




Information about Bond Measure T Eureka City Schools' High School Emergency Repair/Student Safety Measure





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Eureka High School

- Established in 1896, Eureka High School was the first high school on the far North Coast of California.

- In May 2015, Eureka High School was recognized a California Gold Ribbon School.










What is Bond Measure T?

- Following assessments by independent structural engineers that portions of Eureka High School Stadium pose a significant health and safety hazard with potentially fatal implications, Eureka City Schools placed Measure T, an Emergency High School Repair/Student Safety Measure, on the March ballot to address urgent needs.





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Official Bond Measure T Ballot Question

EUREKA CITY SCHOOLS HIGH SCHOOL EMERGENCY REPAIR/STUDENT SAFETY MEASURE. To repair unsafe school buildings, storm drains, fields and facilities; improve campus, student and teacher safety/disabled accessibility; acquire, construct, repair sites, equipment/high school/continuing education facilities; qualify for emergency State matching funds, shall Eureka City Schools' measure authorizing $18,000,000 in bonds at legal rates, levying $17/$100,000 assessed value ($1,100,000 annually) while bonds are outstanding, be adopted, requiring annual independent audits, citizens' oversight and all funds spent locally?"

Bonds – Yes

Bonds – No

The final fiscal year in which the tax rate to be levied to fund this bond issue is anticipated to be collected is fiscal year 2048-49.






Why Was Bond Measure T Placed on the Ballot?

- Portions of the Eureka High School campus have become compromised as the result of a critical failure of a storm drain system.
- Dangerous sinkholes have already developed, resulting in the District's closure and condemnation of the Welding Shop to protect students.
- Additional sinkholes could develop with no warning, which would create an imminent health and safety risk to students and high school teachers and staff.






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If enacted, how does Bond Measure T address these needs?

If enacted, Measure T will bring Eureka High School Stadium up to current health, safety earthquake and disability access standards.



Upgrading the stadium will also enable it to be used effectively as an emergency evacuation site in unpredictable or catastrophic emergencies, such as wildfires and PG&E power outages.



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What is the list of priorities Bond Measure T addresses?

- Repair sections of Eureka High School which present life/hazard and imminent health and safety risks to teachers, students and staff, families and members of the public.
- Repair and upgrade failed storm drainage system/deteriorating pipes.
- Fill sinkholes/prevent future sinkholes from developing.
- Install new lighting for student safety.
- Improve access to school facilities for students with disabilities.
- Restore and upgrade career technical training facilities.
- Improve facilities to meet current seismic safety standards.



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What are Bond Measure T's Fiscal Accountability Provisions?

Bond Measure T requires strict accountability protections including:

- ✓ An Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee
- ✓ Annual audits to ensure no funds go towards administrators' salaries or benefits.
- ✓ By law, all Measure T funds must be used for Eureka City Schools for the uses specified, and cannot be taken by the State.

In addition, if Bond Measure T is enacted, the District will qualify for millions of dollars in emergency State matching funds that would otherwise go to other school districts.



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When is the Election?

- March 3, 2020.
- For more information about Bond Measure T, visit www.eurekacityschools.org
- For more election information or to register to vote visit the Humboldt County Elections website: https://humboldtgov.org/890/Elections-Voter-Registration