



TOWN HALL *FAQs*

Surplus Properties: Frequently Asked Questions

Background

- August 10, 2021: The District declared certain properties “surplus” under Education Code §§17387–17391.
- August 29, 2023: The Board of Education approved Resolution 23-27 to seek a waiver from some state requirements for surplus properties.
- December 4, 2024: The California Department of Education granted the waiver. This allows Ventura Unified to sell or lease these properties through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process between January 1, 2024 and December 31, 2025.

Surplus Properties

1. Education Services Center – 255 W. Stanley Ave., Ventura
2. Avenue Elementary School – 2647 N. Ventura Ave., Ventura
3. Washington School – 96 MacMillan Ave., Ventura
4. Jewett Estate – South of Telephone Rd., north of Bristol Rd., Ventura
5. Sudden Estate – Between Foothill Rd. and Telegraph Rd., Ventura

Frequently Asked Questions

Q1. How can the District use the money from selling surplus property?

- Under Education Code §17462, proceeds can be used for:
 - Capital outlay, such as building, modernizing, or acquiring school facilities
 - Property maintenance, such as major repairs, renovations, and upkeep

Q2. Can the money be used for salaries or day-to-day costs?

- No. Proceeds cannot be used for ongoing expenses such as salaries, utilities, or annual program costs.

Q3. Is there any flexibility in how the funds are used?

- By law, most proceeds from the sale of surplus property must support facilities and capital needs. In some cases, if the property was originally purchased by VUSD with local funds, proceeds may also be used for one-time General Fund expenses. The District will review each property’s funding history before making final decisions.

Q4. What does “one-time” expense mean?

- “One-time” means costs that do not create ongoing obligations. Examples include:
 - Replacing equipment or vehicles
 - Paying down debt or liabilities
 - Major facility repairs, such as a roof replacement
 - Not allowed: creating new ongoing staff positions or programs that require permanent funding