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July 21, 2026

Mr. Dean C. Logan
Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk
Election Coordination Unit
12400 Imperial Highway, Room 2013A
Norwalk, California 90650

Mr. Edward Yen
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street, Room 383
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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
53 September 15, 2026
EDWARD YEN
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Re: Charter Oak Unified School District November 3, 2026 Bond Measure Election

Dear Mr. Logan and Mr. Yen,

Enclosed please find the Charter Oak Unified School District Board of Education "RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CHARTER OAK UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT ORDERING AN ELECTION, AND ESTABLISHING SPECIFICATIONS OF THE ELECTION ORDER" adopted on June 18, 2026 calling for a November 3, 2026 local bond election. This Resolution orders a Proposition 39 election which requires 55% voter approval to be successful.

In accordance with Section 1 of the Resolution, I am authorized to advise you that the ballot measure language to be placed on the ballot is set forth in Exhibit A to the Resolution and the full text of the ballot measure to be printed in its entirety in each sample ballot/voter pamphlet is set forth in Exhibit B to the Resolution. The full text starts on page B-1 with the words "FULL TEXT BALLOT PROPOSITION" and ends on page B-5 with the words "other operating expenses"'.

In accordance with Section 6 of the Resolution, we request that you consolidate the election on the bond measure with the general election being held on November 3, 2026. We further request that the Los Angeles County Counsel's office prepare the impartial analysis to be included in the sample ballot/voter pamphlet.

Also enclosed is the Tax Rate Statement to be used in connection with the election which has been prepared in accordance with Elections Code Sections 9400 to 9404 and is to be included in the sample ballot/voter pamphlet. A completed Letter Designation Form has previously been submitted to the Registrar of Voters.

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By this letter we are formally requesting to review a proof of the ballot statement language, the full text of the ballot proposition, impartial analysis and ballot arguments that would appear in the voter pamphlet prior to publishing. Please direct this proof to the undersigned as soon as it is available.

We believe that Education Code Section 15122.5 is not applicable and we request that the County not include the following "State Matching Funds" language in the ballot or voter pamphlet:

"Approval of Measure _____ does not guarantee that the proposed project or projects in the Charter Oak Unified School District that are the subject of bonds under Measure _____ will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by Measure _____. The district's proposal for the project or projects may assume the receipt of matching state funds, which could be subject to appropriation by the Legislature or approval of a statewide bond measure."

We would be more than willing to provide you with the Resolution and the Tax Rate Statement in an electronic format in order to facilitate your work, or to assist with this process in any other manner.

We have asked our courier to obtain a signature on the next page from the Registrar's office acknowledging receipt of the Resolution and would appreciate your providing the signature.

This letter also authorizes you to contact Nicholas R. Heuer of Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth LLP, our bond counsel, at (415) 710-1325 (nheuer@stradlinglaw.com) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Danny Kim, Ed.D.
Superintendent

Enclosure

cc: Nicholas R. Heuer

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TAX RATE STATEMENT CONCERNING MEASURE _

An election will be held in the Charter Oak Unified School District (the "District") on November 3, 2026 to authorize the sale of up to $75,000,000 in general obligation bonds. If such bonds are authorized and sold, principal and interest on the bonds will be payable only from the proceeds of *ad valorem* tax levies made upon the taxable property in the District. The following information is submitted in compliance with Sections 9400-9406 of the Elections Code of the State of California. Such information is based upon the best estimates and projections presently available from official sources, upon experience within the District, and other demonstrable factors.

The following information is provided pursuant to Elections Code Section 9401:

1. The best estimate of the average annual tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue over the entire duration of the bond debt service, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is $40.00 per $100,000 (4.0¢ per $100) of assessed valuation. It is currently expected that the tax will be collected until fiscal year 2061-62.

2. The best estimate of the highest tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue, for each year that bonds are outstanding, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing this statement, is $40.00 per $100,000 (4.0¢ per $100) of assessed valuation, which is projected to be the same in every fiscal year the bonds remain outstanding.

3. The best estimate of total debt service, including principal and interest, that would be required to be repaid if all the bonds are issued and sold will be approximately $157 million.

Voters should note that these estimates are based on projections derived from information obtained from official sources, and are based on the assessed value (not market value) of taxable property on the County's official tax rolls. Property owners should consult their own property tax bills and tax advisors to determine their property's assessed value and any applicable tax exemptions.

The attention of all voters is directed to the fact that the foregoing information is based upon projections and estimates only, which amounts are not maximum amounts and durations and are not binding upon the District. The actual debt service, tax rates and the years in which they will apply may vary depending on the timing of bond sales, the par amount of bonds sold at each sale and actual increases in assessed valuations. The timing of the bond sales and the amount of bonds sold at any given time will be determined by the District based on the need for project funds and other considerations. Actual assessed valuations will depend upon the amount and value of taxable property within the District as determined by the County Assessor in the annual assessment and the equalization process.

Danny Kim, Ed.D.
Superintendent
Charter Oak Unified School District

RESOLUTION NO. # 09-25-26
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER OAK UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT ORDERING AN ELECTION, AND ESTABLISHING SPECIFICATIONS OF THE ELECTION ORDER
JUNE 18, 2026

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Oak Unified School District (the "District") is devoted to improving the quality of education in our local public schools by repairing and upgrading aging school facilities and providing classrooms that are clean and safe; and

WHEREAS, many District schools were built so long ago that they do not meet today's earthquake safety standards, they have asbestos and lead pipes, and the underground infrastructure is failing, resulting in gas leaks, water leaks and sewer backups; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to remove hazardous materials, like asbestos and lead paint from older schools, upgrade electrical systems, and improve fire safety by improving smoke detectors, fire alarms, sprinklers and hardening school buildings with fire-resistant materials; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that schools within the District need to be upgraded, repaired, expanded, improved, modernized and better equipped in a fiscally prudent manner, to enable the District to meet current health codes, building safety codes, and provide proper access for students with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, most of our schools were built in the 1960's and some of the classrooms, science labs, and facilities at our schools haven't been upgraded in 20 years;

WHEREAS, the Board desires to provide modern labs, technical facilities, and equipment so students are prepared for college and in-demand careers in fields like health sciences, engineering, robotics, technology, and skilled trades; and

WHEREAS, even if community members do not have school-age children, supporting a local bond measure is a wise investment, as good schools improve the quality of life in our community and protect the value of our homes; and

WHEREAS, the State of California (the "State") has been unable to provide the District with enough money for the District to adequately repair schools and upgrade classrooms to provide an optimal learning environment for all students and District students deserve to have the same educational opportunities as others in the region; and

WHEREAS, the District has identified the most pressing needs in each of the District's schools to provide safe and modern classroom environments for all students; and

WHEREAS, the Board has received information regarding the possibility of a local bond measure and its bonding capacity; and

WHEREAS, a local measure will help provide funds, that are locally controlled and cannot be redirected by the State, to upgrade aging schools and protect student safety; and

WHEREAS, such measure will ensure that students who plan to go to college are prepared to succeed, and those who don't plan to go to college receive the career training they need to compete for good paying jobs;

WHEREAS, such measure will include public disclosure of all spending, independent annual financial and performance audits, and the formation of a committee of local citizens and business owners to ensure funds are spent as promised; and

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2000, the voters of California approved the Smaller Classes, Safer Schools and Financial Accountability Act ("Proposition 39") which reduced the voter threshold for *ad valorem* property tax levies used to pay for debt service on bonded indebtedness to 55% of the votes cast on a school district general obligation bond measure; and

WHEREAS, concurrent with the passage of Proposition 39, Chapter 1.5, Part 10, Division 1, Title 1 (commencing with Section 15264) of the Education Code (the "Act") became operative and established requirements associated with the implementation of Proposition 39; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to make certain findings herein to be applicable to this election order and to establish certain performance audits, standards of financial accountability and citizen oversight that are contained in Proposition 39 and the Act; and

WHEREAS, the District has conducted a comprehensive assessment of school facilities needs through the facility master planning process and identified the most urgent and high-priority facilities needs impacting academic instruction and student safety; and

WHEREAS, the Board and District have solicited stakeholder and community input on school priorities from parents, teachers, staff, the community and civic leaders; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to authorize the submission of a proposition to the District's voters at an election to authorize the issuance of bonds to pay for certain necessary improvements and enhancements to District educational facilities which will improve the safety, health, and quality of education for students in the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby determines that, in accordance with Opinion No. 04-110 of the Attorney General of the State of California, the restrictions in Proposition 39 which prohibit any bond money from being wasted or used for inappropriate administrative salaries or other operating expenses of the District shall be strictly monitored by the District's Citizens' Oversight Committee; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Education Code Section 15270, based upon a projection of assessed property valuation, the Board has determined that, if approved by voters, the tax rate levied to meet the debt service requirements of the bonds proposed to be issued for school facilities will not exceed the Proposition 39 limits per year per $100,000 of assessed valuation of taxable property; and

WHEREAS, Elections Code Section 9400 *et seq.* requires that a tax rate statement be contained in all official materials relating to the election, including any ballot pamphlet prepared, sponsored, or distributed by the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to authorize the filing of a tax rate statement and a ballot argument in favor of the proposition to be submitted to the voters at the election; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Elections Code, it is appropriate for the Board to request consolidation of the election with any and all other elections to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, and to request the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters to perform certain election services for the District.

NOW THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER OAK UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the Board, pursuant to Education Code Sections 15100 *et seq.*, 15264 *et seq.*, and Government Code Section 53506, hereby requests the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voter to conduct an election under the provisions of Proposition 39 and the Act and submit to the electors of the District the question of whether bonds of the District in the aggregate principal amount of $75,000,000 (the "Bonds") shall be issued and sold for the purpose of raising money for the projects described in Exhibits "A" and "B" hereto. Both exhibits are directed to be printed in the voter pamphlet. The District's Superintendent, or designee, is hereby authorized and directed to make any changes to the text of the measure, or to the abbreviated form of the measure, as may be convenient or necessary to comply with the intent of this Resolution, the requirements of election officials, and requirements of law.

Section 2. That the date of the election shall be November 3, 2026.

Section 3. That the purpose of the election shall be for the voters in the District to vote on a proposition, a copy of which is attached hereto and marked Exhibit "A," incorporated by reference herein, and containing the question of whether the District shall issue the Bonds to pay for improvements to the extent permitted by such proposition. In compliance with Proposition 39 policies of the Board and the Act, the ballot propositions in Exhibits "A" and "B" are subject to the following requirements and determinations:

(a) that the proceeds of the sale of the Bonds shall be used only for the purposes set forth in the ballot measure and not for any other purpose, including teacher or administrator salaries or other school operating expenses;

(b) that the Board, in establishing the projects set forth in Exhibit "B," evaluated the safety, class size reduction, classroom, educational and information technology needs of the District;

(c) that the Board shall cause an annual, independent performance audit to be conducted to ensure that the Bond monies get spent only for the projects identified in Exhibit "B" hereto;

(d) that the Board shall cause an annual, independent financial audit of the proceeds from the sale of Bonds to be conducted until all of the Bond proceeds have been expended;

(e) that the Board shall appoint a Citizens' Oversight Committee in compliance with Education Code Section 15278 no later than 60 days after the Board enters the election results in its minutes pursuant to Education Code Section 15274; and

(f) that the tax levy authorized to secure the Bonds of this election shall not exceed the Proposition 39 limits per $100,000 of taxable property in the District when assessed valuation is projected by the District to increase in accordance with Article XIIIA of the California Constitution.

Section 4. That the authority for ordering the election is contained in Education Code Sections 15100 *et seq.*, 15264 *et seq.*, and Government Code Section 53506.

Section 5. That the authority for the specifications of this election order is contained in Education Code Section 5322. In connection with ordering the election pursuant to the provisions cited above, the District has obtained reasonable and informed projections of assessed property valuations that take into consideration projections of assessed property valuations made by the Los Angeles County Assessor that are available to the District.

Section 6. That the Los Angeles Registrar of Voters and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors are hereby requested to consolidate the election ordered hereby with any and all other elections to be held on November 3, 2026 within the District. As provided in Elections Code Section 10403, the District acknowledges that the consolidation election will be conducted in the manner described in Elections Code Section 10418.

Section 7. That the Secretary of the Board is hereby directed to deliver a certified copy of this Resolution to the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters no later than August 7, 2026.

Section 8. That Bonds may be issued pursuant to Education Code Section 15264 *et seq.* or Government Code Section 53506. The maximum rate of interest on any Bond shall not exceed the maximum rate allowed by Education Code Sections 15140 to 15143, as modified by Government Code Section 53531.

Section 9. That the Board requests the governing body of any such other political subdivision, or any officer otherwise authorized by law, to partially or completely consolidate such election and to further provide that the canvass of the returns of the election be made by any body or official authorized by law to canvass such returns, and that the Board consents to such consolidation. The Board further authorizes the submission of a tax rate statement and primary and rebuttal arguments, as appropriate, to be filed with the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters by the established deadlines.

Section 10. Pursuant to Education Code Section 5303 and Elections Code Section 10002, the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County are requested to permit their Registrar of Voters to render all services specified by Elections Code Section 10418 relating to the election, for which services the District agrees to reimburse Los Angeles County, such services to include the publication of a Formal Notice of School Bond Election and the mailing of the sample ballot and tax rate statement (described in Elections Code Section 9401) pursuant to the terms of Education Code Section 5363 and Elections Code Section 12112.

ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this 18th day of June, 2026.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER OAK UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

By _____
Cristian Aguilar, Ph.D., President

Attest:

_____
Dr. Danny Kim, Secretary

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
)ss
LOS ANGELES COUNTY)

I, Dr. Danny Kim, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 09-25-26 which was duly adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Oak Unified School District at the meeting thereof held on the 18th day of June, 2026, and that it was so adopted by the following vote:

AYES: 4

NOES: 1

ABSENT: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

By _____
Dr. Danny Kim, Secretary

EXHIBIT A

"To provide safe, modern neighborhood schools by repairing/upgrading/equipping aging classrooms, science labs, instructional technology, and school facilities that support math, science, engineering, literacy, arts, skilled trades, and college/career readiness, fixing deteriorating roofs, plumbing, electrical systems, and removing asbestos/lead pipes, shall Charter Oak Unified School District's measure authorizing $75,000,000 in bonds at legal rates be adopted, levying 4¢ per $100 assessed value ($5,000,000 annually) while bonds are outstanding, with independent oversight/audits, all money locally controlled?"

Bonds – Yes

Bonds – No

EXHIBIT B

FULL TEXT BALLOT PROPOSITION
OF THE CHARTER OAK UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOND MEASURE ELECTION NOVEMBER 3, 2026

The following is the full proposition presented to the voters by the Charter Oak Unified School District.

"To provide safe, modern neighborhood schools by repairing/upgrading/equipping aging classrooms, science labs, instructional technology, and school facilities that support math, science, engineering, literacy, arts, skilled trades, and college/career readiness, fixing deteriorating roofs, plumbing, electrical systems, and removing asbestos/lead pipes, shall Charter Oak Unified School District's measure authorizing $75,000,000 in bonds at legal rates be adopted, levying 4¢ per $100 assessed value ($5,000,000 annually) while bonds are outstanding, with independent oversight/audits, all money locally controlled?"

PROJECT LIST

The Board of Trustees of the Charter Oak Unified School District is committed to improving the quality of education in our local public schools by repairing and upgrading aging school facilities and providing safe, secure, modern classrooms, labs and technology needed to support high quality instruction in math, science, engineering, technology, and the skilled trades. To that end, the Board evaluated the District's urgent and critical facility needs, including safety issues, class size reduction, basic repairs, computer and information technology in developing the types of projects to be funded by this measure as described below.

This bond includes strict accountability requirements to make sure public funds are used appropriately. These requirements include public disclosure of all spending, independent annual financial and performance audits, and the formation of a committee of local citizens and business owners to ensure all spending is in line with the promises made in the measure. What's more, by law, all funds must be used to improve our local schools and cannot be taken by Sacramento, the federal government, the County or anyone else.

In approving this Project List, the Board of Trustees determines that the District **must:**

(i) Create modern, multi-use classrooms to support hands-on science instruction and learning-by-doing; and

(ii) Remove asbestos, mold and lead paint; and

(iii) Upgrade older schools so they meet current health codes, building safety codes, and provide proper access for students with disabilities; and

(iv) Adhere to specific fiscal accountability safeguards such as:

(a) REQUIRE ALL FUNDS USED FOR LOCAL SCHOOLS,

(b) Prohibited the State from taking any of the funds raised,

(c) Require annual independent audits, and

(v) Require public disclosure of all spending.

The Project List includes the following types of upgrades and improvements at District schools, facilities and sites:

LOCALLY CONTROLLED FUNDING FOR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS

School Repair, Safety and Upgrade Projects

Goals and Purposes:

Some of our schools were built so long ago that they do not meet today's earthquake safety standards, they have asbestos and lead pipes, and the underground infrastructure is failing, resulting in gas leaks, water leaks, and sewage backups. We need to fix these problems.

Due to the age of our schools, last year alone there were about 45 classrooms and facilities with leaky roofs. We need to fix our roofs before the leaks cause mold and other damage.

- Upgrading electric systems and wiring.
- Repair or replace deteriorating roofs, plumbing, heating, ventilation, gas lines, sewer lines, and electrical systems where needed.
- Improve student safety and campus security systems including security fencing, security cameras, and emergency communications systems.
- Remove hazardous materials like asbestos and lead pipes from older school sites, where encountered.
- Improve fire safety by improving smoke detectors, fire alarms, sprinklers and hardening school buildings with fire-resistant materials.
- Upgrade older schools so they meet current health codes, building safety codes, and provide proper access for students with disabilities.
- Upgrade and repair physical education facilities, sports fields, and playgrounds to support student health and safety.

SUPPORT HIGH QUALITY INSTRUCTION IN MATH, SCIENCE, ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY

Projects That Improve Student Success

Goals and Purposes:

This measure will ensure that students who plan to go to college are prepared to succeed, and those who don't plan to go to college receive the career training they need to compete for good paying jobs.

There are 69 portable classrooms at our schools that are more than 25 years old and falling apart. Many have structural damage and water leaks. It's expensive to keep repairing these units. We need this bond to replace decaying portables with modern, permanent classrooms.

- Provide modern labs, technical facilities, and equipment so students are prepared for college and in-demand careers in fields like health sciences, engineering, robotics, technology, and skilled trades.
- Create modern, multi-use classrooms to support hands-on science instruction and learning-by-doing.
- Keep computer systems and instructional technology up-to-date.
- Provide the classrooms, facilities and technology needed to support high quality instruction in math, science, engineering, and technology.
- Provide the classrooms and facilities needed to support high quality instruction in literacy, reading, writing, and the arts.
- Replace aging portable classrooms that are expensive to repair and maintain with modern, permanent classrooms that meet today's academic standards.

In addition to the projects listed above, the repair and renovation of each of the existing school and District support facilities may include, but not be limited to, some or all of the following: add or renovate student and staff restrooms; repair, replace and upgrade electrical, plumbing, heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems; upgrade of facilities for energy efficiencies, electrical generation and financial savings, including solar panels; improve accessibility for students, staff and the public with disabilities; repair, upgrade, and replace worn-out and deteriorated roofs, gutters, windows, walls, tackboards, floors, sinks, doors and drinking fountains/hydration stations; construct or renovate offices and facilities for multipurpose and indoor/outdoor learning spaces, more efficient areas for professional development and administration and for the safety of students on campuses; install wiring and electrical systems to safely accommodate computers, technology and other electrical devices; upgrade, replace or construct support facilities including central plants, boilers, administrative, central kitchens, child care, physical education, music, art, and performing and fine arts classrooms or facilities, science, ceramics classrooms, robotics, STEM/STEAM labs/classrooms, computer labs/classrooms, career technical facilities, makerspaces, culinary arts facilities, media centers/libraries and buildings, covered eating areas, shade and rain shelter, covered walkways, playgrounds, administrative, transportation and maintenance facilities and yards; acquire modular/portable classrooms; repair, upgrade and replace fire and intrusion alarms, emergency communications, public address, speaker, and security systems;, including security protections on windows, improve facilities to satisfy ADA and seismic requirements; as needed, removal of hazardous materials like asbestos, mold, and lead paint from older schools, as needed; improve/resurface or replace asphalt, broken concrete and improve hard courts, walkways, turf, tracks, athletic and open fields, irrigation, and

downspout drainage systems and campus landscaping; install and improve signage, wayfinding flagpoles, solar electric systems and fencing; expand parking and improve pick-up and drop-off areas and crosswalks; improve all site utilities; acquire land; construct new school buildings; upgrade or replace interior and exterior painting, floor covering, including carpets, and school facades; demolition; upgrade kitchens, food service and school cafeterias; construct various forms of storage and support spaces and classrooms; improve quads; repair, upgrade and install interior and exterior lighting systems and back-up power generators; improve, construct, or replace playgrounds, play structures, athletic fields/stadiums, concessions, bleachers, lockers/locker rooms, field lighting, gymnasiums, and facilities to support student health, fitness and safety; construct or upgrade aquatic facilities, pools, including pool filtration systems, plaster and decking; repair, install and replace outdated fences, including security fences and security systems (including access control systems, electronic locks, and cameras), provide lunch shelters, indoor space for assemblies or for rainy day lunch; upgrade and construct music labs, multi-purpose rooms, theatres, learning centers and media centers; add or upgrade parking lots including solar systems and electric vehicle charging stations. In addition to the listed projects stated above, the Project List also includes the acquisition of a variety of instructional, maintenance and operational equipment, including the reduction or retirement of outstanding lease obligations and interim funding incurred to advance fund projects from the Project List; payment of the costs of preparation of all facility planning, facility studies, assessment reviews, facility master plan preparation and updates, environmental studies (including environmental investigation, remediation and monitoring), design and construction documentation, DSA oversight, and temporary housing of dislocated District activities caused by construction projects.

The upgrading of technology infrastructure includes, but is not limited to, network rewiring, cabling, computers, portable interface devices, servers, switches, routers, modules, sound projection systems, laser printers, scanners and copiers, digital white boards and smart boards, document projectors, upgrade voice-over-IP, clock/telephone/ intercom systems, call manager and network security/firewall, wireless technology systems, refresh classroom technology, miscellaneous IT and instructional equipment, data storage, archiving and preservation, phones, identity cards and the construction and installation of a data center in the cloud for the District's enterprise systems, such as resource planning, websites, domain name systems, cloud applications and information security.

The budget for each project is an estimate and may be affected by factors beyond the District's control. Some projects throughout the District may be undertaken as joint use projects in cooperation with other local public or non-profit agencies. The final cost of each project will be determined as plans and construction documents are finalized, construction bids are received, construction contracts are awarded and projects are completed. Based on the final costs of each project, certain of the projects described above may be delayed or may not be completed. Demolition of portable classrooms and existing facilities and reconstruction of facilities scheduled for repair and upgrade may occur, if the Board determines that such an approach would be more cost-effective in creating more enhanced and operationally efficient campuses. Necessary site preparation/restoration may occur in connection with new construction, renovation or remodeling, or installation or removal of relocatable or modular classrooms, including ingress and egress, removing, replacing, or installing irrigation or drainage systems, traffic signals, sewer or utility lines, trees and landscaping, relocating fire access roads, road widening, and acquiring any necessary easements, licenses, permits, or rights of way to the property. The listed projects will be completed as needed. Each project is assumed to include its share of furniture, equipment, architectural, engineering, legal fees and similar planning costs, connection fees, program and project management, staff training expenses and a customary contingency for unforeseen design and construction costs. Proceeds of the bonds may be used to pay or reimburse the District for the cost of District bond audits and staff when performing work on or necessary and incidental to bond projects. Bond proceeds shall only be expended for the types of projects and purposes identified herein. The District shall create an account into which proceeds of the bonds shall be deposited and comply with the reporting requirements of Government Code § 53410.

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FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY

THIS MEASURE REQUIRES A CLEAR SYSTEM OF ACCOUNTABILITY, INCLUDING A PROJECT LIST DETAILING HOW THE MONEY WILL BE USED, A CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, AND INDEPENDENT AUDITS TO ENSURE MONEY IS SPENT PROPERLY.

In accordance with Education Code Section 15272, the Board of Trustees will appoint a citizens' oversight committee and conduct annual independent audits to ensure that funds are spent only on District projects and for no other purpose. The expenditure of bond money on these projects is subject to stringent financial accountability requirements. By law, performance and financial audits will be performed annually, and all bond expenditures will be monitored by an independent citizens' oversight committee to ensure that funds are spent as promised and specified. The citizens' oversight committee must include, among others, representation of a bona fide taxpayers association, a business organization and a senior citizens organization. No District employees or vendors are allowed to serve on the citizens' oversight committee.

No Administrator Salaries: Proceeds from the sale of the bonds authorized by this proposition shall be used only for the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, and not for any other purpose, including teacher and school administrator salaries and other operating expenses.