

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ's)

MEASURE K, PREVIOUS BONDS, AND THE FACILITY MASTER PLAN (FMP)

1. Why is the Chico Unified School District (CUSD) placing Measure K on the November ballot?

Response: CUSD developed a facility master plan in 2013 that evaluated all the schools in the district and developed a plan for repairing, modernizing, and constructing educational facilities to provide safe, equitable, quality schools in our community. The plan was updated in 2016 and the cost of improvements needed is over \$400 million dollars. Measure K would be used to implement the FMP.

2. What will Measure K cost the taxpayer?

Response: The cost to the taxpayer for Measure K is estimated to be \$60 per \$100,000 of assessed property value. Assessed value is different than market value and often represents the value of property when purchased. As an example, if the assessed valuation of property is \$300,000 then the estimated tax payment would be \$180 per year.

3. How much money would Measure K authorize for facilities?

Response: Measure K is asking for authorization to sell bonds in the amount of \$152 million dollars.

4. What has CUSD done with the \$78 million Measure E dollars approved by voters in 2012?

Response: Measure E was a tax rate extension which permits CUSD to sell up to \$78 million dollars in bonds without raising taxes above the rate taxpayers were paying in 2012 (\$45.50 per \$100,000 of assessed property value). CUSD has only been able to sell \$15 million dollars of Measure E to date. CUSD cannot sell the remaining authorized bonds at this time without increasing tax rates above the allowed limit. CUSD needs time for the assessed valuation of property to increase and provide capacity to sell the remaining bonds. We expect to be able to sell another \$15 million of

Measure E bonds in 2017 due to the increasing assessed property values in our community. CUSD has used the first sale of Measure E bonds to improve technology, comply with Americans with Disability Act (ADA) accessibility, improve safety and update the Jr. High Schools with modernized facilities including restrooms and constructed science buildings, and cafeteria facilities.

5. Measure A, passed by voters in 1998, was to build a third high school. Why wasn't a third high school built?

Response: The process to identify and purchase property for a new high school took years and involved environmental impact studies and mitigation agreements. Property was purchased in 2004. Then CUSD experienced dramatic declining enrollment and was in the position of having a school site but not needing the school to meet the educational needs of students and could not afford to operate a new school.

6. What did CUSD do with Measure A dollars?

Response: In 2007 the CUSD board passed a resolution (998-07) determining a new high school did not meet the current needs of secondary students and directing District efforts and resources to improve and provide additional needed facilities to meet the requirement of the Educational Program at the existing high school campuses. Measure A dollars were used to build the Center For the Arts at Pleasant Valley High School (PV) and to build the new Lincoln Center and Gymnasium at Chico High School (CHS). 26 portable classrooms were replaced at PV with the construction of the Yale Building. In essence, a third high school was built on the current high school campuses.

PVHS Measure A Projects:

Center for the Arts – 480 seat auditorium, band, choir and drama classrooms, restrooms – completed 12/16/10

Yale Classroom Building – Replaced portable classroom buildings with 24 classrooms that include 2 special education classrooms, restrooms – completed 1/22/15

CHS Measure A Projects:

New Classroom Building on West Sacramento Avenue – 21 Classrooms including 3 science labs, restrooms – completed 6/6/11

New Lincoln Center Cafeteria/Dining and Gymnasium, restrooms – completed 7/21/14

New Fitness Lab – Physical Education Classroom – completed 7/21/14

New Restroom Building on sports field – completed 12/17/13

Fair View High School Measure A Project:
New Construction Technology Building – completed 5/16/13

Inspire School of Arts and Science Measure A Projects 2 Phases – completed 10/19/12 and 9/23/13:

New Chemistry Lab

Reconditioned and enlarged Music, Art, Robotics, Computer Lab

New Administration Building

New Restroom Building

7. A complaint expressed when Measure E was on the ballot was CUSD did not have a plan for how Measure E money would be spent. Does CUSD have a plan if Measure K is approved by voters?

Response: CUSD now has a Facilities Master Plan (FMP) that was developed with input from teachers, parents and the community. The FMP addresses projected demographic changes and focuses on equity in schools throughout the district. The FMP has 7 implementation phases. The District has completed phases I & II. Measure K would assist to complete phases III & IV. The focus of Phases III & IV is modernization and new construction at elementary schools. Athletic field improvements are included in Phase III as well. Here is the link to the FMP

<http://www.chicousd.org/Departments/Facilities--Construction/Facilities-Master-Plan-FMP/index.html>.

8. I understand there is a state bond measure for school facilities on the November ballot. Why would I vote for a local bond if a state bond measure is available?

Response: State facility programs require a match of local funds for modernization and new construction projects. CUSD would only be able to apply for state funding from a state bond if we have local funds to match. Measure K would provide local matching funds and could stretch our local bond dollars further.