



San José
Unified
School District

Information About Measure R

Repairing Aging Schools to Meet Modern Educational Standards

San José Unified strives to meet the diverse needs of our community and students; however, despite effective use of available funds, our neighborhood schools are outdated and in need of modernization. These improvements will help prepare students for college and in-demand careers in fields like health sciences, engineering, technology, and skilled trades.

Identifying Needs and Improvements

While San José Unified teachers provide a high-quality education to local students, our school facilities are in need of essential repairs to keep our schools safe and functioning. Basic repairs are needed to update electrical, ventilation and fire safety systems.

At the same time, recruiting and retaining high-quality educators is getting harder given the high cost of living in this area. San José Unified has assessed the condition of the facilities in the District, identified specific needed facility repairs and upgrades and is now prioritizing improvements based on urgency and importance. Additionally, San José Unified is exploring options to provide affordable rental housing to attract and retain quality teachers and staff.

These upgrades and repairs would help ensure that all San José Unified students have access to the same safe and modern classrooms, labs, athletic and educational facilities as other students in Santa Clara County, so that students are prepared for college and the workforce.

Measure R: Upgrades to Local School Facilities

Because the State does not provide adequate funding for facilities, local schools cannot maintain safe learning environments that meet current instructional standards without a local funding source. To complete identified repairs and improvements across all school sites, the San José Unified Board of Education voted to place Measure R on the November 2024 ballot for local voters to consider. The tax rate for Measure R would be limited to \$60 per \$100,000 of a property's assessed (not market) value. Funds from Measure R could be used to:

- Replace and update campus safety systems
- Update classroom technology and infrastructure so students have the same educational opportunities as other students in Santa Clara County
- Repair old electrical systems
- Upgrade classrooms and labs for science, technology, engineering, math, career technical education, and multipurpose use
- Provide affordable housing to attract and retain teachers and staff members

Required Fiscal Accountability

Measure R requires mandatory fiscal accountability protections, including:

- An independent Citizens' Oversight Committee and annual performance and fiscal audits to help ensure funds are spent properly
- All funds would be locally controlled to support San José Unified schools only
- No funds could be taken by the State or used for administrator salaries

We Want to Hear from You!

Planning for the future of our schools is a community-wide endeavor. If you have questions about Measure R, or input that you would like to share, please email us at MeasureR@sjusd.org.