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Encinitas Union School District To Place Bond Measure Z On November Ballot

Encinitas Union School District Board of Education unanimously voted to include Bond Measure Z on the upcoming ballot for school facilities improvements.

ENCINITAS – In May, the Encinitas Union School District (EUSD) Board of Education voted unanimously to include a general obligation bond measure, Measure Z, on the upcoming November 2024 ballot. EUSD schools are important hubs for the community, and the District is committed to ensuring safe, secure and up-to-date facilities for all students and its dedicated employees. If approved by voters, funds will be used to make renovations and modernizations at every EUSD school.

EUSD schools vary in age, with the oldest being Paul Ecke Central at nearly 100 years old. Due to aging school facilities, critical upgrades need to be made at all sites including plumbing, drainage, electrical, technological and safety improvements. Additionally, undersized classrooms and other learning spaces require major expansions in order to meet current student needs. To this end, EUSD has spent the last year revising its facilities plan by meeting with parents, site teams and architects to get a full assessment of District infrastructure and determine school needs. After a thorough review and revision process, priorities were established, which include major projects at all 9 EUSD campuses.

Priority projects include, but are not limited to:

- Replacing leaky roofs, plumbing, sewage needs, drainage, HVAC systems and security systems at all nine school sites
- Removal of portable classrooms to be replaced with permanent structures
- Address undersized classrooms across the district
- Basic modernizations to classrooms across the district
- Update restrooms (students and staff)
- Address specific needs at older schools: Paul Ecke Central, Ocean Knoll and Capri
- Improve outdoor learning spaces and increase shade
- Replace all wood chips to rubberized surfaces and add walking tracks
- Complete and update site kitchens
- Rebuild the Flora Vista Special Education preschool building
- Expand the EUSD central kitchen facility to meet increased demands

Current District resources cannot adequately address these needs. The last time a facilities improvement bond was passed for EUSD was in November of 2010, for \$44 Million. Those funds were completely expended by the Spring of 2022 and funded districtwide solar panels and upgrades for energy efficiency, technology infrastructure and devices. This ballot measure is projected to cost taxpayers \$19 per \$100,000 of assessed home value, not market value, annually, while bonds are outstanding. After an extensive review process, the San Diego Taxpayers Association has supported Bond Measure Z.

If approved, Measure Z will provide \$158.3 Million for school facility improvement projects. The purpose of Measure Z would be to fill the gap for necessary funding to address new, and very old, facility needs.

For more information please visit our website at eusd.net/our-district/bond-2024-faq

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ABOUT ENCINITAS UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

Encinitas Union School District's (EUSD) vision is to ignite the limitless potential of all learners. EUSD works to cultivate values of joy, belonging, integrity, service and innovation for its approximately 4,300 students in Kindergarten through 6th grade. EUSD serves the city of Encinitas and the Rancho La Costa area of South Carlsbad in North San Diego County. All nine EUSD schools have been recognized as California Distinguished Schools and serve a diverse and varied community.