

# MVLA SCHOOLS FOR THE FUTURE

HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

MVLA is proud to offer innovative, award-winning programs that prepare our students for college and jobs of the future. Parents and community members tell us that our neighborhood high schools are critical to the strength of our communities. In fact, Los Altos and Mountain View High Schools were just ranked as the 9th and 11th best of more than 1,500 high schools in California, and Newsweek ranks our district in the top 1% nationwide. Great schools help keep our students on the path to future success and increase property values for our entire community.

## ADDRESSING GROWING STUDENT ENROLLMENT

Our schools face significant classroom overcrowding due to years of sustained enrollment growth and further projected growth on the horizon. Based on the enrollment in our local elementary schools today, our two high schools will need to accommodate at least 500 additional students in the next few years, with dozens more high-density housing developments on the way. In order to address this growth and prevent overcrowding, expanded classrooms, labs, libraries and other student support facilities are needed.

## A MODERN LEARNING ENVIRONMENT FOR 21ST-CENTURY STUDENT SUCCESS

While some of our high school facilities have been upgraded recently, others have not. Aging facilities at each of our campuses are still in need of repair and modernization. Basic repairs and increased access to up-to-date educational technology would help ensure that local teachers can continue providing the outstanding academic instruction that sets our schools apart.

## MVLA CONSIDERING LOCAL FUNDING OPTIONS TO ADDRESS PRIORITY NEEDS

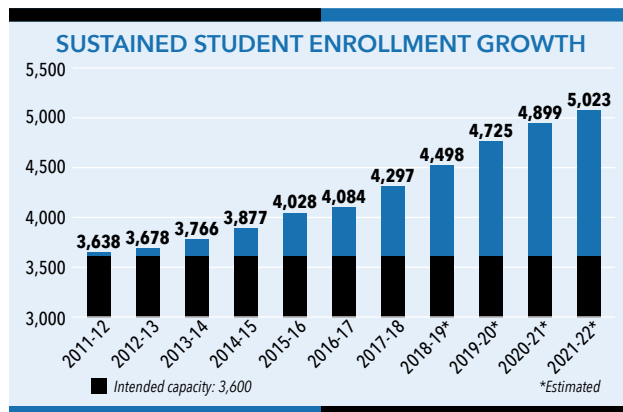
To fund these identified needs and ensure that all students have equal access to high-quality classrooms, the MVLA Board of Trustees is considering a \$260 million bond measure for the June 2018 ballot. Currently, our District is completing a comprehensive Facilities' Master Plan to determine priority school improvements to provide students with the modern learning environment they need to succeed in the 21st-century economy. Identified funding priorities include:

- Adding classrooms to accommodate growing student enrollment and prevent overcrowding
- Providing facilities to expand programs in science, technology, engineering, arts and math
- Updating aging classrooms and replacing old roofs, outdated plumbing and inefficient wiring and electrical systems to meet modern safety standards
- Expanding libraries, cafeterias and other student support facilities to accommodate growing student enrollment
- Equipping classrooms and labs with 21st-century learning technology

## MANDATORY FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY PROVISIONS

Bond measures are subject to fiscal accountability requirements to ensure the proper use of funds.

- By law, all funds from a potential bond measure would stay within MVLA schools and could not be taken away by the state or federal governments
- A detailed project list outlining repairs and upgrades at each school would be mandatory
- No funds could be used for administrators' salaries or benefits
- Independent citizens' oversight and annual audits would be required
- The cost would be limited to no more than \$30 per \$100,000 of assessed value (not market value) annually



## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

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