Chico Unified School District
Measure K
Chico Schools Facilities Improvement

• What is this project all about?
As part of our commitment to maintaining the quality of education in neighborhood schools, Chico Unified School District (CUSD) has conducted a full assessment of all of our local school facilities needs – including K-12 classroom buildings, equipment, educational technology, and related facilities at every site in the school district. This Facilities Master Plan (FMP) is the blueprint we need to make smart investments in our critical educational infrastructure. The Facilities Master Plan identifies over $400 million in need, much of which is critical and must be done as soon as possible. Our schools are aging and the state of our classrooms, technology and facilities is impacting teaching and learning. Our 20 school sites are in constant use, several schools are 35 years or older, and all need continuing upgrades to maintain their useful life.

• What are the School District’s most critical needs?
Developed with community input, the FMP defines the need. See www.chicousd.org/Departments/Facilities--Construction/Facilities-Master-Plan-FMP/index.html. These include:
- Repair & replace leaky roofs
- Remove hazardous materials (asbestos) from school campuses
- Replace old and outdated plumbing, air conditioning, heating and ventilation systems in our schools
- Make schools ADA accessible
- Prevent overcrowding in schools
- Improve water & energy efficiency
- Update pick-up & drop-off zones for increased pedestrian & traffic safety

• How will CUSD implement the FMP?
CUSD is exploring all options – including State and Federal matching funds and private grants. School general obligation bonds are the most common way to fund the upgrades we need. The School Board passed Resolution 1342-16 at the June 22, 2016 Board Meeting to place a School Bond Measure on the November 8, 2016 ballot.

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