



EMPLOYEE INFORMATION POINTS

Remember, the law restricts school districts from using public resources to campaign for or against a ballot measure, and District employees cannot engage in advocacy while they are “on the clock.” Nothing prevents employees from providing factual, balanced, impartial information about Measure RR and local schools’ needs, but employees must provide complete information including *both* the benefits *and* the costs. That means that an employee may not pick and choose only certain talking points below that underscore the advantages of the measure without also mentioning the costs of the measure.

- The Los Angeles Unified School District Board of Education voted unanimously to place Measure RR, a local school bond measure, on the November 3, 2020 ballot to address the significant and unfunded needs of Los Angeles public school facilities that are currently estimated at more than \$50 billion.
- While Los Angeles Unified has built some new schools and modernized others, more than 70% of its school buildings were built more than 50 years ago, and many are deteriorating and do not meet today’s standards for learning and safety.
- If approved by 55% of votes cast, Measure RR will provide funds to upgrade, modernize, and replace aging and deteriorating school facilities, update technology, and address inequities in our children’s schools.
- Measure RR is projected to extend the repayment period for all Los Angeles Unified bonds by four years and is structured not to increase the tax rate that will be in place at the time of the election -- additionally, as older bonds are paid-off the overall tax rate will decrease.
- Measure RR will cost 2.174 cents per \$100 (\$21.74 per \$100,000) of assessed - not market - property value, generating an estimated \$329,528,000 annually until approximately 2055.
- Measure RR is subject to strict independent oversight and accountability requirements, including annual independent financial and performance audits, that help safeguard against improper spending and ensure that all bond funds are spent only on voter-authorized projects.
- All Measure RR funds are allocated to specific areas of need. Bond dollars cannot be spent until allocated to a specific project, included in a Strategic Execution Plan, reviewed by the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee and approved by the Board. That's true of past bond dollars, present bond dollars, and future bond dollars.

Specifically, Measure RR would provide funding to:

- Upgrade and/or retrofit old and outdated school campuses to create 21st-century learning environments while upgrading earthquake safety and environmental sustainability.
- Upgrade deteriorating and outdated school building systems, grounds, furniture, and equipment to reduce safety hazards, complete necessary updates in schools, and provide clean, renewable energy improvements.
- Upgrade schools to a post-COVID-19 learning environment.
- Ensure more school buildings are fully compliant with accessibility standards to meet the needs of all students and staff and make them accessible to the entire community.
- Enhance and expand learning, wellness, and athletic/recreational opportunities, and provide a more energy/water efficient environment.
- Provide safe, upgraded childhood education facilities.
- Replace/upgrade adult and career education centers so they are safe, functional, support 21st-century learning, and align with regional industry sectors and career pathways.
- Upgrade, modernize, and/or construct charter school facilities.
- Replace/upgrade aging, undersized, and inadequate school cafeterias.
- Improve school safety, security, network, and emergency communications systems.
- Furnish and equip schools with 21st-century learning technologies, and upgrade/install technology infrastructure, information systems, hardware and software.
- Replace outdated and inefficient school buses to meet 21st-century environmental and safety standards.

Important Election and Voting Information

- Election Day is November 3, 2020.
- The deadline to register online or by mail to vote in the November 3, 2020 election is October 19.
- Eligible Los Angeles County residents who miss the October 19 deadline can still vote at any Vote Center in L.A. County by completing a Conditional Voter Registration – for more information visit <https://www.lavote.net/home/voting-elections/voter-registration/conditional-voter-registration>.
- VBMs returned by mail must be postmarked by Election Day and received within 17 days after Election Day.
- VBMs may also be dropped off at a VBM drop-box location or at a Vote Center -- visit www.LAVote.net for a list of locations.
- Select Vote Centers will be open beginning October 24th, with the remaining Vote Centers open beginning on October 30th for in-person voting -- visit www.LAVote.net for a list of locations.
- Regardless of how you plan to vote, we encourage you to make your voice heard!