



## **J** Anaheim Elementary School District, Anaheim Elementary Schools Repair/Improvement Measure

To repair and modernize classrooms and older neighborhood schools to support reading, math, science, technology, arts, replace deteriorating roofs, plumbing, wiring/air-conditioning, improve access for students with disabilities/special medical needs, update technology, improve student safety/security, acquire, renovate and construct classrooms, facilities, sites/equipment, shall Anaheim Elementary School District issue \$318,000,000 in bonds at legal rates, with independent citizen oversight, audits, no money for administrator salaries, all money staying local?

### What your vote means

YES	NO
A "Yes" vote means the school district may proceed to sell the bonds and levy the related taxes as estimated in the tax rate statement.	A "No" vote on this measure will disapprove the issuance of the bonds and the levy of the taxes for such bonded indebtedness.

### For and against

FOR	AGAINST
<p>Dr. Jeff Cole President, Anaheim Elementary Board of Education</p> <p>Bob Gardner Long-time Anaheim Resident and Educator</p> <p>Joe Carter Member, Greater Anaheim Kiwanis</p> <p>Jenny Franke 2015-16 Anaheim Elementary Teacher of the Year</p> <p>Jessie Alvarez Lincoln Elementary School PTA Representative</p>	No argument was filed against Measure J



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## Full Text of Measure J Anaheim Elementary School District

The following is the full proposition presented to the voters by the Anaheim Elementary School District.

**“Anaheim Elementary Schools Repair/ Improvement Measure.** To repair and modernize classrooms and older neighborhood schools to support reading, math, science, technology, arts, replace deteriorating roofs, plumbing, wiring/ air-conditioning, improve access for students with disabilities/ special medical needs, update technology, improve student safety/ security, acquire, renovate and construct classrooms, facilities, sites/ equipment, shall Anaheim Elementary School District issue \$318,000,000 in bonds at legal rates, with independent citizen oversight, audits, no money for administrator salaries, all money staying local?”

### PROJECT LIST

The Board of Education of the Anaheim Elementary School District is committed to improving the quality of education in local schools with safe, secure, upgraded classrooms, labs and technology needed to **support high quality instruction in math, science and technology**. To that end, the Board evaluated the District’s urgent and critical facility needs, including the age of District schools, student safety, overcrowding, class size reduction, computer and information technology, and approved a Long-Range Facility Master Plan on June 22, 2016, which is incorporated herein in its entirety, in developing the scope of projects to be funded. The District conducted a facilities evaluation and received public input in developing this Project List. Teachers, staff, community members and the Board have prioritized the key health and safety needs so that the most critical facility needs are addressed. **The Board concluded that protecting the quality of our schools, the quality of life in our community, and the value of our homes is a wise investment.** Therefore, in approving this Project List, the **Board of Education determines that the District must:**

- (i) **Repair or replace deteriorating roofs, plumbing, heating, ventilation and electrical systems, where needed; and**
- (ii) **Provide our students with the same opportunities as others by upgrading schools to keep pace with other school districts; and**
- (iii) **Provide the facilities and technology needed to support high quality instruction in math, science and technology; and**
- (iv) **Improve access to educational facilities for students with disabilities or special medical needs; and**
- (v) **Adhere to clear system of accountability, such as:**
  - (a) **All expenditures must be subject to annual independent financial audits.**
  - (b) **An independent citizens’ oversight committee must be appointed to ensure that all funds are spent properly.**

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

#### LOCAL SCHOOL FUNDING TO SUPPORT HIGH QUALITY INSTRUCTION IN MATH, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY:

##### Basic School Repair and Upgrade Projects

**Goals and Purposes:** All money raised by the measure will stay local to support our students. It cannot be taken away by the State or used for other purposes.

If we want our students to succeed in college and careers, they must be skilled in the use of today’s technologies and have a solid background in science, math, and technology. This measure will make this possible.

Since many of our schools were built more than 50-years ago and have never been renovated, they need to be repaired and updated. It’s time to make essential repairs and improvements so that these schools can serve our community well for the decades to come.

- Improve access and educational facilities for students with disabilities and special medical needs.
- **Repair or replace deteriorating roofs, plumbing, heating, ventilation and electrical systems, where needed.**
- Improve heating, ventilation, insulation, doors and windows to increase energy efficiency and save money.
- Replace aging portable classrooms that are expensive to repair and maintain with new, up-to-date classrooms.
- Remove hazardous materials like asbestos and lead paint from older schools.
- Improve pick-up and drop-off zones and parking lots to improve student safety and traffic flow.

#### STUDENT SAFETY AND ACHIEVEMENT:

##### Projects That Improve Student Safety and Success

**Goals and Purposes:** Whether or not you have school-age children, protecting the quality of our schools, the quality of life in our community, and the value of our homes is a wise investment.

This measure will improve student safety and campus security to avoid gang violence and shootings.

By upgrading classrooms, we will prevent overcrowding and improve student access to teachers, resources and facilities and make our students more successful.

- Improve older schools so that they meet same safety and academic standards as newer schools.
- Improve student safety and campus security systems, including security fencing and cameras, emergency communication systems, smoke



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detectors, fire alarms and sprinklers.

- Provide facilities and equipment needed to support high quality instruction in music and performing arts.
- **Provide facilities and equipment needed to support high quality instruction in math, science and technology.**
- Create flexible, multi-use classrooms to support hands-on-science instruction and learning-by-doing.
- Add classrooms, labs and school facilities where needed to prevent overcrowding.
- Keep educational technology in the classroom up-to-date.

## FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY

**This bond measure has strict accountability requirements including:**

1. All money will benefit local schools and CANNOT BE TAKEN BY THE STATE.
2. NO MONEY can be used for ADMINISTRATOR SALARIES.
3. Require CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT and yearly reports to the community to keep the District accountable for how the funds are spent.
4. **NO TEACHER OR 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 or administrator salaries, pensions and other operating expenses.
5. **FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY. 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.**

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The listed projects will be completed as needed. Each project is assumed to include its share of furniture, equipment, architectural, engineering, and similar planning costs, program/project management, and a customary contingency for unforeseen design and construction costs. 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, and temporary housing of dislocated District activities caused by construction projects.

In addition to the projects listed above, the repair, renovation, construction and equipping of school facilities includes, some or all of the following: renovate student and staff restrooms; upgrade libraries for 21<sup>st</sup> Century learning; construct classrooms and multipurpose buildings; repair and replace heating, air conditioning and ventilation systems; upgrade of facilities for energy efficiencies, including energy management systems; repair and replace worn-out and deteriorated roofs, windows, floors, walls, doors and drinking fountains; create single point of entry at school sites; improve or construct facilities for art, science, music, performing arts; improve school facilities for disability access; install shade structures, wiring and electrical systems to safely accommodate computers, technology and other electrical devices and needs; upgrade or construct classrooms, labs, support facilities (including administrative, non-student instruction spaces and District office), physical education (including playground equipment), and central and site kitchens; repair and replace gas, plumbing, water and sewer systems and lines, fire alarms, fire safety systems, phone systems, emergency communications, security systems, doors and locks; resurface or replace hard courts, asphalt, turf and irrigation systems and campus landscaping; expand or modify parking lots and drop-off areas; acquire land; interior and exterior painting and floor covering; demolition; construct various forms of storage and support spaces and classrooms; repair, upgrade and install interior and exterior lighting systems; improve playgrounds, athletic fields and play apparatus; install unitary surfacing in existing playgrounds; and replace outdated fences, security gates and cameras (including access control systems). The upgrading of technology infrastructure includes, but is not limited to, computers, LCD projectors, portable interface devices, servers, switches, routers, modules, sound projection systems, laser printers, digital white boards, document projectors, upgrade voice-over-IP, call manager and network security/firewall, wireless technology systems, refresh classroom technology, infrastructure upgrades and other miscellaneous equipment.

The allocation of bond proceeds will be affected by the District's receipt of State matching funds and the final costs of each project. In the absence of State matching funds, which the District will aggressively pursue to reduce the District's share of the costs of the projects, the District will not be able to complete some of the projects listed above. 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 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 classrooms, including ingress and egress, removing, replacing, or installing irrigation, utility lines, trees and landscaping, relocating fire access roads, and acquiring any necessary easements, licenses, or rights of way to the property. Proceeds of the bonds may be used to pay or reimburse the District for the cost of District staff when performing work on or necessary and incidental to bond projects.



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Bond proceeds shall only be expended for the specific 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.

**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.

## Impartial Analysis Anaheim Elementary School District Measure J

The California Constitution provides that school districts may issue general obligation bonds for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities or the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities, with the approval of 55% of the voters of the district, voting at an election for that purpose. The California Constitution further provides that the bond measure must include a requirement that the bond proceeds will be used only for the permitted purposes and other requirements designed to ensure accountability.

The Board of Education of the Anaheim Elementary School District has proposed to the voters within the Anaheim Elementary School District that general obligation bonds be issued in an amount up to \$318,000,000 and that *ad valorem* taxes be levied upon taxable property within the school district to repay the bonded indebtedness.

The measure provides that proceeds from the sale of the bonds will generally be used to modernize, repair, construct and upgrade school facilities within the Anaheim Elementary School District, including upgrading inadequate electrical systems, libraries and science facilities; modernizing technology and security infrastructure; repairing or replacing roofs, carpets and windows; repairing or replacing HVAC systems and plumbing; and improving athletic fields, play apparatus and playgrounds. Bond proceeds may only be spent on the projects set forth in the measure.

The measure provides that a citizens' oversight committee will be established to ensure that bond proceeds are properly expended within Anaheim Elementary School District. In addition, annual performance and financial audits will be conducted. The measure also requires the Superintendent of the Anaheim Elementary School District to submit a yearly report to the Board of Education as long as the proceeds of the bond remain unexpended. The measure further provides that bond proceeds will not be used for teacher or administrator salaries or other school operating expenses.

Approval of the measure does not guarantee that the proposed project or projects in the Anaheim Elementary School District that are the subject of bonds under the measure will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by the measure. The school 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.

The Board of Education of the Anaheim Elementary School District has called the election for the purpose of submitting the measure to the voters within the school district. If 55% of the voters within Anaheim Elementary School District voting on the measure vote "yes," the school district may proceed to sell the bonds and levy the related taxes as estimated in the tax rate statement. A "no" vote on this measure will disapprove the issuance of the bonds and the levy of the taxes for such bonded indebtedness.



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## Tax Rate Statement Anaheim Elementary School District Measure J

To: The voters voting in the November 8, 2016 election on the question of the issuance of \$318,000,000 General Obligation Bonds of the Anaheim Elementary School District.

You are hereby notified in accordance with Section 9401 of the Elections Code of the State of California of the following:

1. The best estimate from official sources of the tax rate which would be required to be levied to fund principal and interest payments during the first fiscal year after the first sale of bonds, based on assessed valuations available at the time of the election and taking into account estimated future growth, is the following:  
\$.024000 per \$100 of assessed valuation, which equates to \$24.00 per \$100,000.  
First fiscal year after the first sale of bonds: 2017-2018.
2. The best estimate from official sources of the tax rate which would be required to be levied to fund principal and interest payments during the first fiscal year after the last sale of bonds and an estimate of the year in which that rate will apply, based on assessed valuations available at the time of the election and taking into account estimated future growth, is as follows:  
\$.024000 per \$100 of assessed valuation, which equates to \$24.00 per \$100,000.  
First fiscal year after last sale of bonds: 2053-2054.
3. The best estimate from official sources of the highest tax rate which would be required to be levied to fund principal and interest payments on the bonds and an estimate of the year in which that rate will apply, based on assessed valuations available at the time of the election and taking into account estimated future growth, is as follows:  
\$.024000 per \$100 of assessed valuation, which equates to \$24.00 per \$100,000.  
Year of highest tax rate: 2017-2018 and thereafter.
4. The best estimate from official sources of the total debt service, including the principal and interest, which would be required to be repaid, if all of the bonds are issued and sold, based on interest rate information along with assessed valuations available at the time of the election and taking into account estimated future growth, is as follows:  
Estimated total debt service, including the principal and interest: \$611,556,500.

The attention of all voters is directed to the fact that the foregoing information is based upon projections and estimates only. The actual tax rates and the years in which they will apply may vary from those presently estimated, due to variations from these estimates in the timing of bond sales, the amount of bonds sold and market interest rates at the time of each sale, and actual assessed valuations over the term of repayment of the bonds. The date of sale and the amount of bonds sold at any given time will be determined by the District based on its need for construction funds and other factors. The actual interest rates at which the bonds will be sold will depend on the bond market at the time of sale. Actual future 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. Accordingly, the actual tax rates and the years in which such rates are applicable may vary from those presently estimated as above stated.

s/ Linda Wagner, Ed. D.  
Superintendent of the  
Anaheim Elementary School District

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## Argument in Favor of Measure J

**Vote Yes on J: help support 21st-century education at Anaheim's neighborhood elementary schools.**

Improved academic programs and a rigorous curriculum at our local schools have led to growing student achievement. Measure J will ensure Anaheim schools have the necessary funding to renovate classrooms, science labs and libraries that support high quality education - all of which will stay in the district and cannot be taken away by the State.

Many of our neighborhood elementary schools were built more than 50 years ago. Some have only been partially renovated, and others need extensive repairs and upgrades. While great work has been done, much is left to do in order to maintain our quality education in a safe, modern learning environment.

### **Voting Yes on J Will:**

- Provide facilities, equipment to support high quality instruction in reading, math, science and technology
- Remove hazardous materials like asbestos and lead paint from older schools
- Improve older schools so they meet the same safety, academic standards as newer schools
- Improve access and educational facilities for students with disabilities and special medical needs
- Repair or replace plumbing, electrical, and air conditioning systems where needed

### **Local Control of All Spending:**

- Every penny can only be spent in Anaheim elementary schools and cannot be taken away by the State
- A project list detailing exactly how the money will be allocated guarantees that all funds are only spent on voter-approved projects
- Annual audits and an independent citizens' oversight committee ensure that all funds are spent as promised.

We are fortunate to live in a community that supports high quality neighborhood schools. Please join us: vote Yes on J to ensure all Anaheim elementary school students have access to safe, modern schools that support 21st-century education.

s/ Dr. Jeff Cole  
President, Anaheim Elementary Board of Education

s/ Bob Gardner  
Long-time Anaheim Resident and Educator

s/ Joe Carter  
Member, Greater Anaheim Kiwanis

s/ Jenny Franke  
2015-16 Anaheim Elementary Teacher of the Year

s/ Jessie Alvarez  
Lincoln Elementary School PTA Representative

**No argument against this measure was submitted.**