



MEASURE E INFORMATION POINTS FALL 2016

Board of Education Actions

During the August 23, 2016 Board Meeting, staff presented a draft Measure E project implementation plan, which identifies project planning to begin this fall. The motion voted on during the September 13, 2016 meeting authorizes the first issuance of bond funds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$95,000,000. Approval of this resolution enables IUSD staff to execute the financing documents required for the marketing, sale and issuance of this first bond series.

Measure E Benefits

- Measure E will provide a maximum available bond issuance of \$319 million to provide facilities improvements to the District's aging schools. This funding is currently planned to be issued in four series over 12 years, with construction anticipated over the next 15 years.
- Measure E funds will ensure all IUSD schools meet the same safety and academic standards as new schools and that all students have equal access to 21st-century educational facilities.
- Funds from Measure E will enable IUSD to provide critical upgrades for aging schools to meet the same academic, technology and safety standards as new IUSD schools.
- Depending on each aging school's needs upgrades will include additional classrooms, science labs, dedicated spaces for art and music, and technology infrastructure upgrades.
- Measure E benefits all IUSD schools by ensuring general funds are allocated to instruction rather than diverting funds to pay for facilities improvements.
- Most of the high schools and middle schools serving graduates of Irvine's newest elementary schools will receive significant improvements as a result of this measure.

Measure E Project Implementation

- IUSD is committed to being good stewards of Measure E funding and resources. To this end, as part of the Measure E planning process, IUSD has utilized the District's Comprehensive Facilities Master Plan to prioritize projects to upgrade older schools. This process has included a thorough expert assessment of each of our school campuses and input from principals, teachers, staff, parents and students to identify the highest priority needs for each school site.
- For information about specific projects at your school site, visit iusd.org/MeasureE and click on your school's name.
- The criteria for prioritization was determined by the following:
 - Safety and security
 - Schools that are more than 25 years of age, which have not already been modernized
 - Projects that will impact the most IUSD students, such as middle and high school facilities improvements. Most IUSD students will attend middle and high schools impacted by Measure E

Measure E Phased Project Implementation

- By issuing the bonds in a series, the District can ensure tax rates and collections are sufficient to pay the debt service on outstanding bonds, while monitoring the uncertainties related to fluctuations in assessed valuations and interest rates.
- From a project management perspective, this phased approach will prevent disruption across the District and enable IUSD to address the most urgent projects first.
- This phased approach will enable IUSD to effectively and efficiently manage the large volume of complex projects by making certain appropriate staffing, contractors and resources are in place on each project.

Schools that do not Receive Measure E Funding

- Schools that are not within the School Facilities Improvement District will not receive Measure E funds. However, Measure E will benefit all IUSD schools by ensuring general funds are allocated to instruction rather than diverting funds to pay for facilities improvements. Also, most of the high schools and middle schools serving graduates of Irvine's newest elementary schools will receive significant improvements as a result of this measure.
- In addition, IUSD makes annual investments through the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP), which is the District's interactive budgeting process to help IUSD identify annual goals, develop strategic actions, and measure progress on academic achievement, school climate and parent engagement. Through this process, the IUSD makes annual investments districtwide, many of which are driven by each school community and their unique needs.

School Site Projects and Use of Space on Campus

- Measure E funds will be used to update 28 of IUSD's aging schools. However, it is not a beautification project. Schools original architecture and design will not change but available space and how it is utilized will. For example, if a school receives a new music room, this enables the multipurpose room to be used for other purposes such as science, an innovation lab, makerspace and more. Essentially, this approach doubles the available space and enables schools to reimagine how they can best utilize space on their campuses.
- A key part of our education specifications is the creation of flexible learning environments throughout our campuses. As we review our existing floor plans, we are looking for opportunities to turn areas close/adjacent to the classrooms into collaborative student areas. Expanding the hallways by removing cabinetry, old stoves and some walls can create excellent flexible spaces for small group work, creative student endeavors, interventions and extensions. In addition, schools may assess their existing library spaces and how they may be transformed into a media center.
- IUSD is committed to delivering instruction in new and innovative ways throughout the District. By repurposing and reimagining our existing spaces, it provides teachers and site administrators with the ability to make fundamental and impactful changes efficiently.

Citizens Oversight Committee

- California state law, for measures passed with 55 percent of the vote, requires a Citizens Oversight Committee be appointed by the Board of Education to monitor bond expenditures and ensure bond revenues are allocated in compliance with the voter approved measure. The focus of the committee is to provide transparency and maintain public confidence in the use of Measure E bond funds.
- Applicants must commit to a two-year term of service and reside or own property within the School Facilities Improvement District (SFID) boundaries. [Click here to view the SFID boundary map.](#) Membership is voluntary, without compensation, and members must be 18 years of age. Employees, vendors, contractors, consultants, or IUSD officials are not eligible for appointment to the Committee.

- After careful consideration and based on their respective qualifications and an interview, staff recommended 11 candidates for appointment to the Measure E Independent Citizens Oversight Committee.
- Meetings will occur quarterly and begin in October 2016.

Measure E Communications

- IUSD is committed to regularly communicating important Measure E updates and key milestones to the IUSD community and the larger Irvine community.
- Information is available to the public through iusd.org, including a comprehensive Measure E webpage iusd.org/MeasureE and a Citizens Oversight Committee webpage iusd.org/COC, both of which are updated regularly and can be accessed 24/7.
- In addition, IUSD's news blog, NewsFlash newsflash.iusd.org, also features Measure E updates.
- Other IUSD communication channels for Measure E information include the District's Facebook facebook.com/IrvineUnifiedSchoolDistrict, Twitter twitter.com/IUSD and Instagram instagram.com/irvine_unified social media accounts.
- IUSD will also distribute an annual Measure E newsletter that will be mailed to residents within the School Facilities Improvement District boundaries and distributed through school sites.
- For parents who have students in IUSD schools, they will receive communications from both the District and most often directly from their school principals.



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