



## Highlights of Measure K

### Classrooms for Kids

*Los Angeles Unified School District voters will be asked to pass the \$3.35 billion Safe, Healthy Neighborhood Schools Bond Measure this November to repair aging classrooms and build new neighborhood schools. This bond measure will reduce overcrowding, allow children to attend school in their own neighborhood, and provide access to state matching funds. These are the highlights of the bond measure.*

#### **Strict Oversight and Stronger Accountability**

- The new bond is subject to strict new accountability requirements including an Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee with legally mandated powers. These accountability measures exceed the State requirements.
- ALL bond funds can be spent only to build, equip and repair schools and on instructional materials, NOT on administrators' salaries.
- Annual independent performance and fiscal audits must be issued to the public to demonstrate that funds are being spent as promised. All bond projects will also be subject to new internal contract audits.

#### **Building New Neighborhood Schools - \$2.58 billion**

- Completes neighborhood school building program already under way: 80 new schools, 79 school additions/expansions; 77,000 new seats for children.
- Adds classrooms by providing approximately 35,000 additional seats for children – the equivalent of approximately 40 new neighborhood schools.
- Allows community members to help determine specific sites, types of schools, size and other priorities in the coming months.
- Gives students the opportunity to attend schools in their own neighborhood, reduces the need for long bus rides, and eliminates the shortened school year currently used by some overcrowded schools.



#### **Repairing Aging and Deteriorating Classrooms - \$526 million**

- Provides funding for continued health-and-safety repairs, including replacing leaky roofs and deteriorating bathrooms, and renovating old classrooms.
- Distributes repair funds on a per student basis, with 25% set aside to meet the most critical health/safety needs in our oldest schools.
- Allows community members to help prioritize repair projects in their own neighborhood schools.
- Requires completion of an extensive, community-based master planning process in each Local District before any repair funds are spent.



### **Improving Early Childhood Programs - \$80 million**

- Expands seven existing early education centers and provides three additional centers.
- Provides 911 emergency phone accesses in early education classrooms District wide.
- Repairs existing centers and provides access for students with special needs.

### **Joint Planning of New Schools, Parks and Libraries – \$10 million**

- Builds new schools near parks and libraries to make schools the centers of their communities.
- Encourages partnerships with other governmental agencies in selecting sites.
- Allows the District to make effective use of state matching funds.
- Meets additional community needs such as health clinics, enhanced recreational activities, and after school space.

### **Upgrading Safety and Technology - \$66 million**

- Upgrades fire safety and security systems.
- Provides 911 emergency phone accesses in classrooms District wide.
- Provides Internet access and computer networks in schools District wide.

### **Library Books at New Schools and Improving Library Technology– \$38 million**

- Allows all new schools to open fully stocked with library books.
- Provides library automation and cataloging capabilities at new and existing schools.
- Provides upgraded library technology and computer capabilities at new and existing schools.

### **Expanding Public Charter Schools - \$50 million**

- First local school bond in California to provide funds for charter school facilities.
- Meets state requirements to make resources available to neighborhood charter schools.
- Designates a percentage to neighborhood charter schools comparable to that in the proposed state bond.

### **The Opposition Says**

- Opponents of Measure K say that on a previous bond measure, there was a lack of oversight and money was not spent responsibly by the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD). Understanding these concerns, LAUSD has implemented strict new accountability requirements – far stronger than required by law.

The estimated cost to property owners for Measure K will be no more than \$5 a month per \$100,000 of assessed – not market – property value.