

YOU SPOKE, WE LISTENED

In January, we mailed you a survey to ask your opinions about improving RUSD's educational facilities and preparing our students for the future. The extensive feedback we received helped us understand your top priorities for our schools and how best to address them. Here is what you told us is important to you:

Updating instructional technology for modern teaching standards in core subjects like reading, math and science **73%**

Updating classrooms and labs for career and technical education (CTE) classes, including health sciences, engineering, technology, robotics and skilled trades **72%**

Improving student safety and security systems **67%**

Repairing or replacing aging, outdated classrooms and school buildings **65%**

Retrofitting older schools to enhance earthquake safety **61%**

*Percentage of respondents who rated each item as high priority.

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PREPARING STUDENTS FOR THE FUTURE



FOR MORE INFORMATION

We invite the RUSD community to comment and ask questions about this potential measure to improve our schools.

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AN UPDATE FROM RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Riverside Unified School District is Preparing Our Students for the FUTURE



21st-Century Education in Riverside Schools

In the last few months, Riverside Unified School District has conducted outreach through community surveys, one-on-one interviews and scientific polls to refine community priorities for addressing urgent facilities needs. You told us that updating instructional technology for modern teaching standards in core subjects and updating classrooms for career and technical education (CTE) classes are your highest priorities for our students.

Facilities Improvements to Prepare RUSD Students for the Future

Updates to school facilities and instructional technology are needed to maintain RUSD's high standard of education and prepare our students for successful futures. Our schools are the pride of our community and crucial updates need to be made to ensure local students continue to receive the education they deserve.

The Riverside Unified School District Board of Education is considering addressing facilities needs by placing an approximately \$386 million bond measure on the upcoming November 2016 ballot. This measure would focus on urgent needs and community priorities for our schools.



Local Funds for Student Success

The potential measure that the RUSD Board of Education is considering placing on the November 2016 ballot would:

- Improve student safety and security systems
- Repair or replace aging, outdated classrooms and school buildings
- Update classrooms and labs for career and technical education (CTE) classes, including health sciences, engineering, technology, robotics and skilled trades
- Improve access for students with disabilities
- Retrofit older schools to enhance earthquake safety
- Update instructional technology for modern teaching standards in core subjects like reading, science, technology, engineering and math (STEM)

Strict Financial Accountability

The potential measure for RUSD would require a clear system of accountability to ensure funds are spent only on voter-approved projects.

- No funds for administrators' and teachers' salaries and benefits
- A Citizens' Oversight Committee and annual, independent audits are required
- All funds would support local students and could not be taken by the State
- Every school would benefit from bond funds
- The cost to property owners would be no more than \$60 per \$100,000 of assessed (not market) value annually



You're Invited

We invite the RUSD community to join us at the upcoming meeting when the Board of Education will discuss placing a bond measure on the November 8, 2016 ballot.

Date: Monday, June 20

Time: 4:30 PM

Location: 6735 Magnolia Avenue, Riverside, CA 92506