



Panama-Buena Vista Union School District

November 2022 School Bond Measure

Measure I Info-Only Fact Sheet

Background: Panama-Buena Vista Union School District (P-BVUSD) schools serve an essential community need. As the local provider of TK-8 public education, we believe all students deserve to learn in quality classrooms and school facilities. We have two key priorities: 1) to ensure academic success for every student attending our TK-8 schools; and 2) to make sure our school facilities and grounds are safe, secure, modern, and equipped to provide the best educational environment possible.

We appreciate our community's ongoing support of Panama-Buena Vista elementary and middle schools, which has helped relieve overcrowding and complete repairs and upgrades to aging schools. But more work remains. As more families have moved into our community, student enrollment has grown dramatically. We are constantly planning for new classrooms and schools while simultaneously completing needed repairs and upgrades at our 25 existing schools, some of which are now 60-70 years old. Our schools currently serve more than 19,000 students in the classroom each day. **Measure I provides a plan to address the next set of most critical P-BVUSD facilities & technology needs. No other funding is currently available to properly upgrade these facilities.**

Measure I DEFINED: Measure I is a local school bond measure on the November 8, 2022 ballot seeking voter authorization to improve school safety/security, upgrade existing neighborhood schools, and construct new school facilities to relieve severe overcrowding within the Panama-Buena Vista Union School District. To pass, Measure I must secure at least 55% support among P-BVUSD voters who vote on this measure. A "YES vote" approves funding to implement the District's Bond Plan to upgrade schools and construct new classrooms and school facilities; a "NO vote" rejects the Plan. All P-BVUSD registered voters are eligible to vote on this measure.

Ballot Question: *"To repair deteriorating roofs, electrical and plumbing; improve school safety and security systems; remove asbestos/lead pipes; and construct/equip new classrooms, labs, and facilities to relieve overcrowding and support college/career readiness in science, math, reading, engineering, technology; shall Panama Buena Vista Union School District's measure authorizing \$99 million in bonds at legal rates be adopted, levying approximately 3 cents per \$100 assessed value (\$6 million annually) while bonds are outstanding, with citizen oversight and all money staying local?"*

Passage of Measure I will:

- Repair deteriorating roofs, plumbing, sewer, and electrical systems
- Upgrade schools for innovative instruction in science, technology, engineering, arts, math (STEAM), and future-focused career pathways
- Construct new classrooms and school facilities to relieve overcrowding
- Renovate older schools to meet the same safety and academic standards as newer schools
- Replace aging portables with modern permanent classrooms
- Provide safe, secure, welcoming spaces for our youngest learners attending Transitional Kindergarten
- Improve school safety and security at all P-BVUSD schools.

By law, ALL MEASURE I FUNDS STAY LOCAL, dedicated to P-BVUSD schools ONLY. The State can't take this funding away. Measure I is for facilities projects ONLY – e.g. classrooms, facilities, technology infrastructure, and equipment. NO funds are allowed for administrators' salaries or pensions. Independent Citizens' Oversight and mandatory financial audits will ensure proper spending. Voter approval will qualify P-BVUSD for State matching funds, leveraging local tax dollars further.

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