

# CUPERTINO UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

MEASURE

# Z

## IMPROVING LOCAL SCHOOLS



Repairing or replacing leaky roofs and plumbing systems



Expanding Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) classrooms and labs



Improving counseling, mental health and special education facilities



Measure Z will extend but not increase the current tax rate



Funds cannot be taken by the state and spent elsewhere

## ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 5, 2024



VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY **NOVEMBER 5, 2024**



CUPERTINO UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS SCHOOLS IN THE FOLLOWING COMMUNITIES:

CUPERTINO  
LOS ALTOS

SAN JOSE  
SANTA CLARA

SARATOGA  
SUNNYVALE



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



### WHAT PROJECTS WOULD BE PART OF MEASURE Z?

- Repairing or replacing leaky roofs and plumbing systems
- Expanding Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics classrooms and labs
- Repairing or replacing inefficient heating, ventilation and air-conditioning systems
- Creating greater accessibility to classrooms, restrooms, walkways and playgrounds in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- Renovating school libraries and media centers
- Upgrading fire alarm and emergency communication systems
- Improving counseling, mental health and special education facilities

### WHAT IS MEASURE Z?

Measure Z is a general obligation (GO) bond measure on the November 5, 2024, Presidential Election ballot. If approved by 55% of ballots cast, it is expected to extend but not increase the district's current tax rate to authorize \$347 million to make critical renovations and improve schools and classrooms throughout the Cupertino Union School District. In addition, voter approval of Measure Z will allow the district to qualify for state matching funds.

### WHAT IS A GO BOND?

California school districts commonly use GO bonds to fund improvement projects, such as constructing and renovating classrooms. Similar to a home loan, GO bonds are repaid over time. Funds to repay the bonds come from a tax on all taxable property—residential, commercial, industrial and agricultural—located within the district.

### HOW MUCH WILL MEASURE Z COST?

Measure Z is estimated to have an average annual tax rate of less than \$21 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation. Assessed valuation should not be confused with market value. The assessed valuation is the value placed on property by Santa Clara County and is typically lower than market value.

### WHAT TAXPAYER PROTECTIONS ARE IN PLACE?

Measure Z ensures full public disclosure of all spending. An independent Citizens' Oversight Committee must review and report on all bond expenditures, and a third-party auditor must audit all bond expenditures. Measure Z includes a specific list of projects on which bond funds may be spent. Laws prohibit funds from being used for administrators' salaries, pensions or benefits. Measure Z bond funds must be spent on Cupertino Union School District's projects and cannot be taken by the state.

### HOW DO I VOTE BY MAIL?

All registered voters in California will receive a vote-by-mail ballot. If you need to register to vote, you can register online at [www.registertovote.ca.gov](http://www.registertovote.ca.gov). Once you complete your ballot, sign your ballot envelope and simply drop your ballot in the mail—postage is prepaid—by November 5, 2024. If you need additional assistance or would like to drop off your ballot in person at a vote center or ballot drop box, please visit [sccvote.sccgov.org/home](http://sccvote.sccgov.org/home) for more information.

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