



Long Beach Unified School District
CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

2022-23 Annual Report

Jordan High School

LBUSD's bond program has received the highest financial accountability and performance ratings from independent auditors for 11 consecutive years.



Chairperson's Message

The Citizens' Oversight Committee (COC) is proud to present this Annual Report highlighting achievements of the Long Beach Unified School District's bond program during the fiscal year spanning July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

The 2022-23 fiscal year was a monumental period for the District's bond program. LBUSD successfully implemented high-efficiency heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems, technology upgrades, accessibility improvements and other enhancements at schools across the District. In response to an unprecedented heat wave, LBUSD expedited the planned installation of air conditioning systems at several District schools. Most schools were accelerated by one to two years. Additionally, work began on a new sustainability plan that will dramatically reduce LBUSD's carbon footprint.

And in November 2022, local voters approved Measure Q, a new bond measure that 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 COC diligently reviewed expenditures, financial statements and staff reports on numerous capital projects financed by the District's bond measures. Following a meticulous evaluation process, an independent audit firm granted the District its highest financial accountability and performance rating, marking the program's eleventh consecutive year receiving this esteemed recognition.

We're pleased to affirm the auditor's findings, and we're honored to oversee a program that provides students with the learning spaces they need to succeed.

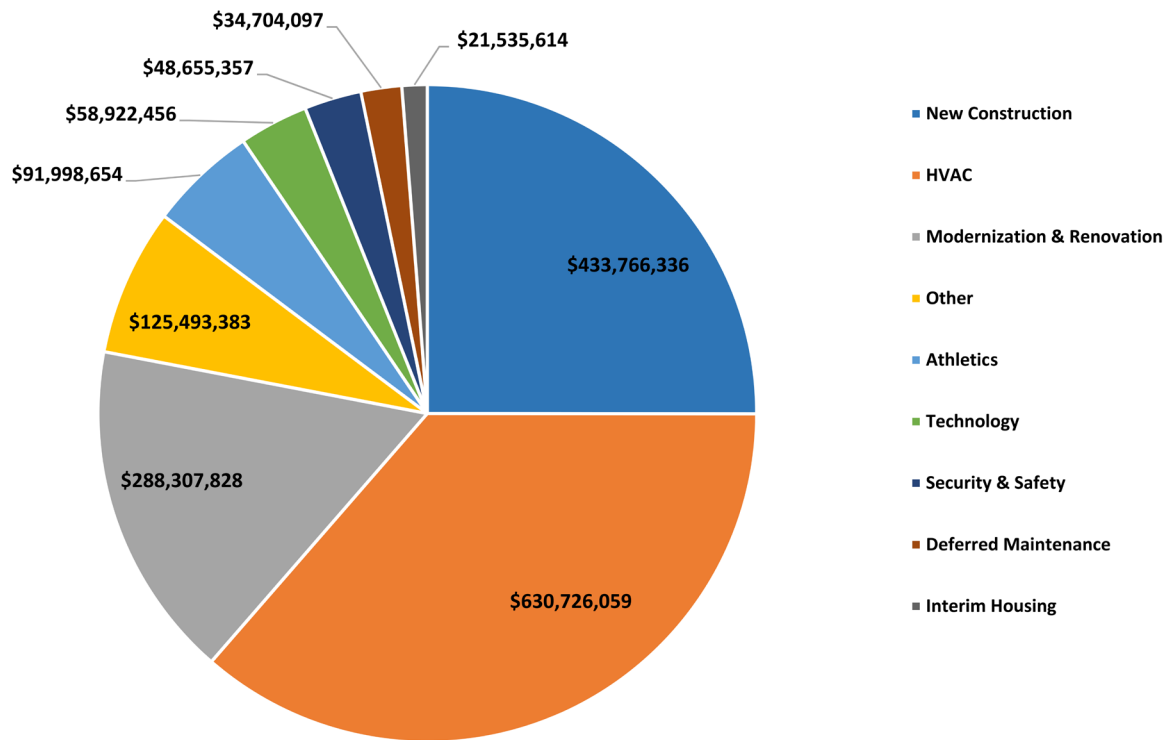
Michael Bishop

Chairperson

LBUSD Citizens' Oversight Committee



Expenditures through June 30, 2023

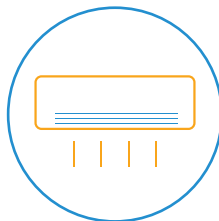


Bond Program Highlights



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New or rebuilt schools



32

Schools with new AC



84

Schools with campuswide Wi-Fi



64K+

Students benefiting from bond-funded projects

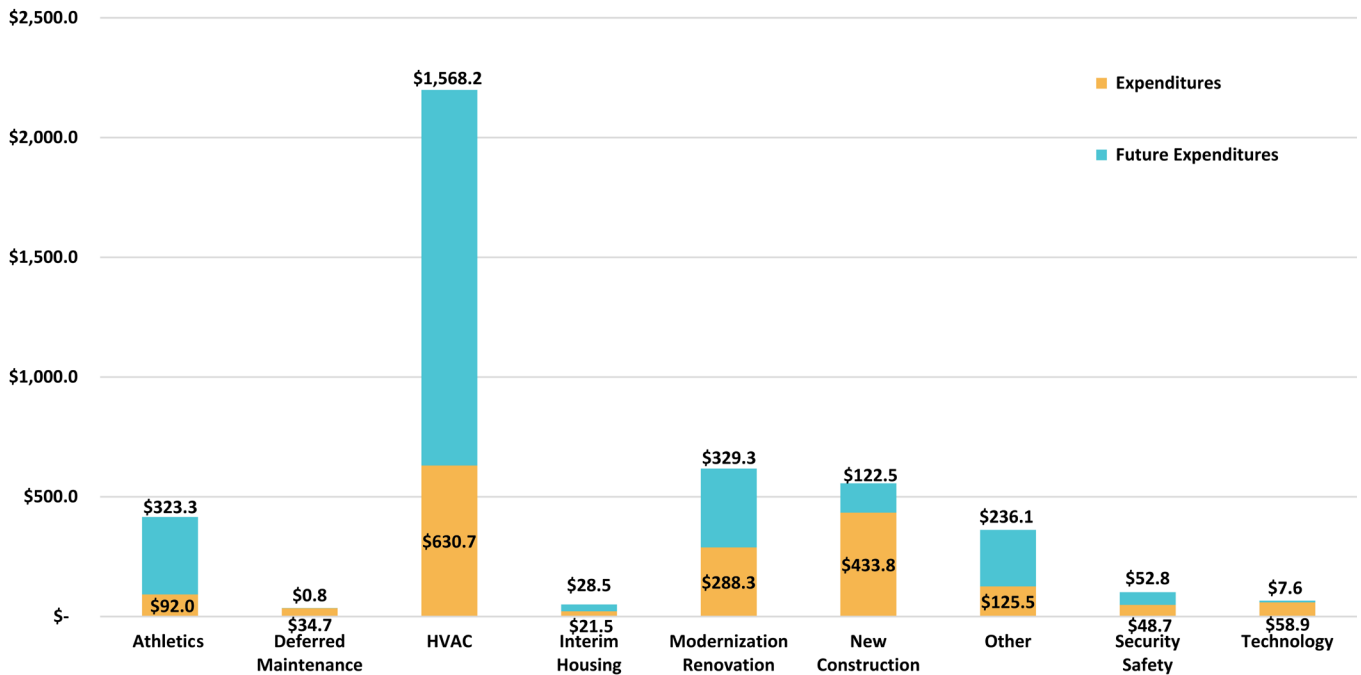


\$1.734B

Expended for new construction or renovation

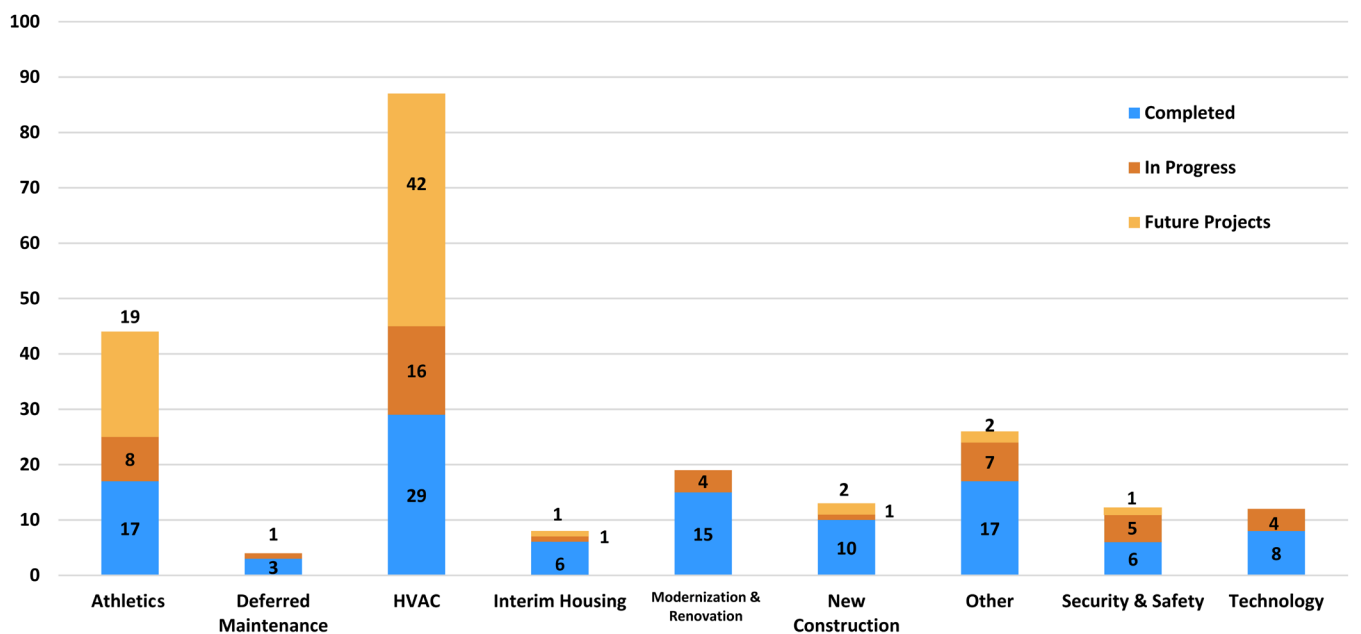
Current & Future Expenditures through June 30, 2023

In Millions



Completed, In Progress & Planned Projects as of June 30, 2023

Number of Projects



Voters Approve \$1.7B for School Repairs

Measure Q, the Long Beach Unified School District's health, safety and student achievement bond measure, was approved by local voters by a yes vote of 60.72% in November 2022. LBUSD's newest bond measure 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 District's Board of Education voted unanimously in July 2022 to place Measure Q on the Nov. 8 ballot. That 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 the measure will fund health and safety improvements at all District schools and select projects in the FMP's priority categories, including expansion of pre-kindergarten/transitional kindergarten programs, wellness and green spaces, career and technical education classrooms, and high-tech media centers, among other enhancements.

Measure Q will also provide funding for new air conditioning systems at aging campuses that did not need air conditioning under the previous Measure E program but now have systems approaching their end of life.



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Rendering: Tincher K-8 School



HVAC Timeline Expedited

The Long Beach Unified School District accelerated the planned installation of heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems at several District schools in response to a record heat wave in fall 2022 and the increasing frequency of extreme heat and poor air quality days. Several heat mitigation efforts were also planned to be put into place for the next school year including water dispensers for children, classroom window coverings and portable fans for classrooms without air conditioning.

The District's installation of new, energy-efficient HVAC systems is funded by LBUSD's Measure E bond. All District schools will have air conditioning by 2027 under the accelerated Measure E timeline except for Polytechnic High School, where AC installation is slated to finish in 2028. Poly's multiyear renovation is scheduled to begin in 2024 with the construction of a new classroom building. This building will provide interim housing for students as air conditioning and other upgrades are completed in the school's existing facilities.

State matching funds totaling \$72.5 million received in the 2022-23 fiscal year made it possible for the District to accelerate Measure E's timeline. Matching funds from the state have averaged \$12.7 million in the last five fiscal years. The District's Measure Q bond will provide new, high-efficiency air conditioning at aging campuses that did not need air conditioning under the Measure E program but now have systems approaching their end of life. The \$1.7 billion bond measure will also fund upgrades that facilitate 21st-century learning and renovations that prepare students to succeed in college and careers.

The installation of air conditioning is, by necessity, a multiyear project due to various factors including design planning, available labor, materials and school bond funds, which are issued in increments. The updated Measure E project timeline reflects these factors and the availability of interim housing for students who are relocated as schools are renovated.

The updated timeline also accelerates the planned installation of all-weather fields at Sato and several middle and K-8 schools. Construction of all Measure E projects will conclude in the 2029-30 school year.

Districtwide Sustainability Planning Underway

The Long Beach Unified School District is developing a climate action plan that will outline strategies for reducing the District's carbon footprint and integrating sustainability into all operations, including classroom instruction.

LBUSD's Board of Education adopted its Green School Energy and Sustainability Policy in 2022 following two years of collaboration with local environmental activists, including a student-led Green Schools Campaign. The policy calls for a reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by 2045 and a transition to zero-emissions vehicles and machinery as rapidly as construction replacement cycles and budgets allow.

The District's new sustainability plan will map out strategies for improved energy efficiency, carbon reduction, electrification of LBUSD's vehicle fleet and other green initiatives over the next decade. Recommended strategies will be coordinated with LBUSD's maintenance and capital improvements schedule, maximizing resources and the sustainability plan's impact.

The District's new Climate Crisis and Sustainability Taskforce will monitor the plan's implementation and report annually to the Board.

Several eco-friendly programs are underway across the District. Solar energy helps power several District campuses, and renewable energy will help fuel additional schools by 2025. Energy-efficient LED lights illuminate most LBUSD classrooms. Waste reduction, recycling and composting programs can be found at a number of District schools. Keller Middle School's drought-tolerant landscaping launched a pilot program for water-wise greenery at all LBUSD campuses. School renovation projects funded by the District's voter-approved bond program are planned and executed with sustainability in mind.

LBUSD's new sustainability plan will formalize these efforts and integrate environmental stewardship into all District operations.

"Our new sustainability plan will provide a holistic, systemic approach to meeting the goals set forth in the District's green energy policy," said LBUSD Business Services Administrator Alan Reising. "We'll work hand-in-hand with students and stakeholders in the plan's development, as with our green energy policy."



Poly's Campus Reimagined in New Master Plan

Over three dozen air conditioning installation projects are complete or underway at several District campuses as the bond program begins to shift gears to a major effort at one of its comprehensive high schools. The new campus master plan for Polytechnic High School lays out a sweeping vision for the home of scholars and champions.

The plan, unveiled at a town hall event held at Poly in November 2022, includes renovations scheduled in LBUSD's current school modernization timeline and planned upgrades under the District's new Measure Q bond.

Upgrades are expected to begin in the 2024-25 school year with the construction of a new, three-story classroom building featuring a simulation lab for the school's medical pathway and other immersive learning spaces. The building will serve as interim student housing as new air conditioning, technology upgrades, and accessibility and seismic improvements are made to the school's aging structures.

Several state-of-the-art academic facilities are outlined in the master plan, including a new building for students enrolled in the school's drama and award-winning music programs. Outdoor spaces for collaborative learning are also planned.

Poly's new aquatic center is expected to break ground in 2028, and the conversion of the school's natatorium into a two-story gym is slated to begin the following year. A new outdoor plaza will commemorate Poly's numerous CIF and state titles, and other upgrades to athletic facilities are also planned.



The school's last major renovation was completed in 2015. Poly's then 87-year-old auditorium was retrofitted for increased seismic safety and upgraded with new audio, lighting, plumbing, air conditioning and heating systems. A new acoustical ceiling, elevator and wheelchair lifts, restrooms and a fresh coat of paint were added to the building's interior. District staff worked closely with Long Beach Heritage to preserve the building's historic features. Planned renovations will also retain other historical elements at Poly.

Additional campus enhancements in the master plan include a new, three-story administration and classroom building, a food services facility, a student drop-off area that will run the length of Jackrabbit Lane, and a wellness garden for students and staff.



2023-24 Fiscal Year Preview: Washington's Reimagining Underway

Planning is underway for a large-scale overhaul of Washington Middle School that will transform the school's aging campus into a state-of-the-art learning facility. The \$175 million project, scheduled to break ground in fall 2024, will include more than 100,000 square feet of new facilities.

At just 5.1 acres for 900-plus students, Washington is the most densely populated of all middle schools in the District. The school's campuswide renovation will begin with the demolition of aging buildings that stand in Washington's compact center. In their place will be a new courtyard with green spaces for outdoor learning, a new gymnasium and a new two-story classroom building with high-tech spaces for the



school's robotics and other specialty programs. Additional upgrades include a new cafeteria, auditorium and a two-story parking structure with a rooftop, all-weather field. Parents and community members will have access to Washington's interim housing site for community meetings.

LBUSD's new bond measure, Measure Q, will fund Washington's transformation.

About LBUSD Bond Measures

Measure K is a ballot initiative approved by 71% 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 Nov. 8, 2016 ballot. The ballot measure, called Measure E, required approval by at least 55% of voters who cast ballots on election day. Voters approved the measure with a 74.9% yes vote. Funds from Measure E address critical school repairs, including air conditioning, safety enhancements and other infrastructure improvements.



Measure Q was approved by local voters by a yes vote of 60.72% in November 2022. Proceeds from the measure will fund health and safety improvements at all District schools and priority projects in the LBUSD's 2022 Facilities Master Plan.



Mark Twain Elementary 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 represent a segment of the community — senior citizens, parents, businesses or taxpayers — and serve a maximum of three, two-year terms.

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