Measure Q on the Nov. 8, 2022 ballot. The vote coincided with the Board's approval of LBUSD's 2022 Facility Master Plan (FMP), which identified \$3.8 billion in funds needed to upgrade aging campuses.

Proceeds from Measure Q will provide safe drinking water and upgrade schools to meet accessibility and earthquake safety standards, among other health and safety improvements. Bond proceeds will also fund the construction of new career education and athletic facilities and provide new air conditioning systems at aging campuses that did not need air conditioning under Measure E but now have systems approaching end of life.

About Measures K and E

Measure K is a ballot initiative, approved by 71 percent of voters in November 2008, which makes available \$1.2 billion from property taxes to build, renovate and improve schools in the Long Beach Unified School District. Steady progress has been made to reconfigure and rehabilitate LBUSD schools since the measure's approval.

In response to strong public support for repairing aging schools, the District's Board of Education approved the placement of a \$1.5 billion school repair and safety bond measure on the November 8, 2016 ballot. The ballot measure, called Measure E, required approval by at least 55 percent of voters who cast ballots on election day. Voters approved the measure with a 74.86 percent yes vote.

Funds from Measure E address critical school repairs, including air conditioning, safety enhancements and other infrastructure improvements.





Avalon K-12 School

Citizens' Oversight Committee

The Citizens' Oversight Committee is a seven-member group appointed by the Long Beach Unified School District's Board of Education to review and report on school bond expenditures. Members represents a segment of the community — senior citizens, parents, businesses or taxpayers — and serve a maximum of three, two-year terms.

Walter Larkins, Chairperson • Dan Minkoff, Vice Chair • Michael Bishop, Member
Mario Ernesto Gonzalez, Member • Raul Nario, Member • Rebecca Turrentine, Member
Pamela Williams, Member



Avalon K-12 School



Robinson K-8 Academy



Lakewood High School



Bryant Elementary School



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