

## Fullerton School District November 2024 School Bond Measure

# Measure N Fact Sheet

**Background:** The Fullerton School District (FSD) has been providing a caring learning environment of students, parents, staff, and community members since 1888. As the local provider of TK-8 public education, Fullerton School District has two key priorities: first, to ensure academic and career success for every one of our 11,500 students; and second, to make sure that our 15 elementary schools, two TK-8 campuses, and three Junior High Schools are healthy, safe, secure, technologically current, well maintained, and equipped to provide FSD students with the *very best* educational setting possible. Over the past few years, the Fullerton School District has worked with our community to identify educational facility needs that require attention. The District has conducted an extensive analysis of its 20 school campuses, and consulted with hundreds of community members about needed repairs and upgrades to our aging school facilities. The Governing Board has voted to place a Measure on the November 5, 2024 ballot.

**Measure N DEFINED:** Measure N is a school bond measure on the November 5, 2024 ballot seeking voter authorization for Fullerton School District funding to make needed facility repairs, technology upgrades, and improvements to school sites. Measure N requires 55% support to pass. A "YES" vote approves funding for the District's plan; a "NO" vote rejects the plan.

#### Measure N Ballot Question:

"To repair aging classrooms, labs and facilities at Fullerton elementary/middle schools to support student achievement in math, science, technology, arts and engineering; remove asbestos/lead pipes; fix deteriorating roofs, plumbing, sewer, electrical; repair, construct, acquire classrooms, sites, facilities and equipment; shall Fullerton Elementary School District's measure authorizing \$262 million in bonds at legal rates be adopted, levying \$30 per \$100,000 assessed value (\$15,000,000 annually) while bonds are outstanding, with citizen oversight and all money locally controlled?"

### **Measure N Project Summary:**

- **PROVIDE** modern labs, technical facilities, and equipment so students are prepared for college, in-demand careers in fields like health sciences, engineering, robotics, and technology fields.
- REPAIR older classrooms and school facilities including deteriorating roofs, plumbing, sewer, heating, ventilation, and electrical systems.
- **UPGRADE** older schools so they meet current health codes, building safety codes, provide proper access for students with disabilities, and meet the same academic and safety standards as newer schools.
- **IMPROVE** student safety and campus security including fencing, intruder protection systems, emergency communications systems, smoke detectors, fire alarms, and sprinkler systems.
- REMOVE hazardous materials like asbestos and lead pipes from older school sites, where encountered.

#### **Taxpayer Safeguards:**

- By law, all funds from Measure N must stay local, dedicated to FSD schools only.
- Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee, independent annual audits, and regular public reports ensure proper spending of funds.
- Measure N cannot be used for administrator salaries.

If approved by voters, a \$262 million bond translates to about \$30.00 per year for every \$100,000 of <u>assessed valuation</u>. The assessed valuation refers to taxable value, <u>not the market value of your home</u>. The typical homeowner in our school district would pay about **\$140** a year, or **\$12** a month. The final fiscal year in which the tax to be levied to fund this bond issue is anticipated to be collected is fiscal year 2059-60.

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