

BOND MEASURES M (2014) & O (2024)



CITIZENS' BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT TO THE BOARD 2025/2026



CITIZENS' BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

The Merced City School District Board of Education formally appoints Committee members to serve two consecutive two-year terms. The Committee oversees the use of local general obligation Bond Measure tax funding for modernization projects approved by the Board. State law provides that a local citizens' oversight committee oversees all expenditures related to school construction bonds. Committee members serve without compensation and attend four meetings scheduled annually.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Rick Wendling, President - Community Member

Caroline Meraz, Vice President - Business Owner and Community Member

Audrea Tuhn - Parent and Community Member

Atenceia Maria - Parent and Community Member

Helen Tang - Business Owner and Parent

Erin Lodwick - Parent Teacher Club President and Parent

Janette McAuley - Parent and Community Member

Ron Radney, Ed.D. - Senior Citizen Rep.

Karina Medina - Parent

Message from President, Rick Wendling

On behalf of the CBOC, I am pleased to present our summary of the progress made during the 2025-2026 school year. Our committee reviewed expenditures and project timelines to ensure local Bond Funds are being used transparently and in accordance with the law. This year has been one of remarkable progress for MCSD. We celebrated the major achievement of completing Phase 3 at Franklin Elementary School. Our committee thoroughly reviewed the 2024-2025 Measure M Audit at our March 2026 meeting and accepted the report with zero findings, demonstrating excellent fiscal responsibility and compliance. We want to express our gratitude to the Board and District staff for your continued support as we continue to work together building safer, more effective learning environments for our students.

COMPLETED PROJECTS UTILIZING MEASURE M FUNDS FROM 2014 - 2025

SITES WHERE PROJECTS WERE COMPLETED

MEASURE M FUNDS COMMITTED

• Burbank Elementary School	\$2,563,763.08
• Chenoweth Elementary School	\$5,200,059.88
• Clark Elementary School	\$254,338.31
• Cruickshank Middle School	\$1,273,586.28
• Franklin Elementary School	\$3,035,110.82
• Fremont Elementary School	\$6,099,824.93
• Givens Elementary School	\$754,965.54
• Gracey Elementary School	\$829.69
• Hoover Middle School	\$9,275,426.58
• Muir Elementary School	\$862,719.66
• North Central Elementary School	\$145,217.34
• North West School	\$35,782.23
• Professional Development Center	\$9,491.00
• Peterson Elementary School	\$1,046,145.17
• Reyes Elementary School	\$461,333.69
• Rivera Elementary School	\$2,317,309.68
• Rivera Middle School	\$2,199,790.71
• Sheehy Elementary School	\$7,372,874.93
• Stowell Elementary School	\$20,062.00
• Tenaya Middle School	\$1,463,588.81
• Wright Elementary School	\$7,704,557.89
• District-Wide Technology/Security Upgrades	\$407,664.57
• Professional Services Bond Sale	\$612,776.12

TOTAL MEASURE M FUNDS SPENT

\$53,117,218.91

TOTAL COMMITTED ON COMPLETED PROJECTS \$93,426,421.37
 TOTAL MEASURE M FUNDS COMMITTED(57%) \$53,117,218.91
 TOTAL AMOUNT OF OTHER FUNDS COMMITTED(43%)
 \$40,309,202.46

PROJECTS COMPLETED THIS YEAR

Franklin Elementary School Phase 3



MCSD broke ground at Franklin Elementary School for Phase 3 on May 29, 2025, and the ribbon-cutting ceremony took place on March 17, 2026. This phase consisted of nine new TK/Kindergarten classrooms, the modernization of six classrooms, a new playground, a shaded outdoor learning space, expanded play areas, a new welcoming front entrance, and an LED message board.

Total Cost of Project	\$13,526,714.36
Total Amount of Measure M Funds Committed(12%)	\$1,654,064.35
Total Amount of Other Funds Committed(88%)	\$11,872,650.00
(Other funding sources: Developer Fees, State Reimbursement, LCAP, and ELOP)	

2025/2026 Project Highlights

PROJECTS CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Community Day School



As part of the boundary adjustments made by MCSD, to enhance the capacity of Cruickshank Middle School, Community Day School classes will be relocating to a new site starting in August 2026. This new location, which formerly served as the District's Professional Development Center, needed several modifications to accommodate students effectively. The demolition phase was completed on March 26, 2026. Construction began on the modernization phase and site improvements on April 20, 2026. Work is set to be complete for classrooms to be in use for CDS when school resumes in August, and a ribbon-cutting ceremony is scheduled for August 10, 2026.

Project Budget Total Estimated Amount
100% Funded by Measure M Funds.

\$4,575,500.00

PROJECTS CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Fremont Elementary, Hoover Middle, and Rivera Middle School Re-Roofing Projects



Fremont Elementary, Hoover Middle, and Rivera Middle Schools were prioritized for roof replacements to take place during the summer of 2026. Contracts were approved at the Board meeting on May 12, 2026, and work will begin on June 8, 2026. All work is to be completed by the beginning of the 2026/2027 school year. All three re-roofing projects will be paid for using Measure O funds.

Project Budget Total Estimated Amount	\$2,420,600.00
100% Funded by Measure O Funds.	
• Fremont	\$1,145,200.00
• Hoover	\$450,200.00
• Rivera Middle	\$825,200.00

2025/2026 Project Highlights

PROJECTS CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Tenaya and Hoover Middle School Portable Modernizations.



The Hoover and Tenaya Middle School Portable Modernization Projects include the renovation of existing portables and the re-roofing where needed, to prepare for our 6th-grade students' return to Middle School for the 2026/2027 school year. Tenaya's project will also consist of an enclosed storage area.

Project Budget Total Estimated Amount
100% Funded by Measure O Funds.

\$952,000.00

PROJECTS CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Cruickshank Middle School HVAC Installation Project



Cruickshank Middle School was vandalized during the winter of 2025, resulting in extensive damage to eighteen HVAC units. These units were beyond repair, requiring the purchase and installation of new units. MCSD is committed to improving HVAC systems and air quality in our District. This project will be funded 100% by Measure O Funds.

Project Budget Total Estimated Amount	\$250,000.00
100% Funded by Measure O Funds.	

PROJECTS CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Perimeter Fencing Projects at Hoover Middle, Muir Elementary, and Fremont Elementary Schools.



These projects include building taller fences with safety exit hardware at Fremont Elementary, Hoover Middle, and Muir Elementary. It involves installing decorative metal fences and gates, enhancing both the appearance and safety of the campuses for students and staff. Projects to be completed using 100% of Measure O Funds.

Hoover Middle School	\$874,855.00
Muir Elementary School	\$828,000.00
Fremont Elementary School	\$385,640.00
Projects funded 100% by Measure O Funds	

PROJECTS CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Tenaya Sports Field Renovation Project



The Tenaya Sports Field Renovation Project includes the installation of an all-weather track, new sports fields, irrigation upgrades, resurfacing of the PE courts, and outdoor exercise equipment. The contract agreement for this project was approved by the Board at the meeting on June 23rd, and the official groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for July 20, 2026. Construction will begin on July 27, 2026 and has a three hundred and sixty day completion schedule.

Project Budget Total Estimated Amount	\$7,424,710.00
Estimated Measure O Funds Allocated (11%)	\$800,000.00
Total Amount of Other Funds (89%)	\$6,624,710.00
(Other funding sources: ELOP and LCAP)	

2025/2026 PROJECT UPDATES

BOARD APPROVED PROJECTS CURRENTLY IN DESIGN.
TO BE FUNDED DURING 2026/2027

- Rivera Middle School Multi-Purpose Room

Rivera Middle School will receive modernization updates, including replacing the HVAC system with a new, efficient model to ensure reliable climate control. Kitchen facilities will be enhanced for improved functionality and safety. The walk-in refrigeration unit will be updated to meet current standards. Flooring, doors, and casework will be replaced to boost aesthetics and durability. This project will utilize the remaining balance of the Measure M fund balance.



Project Budget Total Estimated Amount	\$3,500,000.00
Estimated Measure M & O Funds Allocated (63%)	\$2,205,000.00
Estimated amount of other funds (37%)	\$1,295,000.00

- Stowell Perimeter Fencing Project



Stowell Elementary School will be the next site to receive fencing and safety upgrades. This project is estimated to begin in early fall of 2027 and will be funded 100% by Measure O funds.

Project Budget Total Estimated Amount	\$898,000.00
Funded 100% by Measure O Funds	

CITIZEN'S BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE SUMMARY

MEASURE M SUMMARY

As of 6/22/2026

Authorized MEASURE M Bond	\$60,000,000.00
Authorized but Unissued	(\$4,406.95)
Total Measure M Bond Funds	\$59,995,593.05
Interest Earnings	\$1,719,884.49
Other refund sources added to Bond Fund	\$106,251.62
Adjusted by refund/adj. net exp by project	(\$21,377.20)
Less additional bond issuance & underwriter cost difference.	(\$587,161.11)
Total	\$61,213,190.85
Accumulated bond exp adjusted by project (2 refund)	(\$56,281,966.24)
Estimate fund balance	\$4,931,224.61
Net fair market value	(\$29,398.41)
Estimate fund balance before open PO balances & budget projection	\$4,901,826.20
Far 300 current funds (6/22/2026)	\$4,901,826.20
Less PO's balance & unencumbered project balance	(\$4,715,910.26)
Remaining Available Bond Funds	\$185,915.94

MEASURE O SUMMARY

As of 6/22/2026

Authorized & Issued bond series 2025	\$30,000,000.00
Interest earnings	\$1,009,100.79
Subtotal	\$31,099,100.79
Accumulated bond exp	(\$1,289,054.35)
Estimate fund balance	\$29,180,046.44
Estimated fund balance before open PO balances & budget projection	\$29,810,046.44
Far 300 current funds (6/22/26)	\$29,810,046.44
Less PO's balance & unencumbered project balance	(\$4,702,435.97)
Remaining Available Bond Funds	\$25,107,610.47
