

SANTA PAULA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

MEASURE

M

IMPROVING LOCAL MIDDLE AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS



Renovating and modernizing existing **classrooms** and labs



Building new **classrooms**



Updating or expanding **cafeteria facilities** and outdoor dining areas



Measure M will **extend but not increase** the current combined 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**



OUR SCHOOLS

Barbara Webster Elementary
Blanchard Elementary
Glen City Elementary

Grace Thille Elementary
Isbell Middle
McKevett Elementary
Thelma Bedell Elementary



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT PROJECTS ARE INCLUDED IN MEASURE M?

- Renovating and modernizing classrooms and labs
- Renovating and repairing restrooms and drinking fountains
- Building new classrooms
- Modernizing libraries and learning spaces
- Creating greater accessibility to classrooms, restrooms, walkways and playgrounds in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- Updating or expanding cafeteria facilities and outdoor dining areas



WHAT IS MEASURE M?

Measure M is a general obligation (GO) bond measure on the November 5, 2024, Presidential Election ballot. If approved by at least 55% of votes cast, it is expected to extend but not increase the district's current tax rate to authorize \$28.4 million to make critical renovations and improve schools and classrooms at Isbell Middle School and all of the elementary schools in the Santa Paula Unified School District. In addition, Measure M 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 M COST?

Measure M's estimated average annual tax rate is less than \$34 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation, while bonds are outstanding. Assessed valuation should not be confused with market value. The assessed valuation is the value placed on property by Ventura County and is typically lower than market value.

WHAT TAXPAYER PROTECTIONS ARE IN PLACE?

An independent Citizens' Oversight Committee must review and report on all bond fund expenditures, and a third-party auditor must audit all bond fund expenditures. Measure M 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 M bond funds must be spent on Santa Paula Unified 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. 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 recorder.countyofventura.org for more information.

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