



Safe and Modern Classrooms

An Update from Hayward Unified School District



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Safe and Modern Classrooms for ALL HUSD Students

Dear Neighbors:

I am excited to serve as the new superintendent of Hayward Unified School District (HUSD) and am eager to continue the District's progress in providing a quality education for our more than 19,000 students from preschool through high school and adult education that prepares them for life beyond the classroom. While we have many important priorities for Hayward schools, an important and urgent goal is ensuring all students attend school in safe and modern classrooms.

Planning for Safe and Modern Hayward Schools

Starting in 2006, HUSD partnered with architects and school facility construction experts to conduct a thorough assessment of every classroom, lab and school facility in the District to evaluate conditions and identify needed upgrades. This work resulted in HUSD's comprehensive Facility Master Plan, which has been updated periodically over the years, most recently in 2023. For example, Bret Harte Middle School is located directly on the Hayward Fault, and the Board of Education recently determined that is not safe for continued use by students and teachers and must be relocated.

Aging Hayward Classrooms and School Facilities

Most of Hayward's schools were built in the 1950s and 1960s. In fact, 18 of HUSD's 29 school sites are over 60 years old and were built for a different era, when the demands of a 21st Century education in science, math, engineering and technology could not have been imagined. Many school facilities have deteriorating sewer, plumbing and heating and ventilation systems. Aging portable classrooms are beyond their useful life, are deteriorating and no longer meet safety and instructional standards. Some schools on or near the Hayward Fault do not meet seismic safety standards and may not remain functional in an earthquake.

Bringing All Schools to Modern Safety and Learning Standards

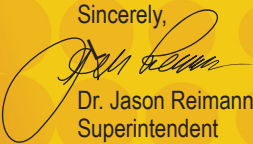
While some HUSD schools have been upgraded, others have not. To ensure all students attend class in safe and up-to-date classrooms, HUSD is now making plans for the next phase of improvements to bring all schools to current health, safety and educational standards.

The Board of Education recently voted to place a new school facilities improvement bond measure on the March 5, 2024 ballot for local voters to consider. **The \$60 per \$100,000 of assessed value tax rate for the new bond would not increase HUSD's total bond tax rate above the amount previously approved by voters.** If approved by at least 55% of voters in HUSD, the measure would provide locally controlled funding to continue upgrading and repairing local schools.

We Want to Hear From You!

Please complete the attached school facilities survey to share your priorities and help finalize plans for upgrading and repairing Hayward's aging school facilities. You may also complete the survey online using the QR code.

Sincerely,


Dr. Jason Reimann
Superintendent



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Superintendent of Schools



The Next Phase of Classroom and School Improvements in Hayward

While some HUSD schools have been upgraded, others still need repairs, upgrades and improvements. To ensure all students attend class in safe and up-to-date classrooms, the HUSD Board of Education recently voted to place a new school facilities improvement bond measure on the ballot in 2024 for local voters to consider. This bond measure would provide \$550 million in locally controlled funding to upgrade local schools, including:

- Improving earthquake safety at schools on or adjacent to the Hayward Fault and upgrading schools so they meet current health codes and building safety codes
- Supporting safety and security enhancements
- Providing modern classrooms, science labs, art and music centers, library spaces, and career-technical facilities and equipment so students are prepared for college, in-demand careers, and skilled trades
- Repairing older school facilities including deteriorating plumbing, sewer, and electrical systems
- Replacing aging portable classrooms with modern, permanent classrooms
- Improving gymnasiums, locker rooms, fields, and outdoor play spaces
- Keeping classroom technology and computer systems up-to-date
- Providing accessible play and learning environments for students with disabilities and more restrooms for students



Fiscal Accountability Protections

A school facilities improvement bond measure would continue to require a clear system of accountability including:

- A detailed project list indicating projects that could be funded by the measure
- A Citizens' Oversight Committee and independent audits to ensure funds are spent properly
- Required public disclosure of all spending
- Funds may only be used to improve HUSD schools facilities and no other purpose
- Local bond funds will help HUSD qualify for State matching funds

As HUSD explores options to update local school facilities, we value your input. For more information please contact: **Allan Garde, Assistant Superintendent of Business at OSINPUT@husd.us or 510-784-2600.**

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Please rate the importance of the following school improvement priorities:

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- Improving earthquake safety at schools on or adjacent to the Hayward Fault and upgrading schools so they meet current health codes, building safety codes, safety and security enhancements

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- Repairing older classrooms and school facilities, including deteriorating plumbing, sewer, installing HVAC and electrical systems, and removing hazardous materials like asbestos and lead pipes

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- Providing modern classrooms, science labs, art and music centers, library spaces, and career-technical facilities and equipment so students are prepared for college, in-demand careers, and skilled trades

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- Improving gymnasiums, locker rooms, fields, and outdoor play spaces

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- Keeping classroom technology and computer systems up-to-date

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- Providing accessible play and learning environments for students with disabilities and more restrooms for students

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Do you currently have children attending HUSD schools?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Comments/Questions:



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Please help us finalize plans for upgrading and repairing Hayward schools by sharing your priorities. Complete the survey card below and mail it back or take the survey online by scanning the QR code at right or visit husd.us/facilitysurvey