

December
2025



Citizens' Oversight Committee

Annual Report



Dear Residents of the Palm Springs Unified School District:

In 2008, residents passed Measure E, a \$516 million bond measure to build additional schools and renovate existing schools and support facilities. These bond funds continue to be spent on capital improvement projects and cannot be spent on teacher or administrator salaries, textbooks, or other operation costs.

One of the requirements of Proposition 39, the legislative authority of Measure E, is to assemble a Citizens' Oversight Committee. Our oversight committee was formed prior to the launch of any and has remained in place as projects are undertaken. The committee meets three times per year and all meetings are open to the public.

The committee's primary function is to review all expenditures of the bond funds to ensure they are being spent as specified in the ballot measure. In addition, the committee is regularly updated on the status of projects and often tours construction sites to review that progress of projects.

One of the goals of the committee is to improve communication with the residents of our district. We believe it is critical that the community understands how their tax dollars are being spent as well as assuring residents that the funds are being spent appropriately.

Additional information regarding the Citizens' Oversight Committee can be found on the PSUSD website, including: meeting agendas, meeting minutes and reports from past meetings. In addition, meeting dates and times are posted here as well as committee vacancies as they occur. We encourage community members to fill out an Application for Membership during the recruitment of vacant seats.



Visit www.psusd.us

Citizens' Oversight Committee Members

Richard Clapp - Senior Citizen Organization Representative

Kevin Andrews - At-Large Representative

Scott Fenton - Taxpayer Organization Representative

Helene Kalfuss - At-Large Representative

Todd Rosenthal- Business Community Representative

Ronda Henry- Parent/Guardian of a Student in PSUSD

Justin Decker - Parent/Guardian of a PSUSD Student and Active in PTO/PTA/PTG/Site Council (resigned October 6, 2025)

Our committee is comprised of seven members representing various constituencies within the District. The committee contains one member from each of five different groups as well as two At-Large members. Members may serve no more than three consecutive 2-year terms.

The committee meets 3 times per year. The purposes of the committee are:

- to actively monitor all projects and expenditures approved by the voters.
- to provide proper oversight and accountability to ensure that bond funds are used as they were intended.
- to report to members of the community on the progress of bond projects.



Project Updates

Modernization Projects:

The Facilities Planning Department is currently in an active construction phase for modernization and renovation projects at Della Lindley, Bubbling Wells, Landau, and Sunny Sands Elementary Schools, as well as James Workman Middle School and Cathedral City High School.

Della Lindley Elementary School

The modernization project has completed the first four phases of classroom upgrades, along with renovations to the library and kitchen areas. The kitchen serving area was expanded and outfitted with all new equipment. The Multi-Purpose Room (MPR) remodel is scheduled for completion by January 31, 2026, after which construction will shift to the existing two-story classroom buildings. These classrooms will receive new fire alarms and public address systems, along with interior renovations.

Temporary classrooms utilized during construction will be removed in July 2026.

Landau Elementary School

The project included the removal of existing portable and metal modular classrooms, which have been replaced with a new two-story classroom building. The former administration and library buildings were demolished, and their replacement facilities are currently under construction. Renovations to the kitchen and Multi-Purpose Room are scheduled to begin in December 2025 and conclude in August 2026. Temporary classrooms were installed to accommodate students during construction and will be removed upon project completion.

Sunny Sands Elementary School

Similar to Landau Elementary, existing portable and metal modular classrooms were removed and replaced with a new two-story classroom building. The former administration and library buildings were demolished, and new replacement buildings are under construction. Renovations to the kitchen and Multi-Purpose Room will begin in December 2025 and are anticipated to be completed by August 2026. Temporary classrooms have been installed to support student relocation during construction and will be removed at the end of the project. Additionally, a new kindergarten access entrance from Kemper Drive will provide improved drop-off and pick-up convenience for families.

James Workman Middle School

The modernization project includes renovations to existing classrooms, administration offices, kitchen, library, and Multi-Purpose Room. Portable classrooms in the 900 Wing have been replaced with newly constructed permanent classrooms. Renovations to the 200 and 300 Wings are complete, and construction is currently underway in the locker rooms, administration offices, and 400 Wing classrooms. Renovation of the existing MPR and kitchen is scheduled to begin in summer 2026. Improvements to the front parking lot for bus and drop-off areas will lengthen vehicle queuing capacity during peak drop-off and pick-up times.

Project Updates

Cathedral City High School

Renovations to existing classrooms, administration areas, kitchen, library, and auxiliary buildings are ongoing. One of the most complex components of this project was the complete replacement of the campus central plant during the 2024–25 school year. This work included underground utility upgrades, replacement of classroom lighting and air-handling units, and roofing improvements where new HVAC systems were installed. Renovated classroom wings have been completed, allowing students to relocate while work continues in the 100 and 200 Wings. The next phase will include renovations to the gymnasium, media center, and food service areas.

Bubbling Wells Elementary School

This modernization project will remove existing portable and metal modular classrooms and replace them with new two-story classroom buildings. Design documents have been completed and are currently under review by the Division of the State Architect (DSA). Construction will begin upon DSA approval.

Additional Project Updates

Nellie Coffman Middle School - Locker Room Upgrades

The locker rooms at Nellie Coffman Middle School, originally constructed in 1978, were renovated to better support current physical education needs. Improvements included new plumbing, toilets, showers, and tile. Locker and shower areas were reconfigured to create an indoor instructional space within each locker room, allowing for roll call and instruction during inclement weather. A ViewSonic display was installed in each locker room to support instruction in health and related subjects. The renovation was completed in January 2025.

Palm Springs High School Locker Room HVAC Replacement

The locker rooms and Career Technical Education classrooms at Palm Springs High School received new, energy-efficient heating and ventilation equipment, along with associated roofing improvements. This work was completed in July 2025.

Facilities Master Plan

The 2024 Facilities Master Plan serves as a long-term blueprint for addressing the evolving facility needs of the District. Developed in alignment with new Office of Public School Construction funding requirements, the plan includes a comprehensive needs assessment for every school site. It also provides recommendations for school reconfiguration and rehabilitation to better align facilities with future curriculum and instructional goals, guided by the principle that Instruction Drives Construction. Projects are prioritized with a focus on campus safety and security, the creation of engaging and supportive learning

Project Updates

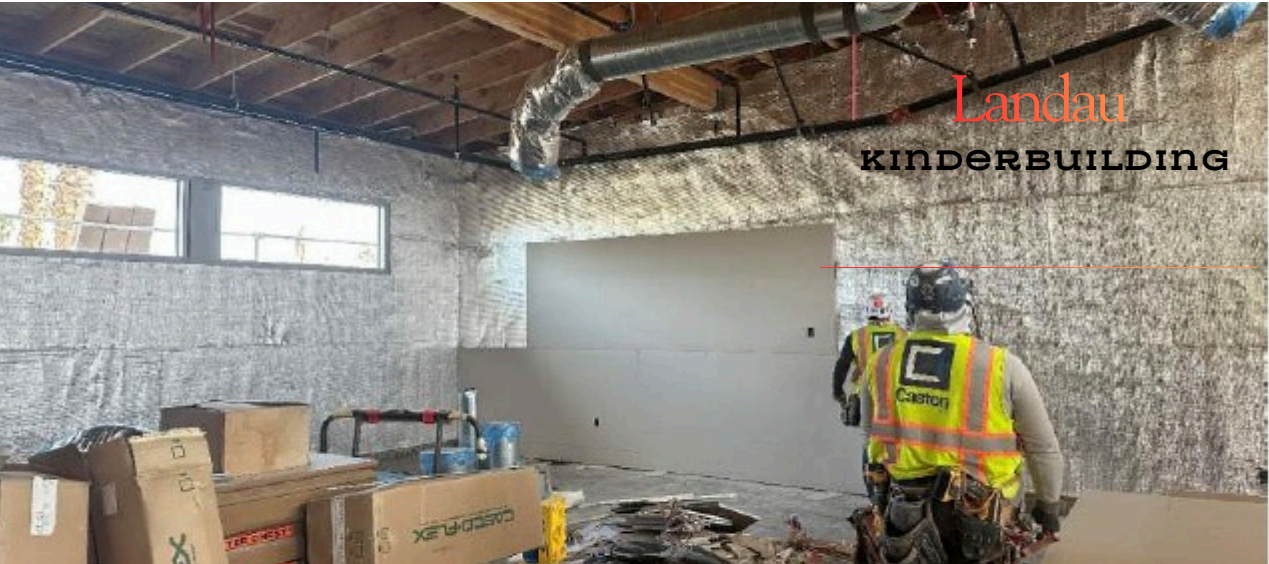
Elementary School #17

PSUSD owns land in western Desert Hot Springs, near interstate 62, north of Pierson Road. Plans will start for this school when enrollment near the school property is sufficient to require construction of a new elementary school.

Palm Desert K-8 School

PSUSD owns land on the east side of Gateway and south of 35th Avenue in the City of Palm Desert. Plans will start for this school when enrollment near the school property is sufficient to require construction of a new K – 8 school.

Landau Elementary ES Modernization



Completed Projects

Palm Springs High School Seismic Building Renovations
Classroom 900 & 901 Upgrades at Palm Springs High School
District-wide Prop 39 Lighting Projects
Central Plant Replacement at the Richards Center:
Parking Lot Improvements at Rio Vista and Cathedral City Elementary Schools:
Elementary Shade Canopies:
Parking Lot Improvements at Della Lindley Elementary School:
DHSHS HVAC Addition at Locker Rooms:
Agua Caliente Elementary Renovation
Nellie Coffman Central Plant Upgrades
District-wide heating and air conditioning replacements at Desert Hot Springs High
and Cielo Vista Charter Schools
Palm Springs High School Field Restroom building
Parking Lot Improvements at Two Bunch Palms and Katherine Finchy Elementary
Schools
Cathedral City High School Solar and Re-roof Project
District-wide heating and air conditioning replacements at Palm Springs High, James
Workman Middle, and Mount San Jacinto High Schools
Raymond Cree Portable Replacement
District-wide Swimming Pool
Roof Replacements at Rancho Mirage Elementary, Raymond Cree and James
Workman Middle Schools
District-wide Fire and Intrusion Alarm Upgrades
Palm Springs High Auditorium Renovation-Seismic Upgrades
Raymond Cree Restroom and Locker room Renovations
District-wide Voice over Internet Protocol (VOIP)
Rancho Mirage High School Exterior Restroom building
Bubbling Wells parking lot revisions
Palm Springs High Field House and Concession Building
Raymond Cree Chiller and Cooling Tower Replacement Project
Edward Wenzlaff Education Center Renovation
Bella Vista Elementary School
District-wide Playground Upgrades
Rancho Mirage High School
Palm Springs High New Band Room
Cabot Yerxa Elementary School
Painted Hills Middle School
Cathedral City High Stadium Snack Bar, Restrooms and Girls Varsity Softball
Dugouts
New Service Center
Nellie Coffman Middle 100 Wing Renovation
Nellie Coffman Middle Seismic Retrofit

Annual Report 2025 Measure E and I

Citizen Oversight Committee Annual Report Measure E - Ongoing

Active Projects	Gross Expenditures thru 09/30/2025	Estimate to Complete	Total Project	Less: Approved State Funding	Estimated Bond Expenditures	Comments
Bubbling Wells MOD Design	\$ 38,156	- \$	38,156	\$ -	\$ 38,156	remaining design funds approved moved to MEAS I
Cathedral City H.S. MOD Design	\$ 3,505,402	- \$	3,505,402	\$ -	\$ 3,505,402	split funded with MEAS I, ESSER III and State Funds for a total project budget of \$100,018,288
Della S Lindley MOD Design	\$ 4,325,538	- \$	4,325,538	\$ -	\$ 4,325,538	split funded with MEAS I and General Fund for a total project budget of \$27,373,563
DLA 500 BLDG	\$ 1,200,000	- \$	1,200,000	\$ -	\$ 1,200,000	split funded with Developer Fees, General Fund, and Deferred Maint. for a total project budget of \$13,501,018
Facilities Master Plan Update	\$ 327,282	- \$	327,282	\$ -	\$ 327,282	split funded with MEAS I
James Workman M.S. MOD Design	\$ 2,509,808	- \$	2,509,808	\$ -	\$ 2,509,808	split funded with DEV. Fees, State Funding, and General Fund for a total project budget of \$62,837,450
Landau ELEM MOD Design	\$ 7,513,126	- \$	7,513,126	\$ -	\$ 7,513,126	split funded with MEAS I, Developer Fees, State Funds, and General Fund for a total project budget of \$74,664,528
Nellie Coffman Locker Room Upgrades	\$ 1,891,908	- \$	1,891,908	\$ -	\$ 1,891,908	split funded with MEAS I for a total budget of \$2,099,000
Palm Springs H.S. Locker Room HVAC	\$ 179,785	- \$	179,785	\$ -	\$ 179,785	split funded with Redevelopment for a total budget of \$2,750,000
Sunny Sands ELEM MOD Design	\$ 4,586,254	- \$	4,586,254	\$ -	\$ 4,586,254	split funded with MEAS I, Developer Fees, State Funds, and General Fund for a total project budget of \$76,279,782
Other Bond Costs	\$ 416,173	- \$	416,173	\$ -	\$ 416,173	final cost for MEAS I
Completed Projects	\$ 364,761,571	- \$	364,761,571	\$ 7,013,076	\$ 357,748,495	
Total Measure E	391,255,003.08	- \$	391,255,003	\$ 7,013,076	\$ 384,241,927	

\$ 387,274,079	Measure E Funds received	\$ 304,690,000
	State Funds received and transferred to Fund 21	\$ 69,628,885
	Interest earned	\$ 9,796,734
	Refunds	\$ 126,308
	Current and Complete Projects	\$ (384,241,927)
	remaining Measure E Funds	\$ 0 to be used for current MOD projects

Citizen Oversight Committee Annual Report Measure I - Ongoing

Active Projects	Gross Expenditures thru 09/30/2025	Estimate to Complete	Total Project	Less: Approved State Funding	Estimated Bond Expenditures	Comments
Bubbling Wells ELEM. MOD	\$ 1,468,778	\$ 83,408,724	\$ 84,877,502	\$ 81,131,260	\$ 3,746,242	remaining funds approved under MEAS E for a total of \$84,931,260 budget
Cathedral City H.S. MOD	\$ 11,408,360	\$ 60,617,342	\$ 72,025,702	\$ -	\$ 72,025,702	split funded with MEAS E, ESSER III and State Funds for a total project budget of \$100,018,288
Della S Lindley MOD	\$ 15,452,379	\$ 6,805,488	\$ 22,257,867	\$ -	\$ 22,257,867	split funded with MEAS E and General Fund for a total project budget of \$27,373,563
James Workman M.S. MOD	\$ 2,283,472	\$ 3,161,303	\$ 5,444,775	\$ -	\$ 5,444,775	split funded with MEAS E, DEV. Fees, State Funding, and General Fund for a total project budget of \$62,837,450
Landau ELEM MOD	\$ 19,613,029	\$ 37,951,094	\$ 57,564,123	\$ -	\$ 57,564,123	split funded with MEAS E, Developer Fees, State Funds, and General Fund for a total project budget of \$74,664,528
Nellie Coffman Locker Room UPG	\$ 139,101	\$ 267,991	\$ 407,092	\$ -	\$ 407,092	split funded with MEAS E for a total budget of \$2,289,000
Palm Springs H.S. Locker Room HVAC	\$ 105,559	\$ -	\$ 105,559	\$ -	\$ 105,559	split funded with MEAS E and Redevelopment for a total budget of \$2,750,000
Sunny Sands ELEM MOD	\$ 26,005,619	\$ 37,612,284	\$ 63,617,903	\$ -	\$ 63,617,903	split funded with MEAS E, Developer Fees, State Funds, and General Fund for a total project budget of \$76,279,782
Other Bond Costs	\$ 152,247	\$ 47,753	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ 200,000	ongoing
Completed Projects	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Total Measure I	76,628,544.51	\$ 229,871,978	\$ 306,500,523	\$ 81,131,260	\$ 225,369,263	

Measure I Funds received	\$ 216,054,445
Measure I Funds not yet issued	\$ -
Interest earned	\$ 18,084,616
EST. Interest FY26	\$ 5,000,000
Current Projects	\$ (225,369,263)
Approved Future Projects	\$ -
uncommitted Measure I Funds	\$ 13,769,798

Independent Financial and Performance Audits

In Compliance with the requirements of Proposition 39, PSUSD engaged the CPA firm of Eide Bailly to perform an independent audit of the financial records of the bond program. A copy of the auditors’ report for the year ending June 30, 2025 is located on the Palm Springs Unified School District website—Fiscal Services Financial Documents section.

In accordance with Education Code Section 15280(b), the auditors reported the following results of their procedures:

1. The general obligation bond fund expenditures were accounted for separately in the Building Fund of the District.
2. The net proceeds from the sale of the general obligation bonds were deposited into the appropriate accounts within the Building Fund.

The review of the expenditures for the period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 did not reveal any items that were paid from the general obligation bond funds that did not comply with the purpose of the Bonds that were approved by the registered voters of the District on February 5, 2008.

The auditors also noted “there were no findings or recommendations reported.”

In its review of the documents for the year ending June 30, 2025, the Committee has made the following findings:

	Yes	No
A. The committee met on a regular basis in compliance with State law.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
B. The committee has received reports, updates, information on the expenditure of the bond funds, and reviewed the expenditures made on projects authorized under the bond measure.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
C. Bond funds have been expended on the identified projects authorized by the bond measure.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
D. No Bond measure funds have been spent on teacher/ administrator salaries or other school operating expenses.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
E. The annual fiscal and performance audit has been prepared by the school district and reviewed by the committee.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
F. The committee has received all necessary and requested technical and administrative assistance from the school district.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
G. The committee internet web site is operating and includes all required documentation and information.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Measure E Financial and Performance Audit - Ending June 30, 2025

Measure I Financial and Performance Audit - Ending June 30, 2025

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Board of Education
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