



# Upgrading Aging Classrooms, Labs and School Facilities for Quality Education and Student Safety

## Lompoc Unified School District

Each day, approximately 9,000 local students rely on Lompoc Unified School District for a quality education that prepares them for college and good jobs. LUSD's 15 schools serve the Lompoc Valley, including the City of Lompoc and the surrounding unincorporated areas of Mission Hills, Vandenberg Village, Cebada Canyon, Vandenberg Space Force Base, and Mesa Oaks. These include 9 elementary schools, 2 middle schools, 2 comprehensive high schools, an alternative education high school, and one site that includes an adult school career center, a community day school, and an independent study school.

With graduation rates on the rise, LUSD has been recognized for its commitment to improved academic achievement, including innovative programs, strong community partnerships, and commitment to promoting a positive school climate. Lompoc Unified School District strives to provide quality education for all students that prepares them for future success.



### Aging Classrooms, Labs and School Facilities

Most schools were built in the 1960s or earlier, are over 60 years old. Most classrooms, labs and school facilities have not been upgraded in over 20 years. For example, thousands of students attend class in 136 portable classrooms that are decades old, are falling apart and most have structural damage or water leaks. Older schools have hazardous materials like asbestos and lead. Most schools do not meet current health codes, building safety codes or provide full access for students with disabilities.

### Supporting Quality Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Education

Aging schools were built for a different era of education and outdated classrooms, science labs, job training facilities and learning technology need updates to meet current academic standards and support today's instruction in science, math, engineering and technology.

### Upgrading Local Schools

To ensure all local schools have safe and modern classrooms, labs and school facilities, the LUSD Board of Education is considering options for upgrading LUSD schools, including placing a school facilities improvement bond measure on the ballot for voters to consider. Funds from a measure could be used to:

- Provide classrooms, labs and technology to support high quality instruction in math, science, engineering, technology and other core academic programs
- Remove hazardous materials like asbestos and lead paint and pipes from older school sites
- Upgrade older schools so they meet current health codes, building safety codes and provide full access for students with disabilities in the remaining schools and areas that have yet to be updated to ADA standards
- Provide modern labs, career tech facilities and equipment so students are prepared for college and in-demand careers in fields like health sciences, engineering, technology and skilled trades
- Repair or replace deteriorating roofs, plumbing, sewer lines, gas lines and electrical systems
- Improve student safety, campus security systems including fencing, cameras, emergency communications systems, smoke detectors and fire alarms

### Locally-Controlled Funding for School Improvements in Lompoc

A school facilities improvement bond measure would provide locally-controlled funding that must only be used for repairing and upgrading Lompoc schools. No funds may be used for administrator salaries and no funds may be taken by the State. Also, a Citizens' Oversight Committee will be formed; none of its members can be an employee or officer of the District. It will perform independent audits to review the use of funds and required public disclosure of all spending.

### Share Your Priorities

Please share your opinions, priorities and questions as LUSD finalizes plans to repair and upgrade aging school facilities. To share your input or ask questions, please contact Superintendent Clara Finneran at [lusdbond2024@lud.org](mailto:lusdbond2024@lud.org) or (805) 742-3326.

