

Measure E Community Input (received via Email)

I am writing as a parent of a student attending Inspire School of Arts and Science concerning the spending plan for Measure E. As I understand there is a lot of support is going to toward an athletic stadium but I would like to bring to your attention that some spending should be considered for the safety and structure of the Inspire School campus.

If the board would please consider the following needs of Inspire. For the safety and accessibility our campus needs lighting, cameras and fencing as well as shade from the sun and cover from the rain. We also would like to see the gravel fire lane paved and a concrete path from the asphalt outside classroom IC14 to the row or portables on the south side.

The students and faculty at Inspire are not as sports oriented as the larger schools but they have dedication and passion for their curriculum. Please do not let the smaller schools needs be lost in a rush to get funding for schools with larger numbers.

As the parent of a Junior at Inspire School for the Arts and Sciences (Inspire), I would like to submit my concerns about a few issues that can be addressed through the use of Measure E funds.

Safety..... Inspire is so very dark at nighttime (back to school nite was scary even with lights shining from all the classroom windows. I can't imagine being a teacher working late and leaving after dark!) If students/staff are there after hours (which starts at 5pm really soon!), the risk for falls, fears (school should feel safe) and hidden dangers (of all kinds) skyrockets because of the very dim lighting and deep pockets of shadows between buildings. Walking out after evening meetings even scares me and I don't scare easily! This issue is easily remedied by providing adequate lighting that is powered with today's extremely energy efficient light bulbs. A simple timer to turn off every other light after say.....midnight would further decrease cost. Absolutely no excuse for this not to be provided for this school.

ADA Accessibility..... As Chair of the Caltrans District 3 Disability Advisory Committee, it has also come to my attention that all the gravel in the middle of the campus prevents wheelchair, crutches, etc. accessibility for students and, as witnessed at back to school night, a disabled parent in a wheelchair who could not negotiate that route with her child. Given that this area is now IN the Inspire campus given our recent expansion, the District is out of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act by preventing free access to and from classroom spaces by students/staff with limited mobility (wheelchair-bound, etc.) and/or mobility issues (vision-impaired, vertigo, diabetes (foot problems), multiple sclerosis, etc. – many of which may not be evident but which present significant balance issues). I would certainly hope ADA compliance is one of the top priorities identified for the Chico High/Inspire campus.

Security..... There is no boundary between the west edge of Inspire's campus and the parking lot/playing fields area. A boundary is greatly needed in order to offer some security to students and teachers who, along with parents, are concerned that anyone can just walk right into the Inspire campus. Boundaries, while perhaps not providing a physical barrier that prohibits access, do provide a perceptual transition which indicates a possession of space that, if one is not a 'member', the thought enters that this is a 'protected' space and an alternative path must be followed. The imagination is the only limit to what a boundary can consist of. I'm sure the creative students at Inspire would provide any number of ecologically-sensitive, economic, visually pleasing and effective

boundaries for their school. Since Inspire has no choice but to remain in its current location, the District would certainly be well-served by addressing the needs for security as well as the need for a way to define the boundaries of Inspire. ADDITIONAL NOTE: Inspire's bike racks are currently on this west boundary and bikes are being repeatedly stolen even when locked up (if the front tire and frame are locked up the back wheel and handlebars are stolen)! Without a 'boundary', student's bikes are open season for thieves. Please relocate the bike racks to the interior of Inspire. Parent's cannot keep replacing bicycles!

Beautification..... While I'm sure there are infrastructure needs which must be placed higher on a priority list, I cannot submit these comments without expressing the great need for landscaping, benches, shade structures, etc.. The new buildings at Inspire are greatly appreciated but other than the small square of grass that can hardly be called a 'quad', Inspire has no landscaping other than rocks and dirt. The Inspire Foundation (of which I am a member) is currently raising funds to address this need and would love to partner with the District to accomplish more than what our limited fundraising will be able to achieve. There is no place to sit outside other than a couple of 4 person tables. There is no place to go to get out of the sun at lunchtime except indoors. Greenery and color add value to any campus, including the value of school pride which directly translates into improved student achievement. Please consider the current condition of this campus and allocate funds to join with those the Inspire Foundation can raise to make Inspire a campus to be proud of. (and prevent heat stroke and sunburn too!)

My daughter has attended Inspire for 3 years now and our family can't say enough good things about the staff, the incredible teachers and their common core philosophy, the atmosphere that promotes individuality while instilling a caring and cohesive community, the only Project Lead The Way engineering program in the North Valley and more AP classes than offered at our home school of Paradise High School. My incredibly bright daughter's desire to become a scientist in bio-engineering or to delve into the mysteries of the human brain or develop bio-terrorism vaccines and treatments or whatever path she chooses has been supported, nurtured and enlightened by the school that is Inspire. The District should be incredibly proud of Inspire and I hope that your funding decisions reflect that pride.

In regards to the Facilities Master Plan and Measure E, we as a family feel the needs that Inspire School of the Arts and Sciences has for funding improvements to its campus are a priority. Inspire's financial needs for facilities focus on safety and accessibility. The campus needs lighting, cameras and fencing as well as shade from the sun and cover from the rain. We also would like to see the gravel fire lane paved and a concrete path from the asphalt outside classroom IC14 to the row of portables on the south side.

As a parent of a student at Inspire, I would like to voice my agreement with the staff and students from Inspire in requesting that funds from measure E are used as such:

Our priorities for facilities focus on safety and accessibility. The campus needs lighting, cameras and fencing as well as shade from the sun and cover from the rain. We also would like to see the gravel fire lane paved and a concrete path from the asphalt outside classroom IC14 to the row of portables on the south side. (Wheelchair accessibility)

My daughter is at Inspire High School and is loving it.

There are some things on Inspires 'wish list' in allocating funds from measure E.

There are a few fundamental basics for the kids and some other things that may not be fundamental but certainly improve the quality/safety of campus.

Here are my thoughts on:

What facility need is holding your school back from being the best it can be?

***OUTSIDE shelter** from winter rain and summer sun - - a basic fundamental need.*

What facilities improvements have the most impact?

An outside place to hang will give the kids a local designated area to sit that is theirs, rather than wonder off campus and/or onto another.

Are there additional facilities related changes that will make your schools safer?

***OUTSIDE** lights and perimeter fence.*

When choosing a school what facilities do you look for?

Great schools of CA marks, safe, enclosed grounds, condition of buildings, restrooms, water supply.

Is there a facilities improvement that will help your child learn?

*I feel an **outside shelter** would keep their minds, bodies, and attentions closer to what's happening right there at the school, vs wondering off wondering what else is happening nearby. Maybe with places to sit and feel connected to their campus. Their own quad if you will - their own turf, and quicker to get back to class, than some other place they've wondered.*

Hello I am a parent of a child who is a student at the Inspire High School. I wanted to voice my opinion regarding how the funds from Measure E will be spent. I know that there is a need at the Inspire campus for safety and accessibility upgrades. They need lighting, cameras and fencing as well as shade from the sun and cover from the rain for the students. It would also be helpful to pave the gravel fire lane and put in a concrete path from the asphalt outside classroom IC14 to the row of portables on the south side. This money should be spent for the betterment of all of the students in all areas and not only in one area such as sports. While sports should be included it should not be granted the majority of the funds.

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As a parent, I would defer to Eric Nilsson and the Inspire administration in naming the specific improvements that would be most important at Inspire. I am aware of several safety and accessibility concerns that are the main priorities. But beyond that, I think Inspire could use some funds to help with student comfort (like shade from the sun, and cover from the rain) and also campus beautification.

I attended the Measure E workshop at Chico Junior High and felt that the opportunity to provide input was severely limited by the overwhelming presence of folks looking to support a stadium. I understand they were instructed by a school board member that this was the place for them to make their case, but combined with the acoustics and the meeting management, the meeting was effectively shut down.

I was unclear on how the options related to the items for ranking on the sheet we were given. The options stated that ADA accessibility, bringing schools up to a common condition score and some other items I can't remember were all included. Then these items were included on the other side of the page in the list to be ranked. It wasn't worth trying to ask a question that night amid the chaos as to how they relate.

I support the middle school concept. I participated in the community discussions over the closure of Jay Partridge, Cohasset, Nord and Forest Ranch Elementary Schools and find it shocking that we are now considering building a new school. I believe we should focus on improving what we have. So many of the schools are in need of help for their mechanicals, structure, plumbing, technology, play space and large meeting space, it makes no sense to build one new school that will have all that, while so many others struggle with inadequate facilities. Every child should feel that they are valued and we provide a space to learn that reflects that value.

I will offer my input that ADA accessibility has to happen. It is a shame that in 2013 we don't have fully accessible schools. Think what this says to our disabled students and parents about how we value them. At back to school night Inspire, a parent had to be wheeled around multiple buildings because a pathway was gravel instead of paved.

Technology needs to be upgraded across the district. Our students need access to current technology in order to be well educated. For the more affluent students, it will come at home if it doesn't come at school. For those students who don't have computers or internet access at home, they are at such a disadvantage. CUSD can help level that field.

Safety has to be paramount. In my child's school, lack of lighting and security cameras put students at risk when participating in after school activities. As we move out of daylight savings time into the winter, this becomes more of a concern. At the Chico High/Inspire campus, we have the added issue of proximity to downtown and the CSU campus, which attract people that can cause problems for our students. We also need locks on the insides of the doors (as I note some other schools do) to allow safe lock down procedures.

After my top priorities of ADA accessibility, technology and safety, I believe students need a place to gather and eat lunch that is sheltered from the sun and rain. Both of my boys went through Marsh where they sat under the eaves to eat or in some sympathetic teacher's classroom. Now it is the same at Inspire. Thank heaven for sympathetic teachers.

The district should also pursue renewable energy, but first look at energy efficiency. This is in conformance with the adopted loading order for California that puts energy efficiency before renewable energy.

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My son attends Inspire, and as a parent I agree with the ideas that have been brought forward about the need for the following improvements to be made at Inspire:

The campus needs lighting, cameras and fencing.

- The campus needs shade from the sun and cover from the rain.*
- The campus needs the gravel fire lane paved and a concrete path from the asphalt outside classroom IC14 to the row of portables on the south side.*

These needs became very apparent to me while I attended the latest Back to School Night. The lack of lighting, especially, made me question whether or not I should leave early as I would have to walk in the dark to my car. Fortunately, I found someone to walk with, but it's still unsafe for our staff and students who are there after dark on a regular basis.

My son attends Inspire. It's disturbingly clear that the facilities and grounds there are inadequate. The campus needs better lighting and other safety features, outdoor areas that are shaded from the sun, and better pathways. No other high school is asked to accept not only having to hold all of its classes in portables, but also such inadequate grounds. Thanks for your consideration.

I was reading the options put forth by the long range planning group regarding elementary capacity problems and I really wasn't sure who to ask my question to.

Do you know if the option of re-vamping the grade configuration at each elementary school was investigated?

I mean, putting two elementary schools together, K-3 at one elementary and its "sister" school 4-6th grades.

The advantage would be tremendous since it would allow grade level collaboration on a daily basis and a more efficient use of facilities, materials and resources.

I would like to add my support for funding of the renovation of the Culinary Career and Technical Education facilities (PVHS). This is a terrific program for students just wanting to enter the hospitality field right after graduation or continue on to earn a four-year college degree. We need more of these kinds of apprentice positions for our graduating high school students. I have had the privilege of meeting these students and many have the qualities needed in the hospitality profession. It would be nice to see the program expanded to offer some hotel knowledge and experience. The hospitality industry is the leading industry in the US and they need plenty of qualified employees. CUSD could be a leader in this industry!!!

I would like to provide my support for Inspire Principal Eric Nilsson's recommendation on improvements for Inspire High School using funds from Measure E. The recommendations are reasonable common sense improvements for safety of our students. These recommendations include:

1) Lighting. In the evenings, there are places of campus that are not well lit. The corridor along the North side of campus has no lighting at all. Given the number of evening activities at both Inspire and Chico High, adding adequate lighting will help insure greater safety.

2) Camera coverage. Beginning in the fall of 2013, Inspire's administrative office will be on the northwest corner of campus, adjacent to the student parking lot. This is an area of high traffic for both Inspire and CHS, and the addition of camera(s) will enhance campus safety for both Inspire and CHS.

3) Door lock upgrades. Presently, all doors on campus can only be locked from the outside. Replacing existing doorknobs with doorknobs that lock from the inside will enable teachers, in an emergency situation, to lock the doors more efficiently, and it will lead to less exposure to possible dangers on the outside of the classrooms.

4) Ramp improvements. Access to all Inspire classrooms is via ramp. Many of the ramps have worn and chipping surfaces that pose a danger to students using them.

5) HVAC upgrades. Many of the existing HVAC units are in need of maintenance or replacement. They consistently fail to keep classrooms at comfortable working temperatures, preventing optimal student performance.

I am the General Manager for the Chico Area Recreation and Park District. We have had discussions with CUSD Staff recently concerning Shapiro Pool. Shapiro Pool, built in the late 50's is on its last leg. CUSD utilizes Shapiro for P.E. Classes for Chico Jr. High, as well as Chico High School Swim Team. The pool is also utilized for water safety to help kids to learn to swim. I am respectfully requesting that you place Shapiro Pool on your list of discussion items to be considered for Measure E allocations. I understand the process has just begun and if included on the list we would be available to attend any meeting concerning the pool.

As a seven year parent of Hooker Oak, I have a couple of ideas that I think would be nice additions to the school. First of all it would be really nice to have actual doors on the adults restroom stalls. It has always seemed odd to me that there are curtains there. Second I would really like to see shorter basketball hoops for the 1-3 grade children. I have seen them at Sierra View and thought they were a really great idea.

Hi I would like to show my open support to Measure E. I have worked with the culinary program for 3 years now and know the value of well-trained students. A hot line training section and update make a lot of sense; training students for attainable and careers in this job sector open many doors for them in the future. This job sector continues to grow and provide opportunities. The PVHS Culinary program needs an update to facility to continue serving students well and training them towards careers. I was a culinary student and would have benefited in skill development and training by having adequate commercial equipment to train on during my time in class. Not only commercial equipment but we could really use and update to the refrigeration and sculler, our facilities were built in 1964 and have hardly been updated for the next century. I support the use of Measure E funds for the CTE pathway area of Food service and hospitality training....thank you for your time

---Bicycle parking outside the locked gates for parents to use who arrive after the school is locked up for the day to do their volunteer time.

I've worked with the culinary program for many years and know the value of well-trained students. I support the use of Measure E Funds for the CTE pathway Food Service and Hospitality. As this industry sector continues to grow, the Pleasant Valley High school Culinary program needs an updated facility that meets industry requirements. This will allow students to be well trained and opportunities for careers.

As a student and participant of PVHS's culinary program, I see many ways in which Measure E funding can greatly benefit the culinary CTE program.

Our facility (PVHS) is old and outdated, and would greatly prosper from new improvements and appliances. Our culinary program would greatly benefit from new industrial stoves, ovens, and repairs for our triple sink. Training students for culinary careers with industrial equipment is of utmost importance so students are entering the work place with experience using and cooking with specialized equipment and appliances.

I am a great supporter of the culinary program (PVHS) and its role in aiding students in the food service and hospitality industry. We've worked with the culinary program for a year and know the value of well-trained students. I support the use of measure E funds for the CTE pathway area of Food service and hospitality training.

With the culinary program (PVHS) I was trained with how to prepare multiple varieties of nutritious meals as well as what equipment is used for certain situations. However, we lack certain equipment that could further train us for today's work environment hospitality career pathways and I would love to see this program receive Measure E funding.

We need more money for new equipment (PVHS).

We've worked in the culinary program for 1 year and know the value of well-trained students. I support the use of measure e funds for the CTE pathway area of food service and hospitality training (PVHS).

Being trained on professional equipment will help me prepare for working in an industrial kitchen at a five star hotel or big kitchen. We currently don't have all the correct equipment to successfully learn on (PVHS).

I think PVHS needs some new culinary things are kitchens are old the more we learn here the more it will prepare us to be successful. We're missing a lot of things and it limits us on what we can learn.

We've worked with the culinary program for 2 years and know the value of well-trained students. I support the use of measure E funds for the CTE pathway area of Food service and hospitality training (PVHS).

I would like to give some input on how Measure E funds may be allocated. First, I would like to see Inspire High School moved to an independent campus. Inspire has proven its worth in the outstanding quality of education and innovative programming. It is an asset to the community and to the students who attend there. Initially the

plan was for Inspire to have its own campus, but that seems to have fallen by the wayside. For the benefit of students, staff, and parents (at both Chico High and Inspire) down the road, I would like to see a workable plan for creating an independent campus for Inspire. It doesn't have to be fancy, just separate! Second, I would recommend allocating some funds to necessary upgrades at the ROP culinary arts program. This is a first rate program and is especially beneficial to students who would like an alternative or supplement to college. It gives the students necessary and marketable skills that they can use to support themselves throughout life. Please consider allocating some funds to necessary upgrades there.

Hello, I am writing to express concerns about some of the conditions at my daughter's school (Hooker Oak), in the hopes that some of the Measure E funds will be used to make things better: Kitchen floor needs total resurfacing/rebuilding. Kitchen ovens don't work well; they are old and outdated for school needs. Wing 3 restrooms are dark & dank. Ongoing multiple leaking ceiling areas. Roof replacement needed. Electrical circuitry is old thus does not support the technology infusion that has occurred in the last 10 years. Circuits are blown almost daily. Window frames to garden and nature areas have decaying wood that is increasing through the years. Hallways and office rooms are freezing. (Office is cold because we keep the door open to see visitors. Thus, the cold (lack of heat) from the hallway comes into the office.) Wing 1 and 2 boy's restroom tiles were never sealed properly thus urine soaked into caulking and smell never goes away. Gets worse in warm weather. Only one outside water fountain for students. Concrete foundation and walls have separated which in rains cause water to enter building. Ants also use this entry into the building. Carpet in kindergarten room 18 is buckled, grungy, torn and needs replacing. Main office is outdated, cramped, little heat. Safety access into building needs modernizing per safety needs of the times. All classrooms need LCD projectors mounted from ceiling. Laptops for all teachers needed. Replace bathroom floors. Repair bathroom ceilings. A/C needed in kitchen (presently just has an old swamp cooler. Replace dishwasher. Seal and upgrade basement. New classroom wire and circuit breakers.

We need new or used Type II school buses that do not have over 500,000 miles on them and some do not have air conditioning that works very well! Too much money is spent on "band aiding" the old buses. We have too many kids that are heat sensitive, let alone the driver.

We need newer special Ed buses.....our fleet is worn out and we are getting more and more special need. I would like to suggest that a portion of the Measure E money be used to purchase some new or slightly used Type 2 buses. Type 2 buses are used for our special needs students. We have students that are very temperature sensitive. Our current fleet consists of several older buses that are between 22-28 years old and the air conditioning and heating systems work poorly. This is a serious health and safety issues students, without the buses to transport them.