

**FULL TEXT BALLOT PROPOSITION  
OF THE MOUNTAIN VIEW-LOS ALTOS UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOND MEASURE ELECTION JUNE 8, 2010**

The following is the full ballot proposition presented to the voters by the Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District:

“Local High School Improvement Measure. Without increasing current tax rates, shall Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District add classrooms and science labs to prevent student overcrowding, improve instructional technology to support academic programs, lower energy costs by upgrading heating, ventilation, electrical and other systems, improve/add student safety systems, repair, construct and acquire school facilities and equipment, by issuing \$41,300,000 in bonds at legal interest rates, with all expenditures subject to independent citizens’ oversight?”

**PROJECT LIST**

The Board of Trustees of the Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District evaluated the District’s urgent and critical facility needs, including safety issues, enrollment trends, class size, and computer and information technology, in developing the scope of projects to be funded. The District conducted a facilities evaluation and received public input and review 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 if these needs are not addressed now, the problems will only become more pressing. **Therefore, in approving this Project List, the Board of Trustees determines that the District should**

- (i) add science labs, classrooms and equipment to ensure our high schools are up-to-date and can accommodate growing enrollment;**
- (ii) upgrade emergency safety systems to ensure the safety of our students;**
- (iii) reduce operating costs through energy efficiency and invest the savings to improve academic class offerings;**
- (iv) establish a ten-year classroom technology fund;**
- (v) support English, math, science and other academic programs through improved classroom technology and facilities;**
- (vi) retain all bond money to be used in our local community;**
- (vii) ensure comparable academic and extracurricular facilities for all students; and**
- (viii) not raise tax rates above current levels.**

The Project List is on file at the District Office of the Superintendent and includes the following projects:

**Projects to Construct New Classrooms and Science Labs and to Convert Existing Spaces to Classrooms to Accommodate Enrollment Growth and Provide Comparable Facilities for All Students**

**Goal and Purpose: To keep both high schools up-to-date, accommodate growing enrollment and provide earthquake-safe and accessibility-compliant classrooms and labs.**

- Construct new classrooms/classroom buildings, which will provide needed classrooms and science labs for classes in math, English, social studies, foreign languages and core science classes.
- Provide Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility features as mandated by the Division of the State Architect.
- Build additional student restrooms.
- Comply with current best building practices for security and fire and earthquake safety.
- Install updated wiring and equipment to accommodate modern educational technology.
- Convert existing space to new science labs to maximize the number of student classrooms and to meet specialized instructional needs.

**District-Wide Instructional Technology Projects  
For Effective Learning Environments**

**Goal and Purpose: To improve current instructional methods, to integrate modern technology into daily student learning, and to ensure that our schools remain among the best in the State.**

- Provide and maintain upgraded technology, data and communication equipment.
- Upgrade and expand wireless systems, telecommunications, Internet and network connections.
- Upgrade and replace computers, hardware and software systems.

**Student Health and Safety, Earthquake Safety  
and Energy Efficiency Projects**

**Goal and Purpose: To ensure that all students are safe and learning in a healthful environment and to reduce energy costs so that more money is available for classroom use, both Mountain View High School (originally constructed in 1962) and Los Altos High School (originally constructed in 1955) will benefit from a variety of health, safety and energy efficiency projects.**

**Student Health and Safety:**

- Upgrade fire alarm systems to automatic systems, repair fire safety equipment, and integrate new classrooms in each school's fire safety system.
- Replace/upgrade existing security systems.
- Upgrade emergency communication systems, including warning systems and public address systems.

**School Repair:**

- Meet handicap accessibility requirements, including ramps, handicapped parking and bleacher access.
- Upgrade classrooms to meet current earthquake safety codes.
- Retrofit electrical systems for classroom technology.
- Upgrade outdated heating and ventilation systems.
- Improve drainage and water systems.

**Energy Improvement Expected to Save More Than \$400,000 per Year:**

- Install energy efficient systems.
- Replace or improve window systems.
- Install solar panels to reduce energy/utility costs and return savings to educational programs.
- Reconfigure classroom lighting and maximize the use of daylight to reduce operational costs.
- Install new energy management systems.
- Replace or upgrade mechanical systems; implement cogeneration technology.
- Improve insulation, weatherproofing and roofs to reduce costs.
- Implement water conservation projects.

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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, program management, staff training expenses and a customary contingency, and escalation for unforeseen design and construction costs. In addition to the listed projects stated above, the Project List also includes the payment of the costs of preparation of all facility planning, facility assessment reviews, environmental studies, construction documentation, inspection and permit fees, and temporary housing of District activities displaced by bond projects. 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, and other

miscellaneous equipment and software. The repair of school facilities includes the construction of a weight room and a new, energy efficient pool at Mountain View High School so that facilities at the two high schools are comparable. The allocation of bond proceeds may 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 may 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. The final cost of each project will be determined as plans are finalized, construction bids 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 enhanced and operationally efficient campuses. Necessary site preparation/restoration and landscaping 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, redirecting fire access, and acquiring any necessary easements, licenses, or rights of way to the property.

Bond proceeds shall be expended only for the specific purposes identified herein. 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 the bond projects. 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.

FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY: IN ACCORDANCE WITH EDUCATION CODE SECTION 15272, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WILL APPOINT A CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE AND CONDUCT ANNUAL INDEPENDENT AUDITS TO ASSURE THAT FUNDS ARE SPENT ONLY ON DISTRICT PROJECTS AND FOR NO OTHER PURPOSE. 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.

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.