

CLASSROOM AND SCHOOL SAFETY BOND

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ANAHEIM UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT



College and Career Ready



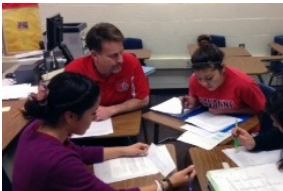
STRENGTHENING EDUCATION FOUNDATIONS FOR BRIGHTER FUTURES

ANAHEIM UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

AUHSD is one of the premiere school systems in California, providing a high-caliber education to our diverse student population. For more than 115 years, we have developed the future business and civic leaders of Anaheim, Buena Park, Cypress, La Palma, and Stanton. The District is home to award-winning students and teachers, as well as several nationally recognized schools, which has helped more than 90% of our seniors graduate with plans for either higher education or to begin their professional careers.

THE CLASSROOM REPAIR AND SCHOOL SAFETY BOND

In July, the Board of Trustees will consider placing a **\$249 million bond** on the **November 2014 ballot** to begin the repair process. This bond would create a dedicated revenue source for needed upgrades and improvements to neighborhood junior high and high school classrooms and facilities to meet 21st century academic and safety standards.



CAMPUS NEEDS

Many of our campus facilities were built between **35 and 63 years ago**, and are in need of funding for maintenance, upgrades, and improvements. Our District encompasses 263 buildings, including **129 buildings** that have never been upgraded or improved. Now is the right time to start making these necessary improvements to our schools, as delaying will only increase future costs.

AUHSD is reviewing its classroom and campus needs to maintain a safe learning environment where students can excel. The District has identified approximately **\$1 billion** in needed school repairs and classroom upgrades. As access to updated **technology and equipment**, as well as safe schools, are vital to preparing students for their future educational goals and the high-demand **jobs in science, technology, engineering and math**, the District believes now is the **time to start addressing these needs**.

POTENTIAL BASIC DISTRICT REPAIRS AND UPGRADES

If the Board decides to place this bond before voters, schools with the greatest need for basic repairs would be upgraded first so that all campuses can continue to be clean and healthy learning environments. Upgrades would focus on:

- MAINTAINING **CLEAN AND SAFE DRINKING WATER**, REPAIRING DETERIORATING BATHROOMS AND LEAKING ROOFS
- ENHANCING **DISASTER SAFETY MEASURES** SUCH AS **FIRE-SAFETY** SYSTEMS AND **EARTHQUAKE** RETROFITTING
- REPLACING AND INSTALLING NEW EQUIPMENT AND ADDING FEATURES THAT **STRENGTHEN CAMPUS SECURITY** LIKE FENCING, OUTDOOR LIGHTING, AND CAMERAS
- PROVIDING STUDENTS WITH THE CAREER AND TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE THROUGH **NEW SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY LABS**

PREPARING STUDENTS FOR THEIR FUTURE EDUCATION AND CAREERS

We continue to strive to enhance all of our students' ability to excel at 21st century skills and obtain high-paying jobs.

To achieve this goal, students need a safe learning environment as well as updated classrooms and facilities with ongoing investment in technology infrastructure.

UPDATED FACILITIES

Updated facilities will not only help prepare students for their future careers, but will also help the District attract and retain award-winning teachers who provide the great education our communities' need and deserve.

Additionally, investing in our neighborhood junior high and high schools will also create local jobs, boost our local economy, and enhance our communities and property values.

CLASSROOM SAFETY AND TECHNOLOGY

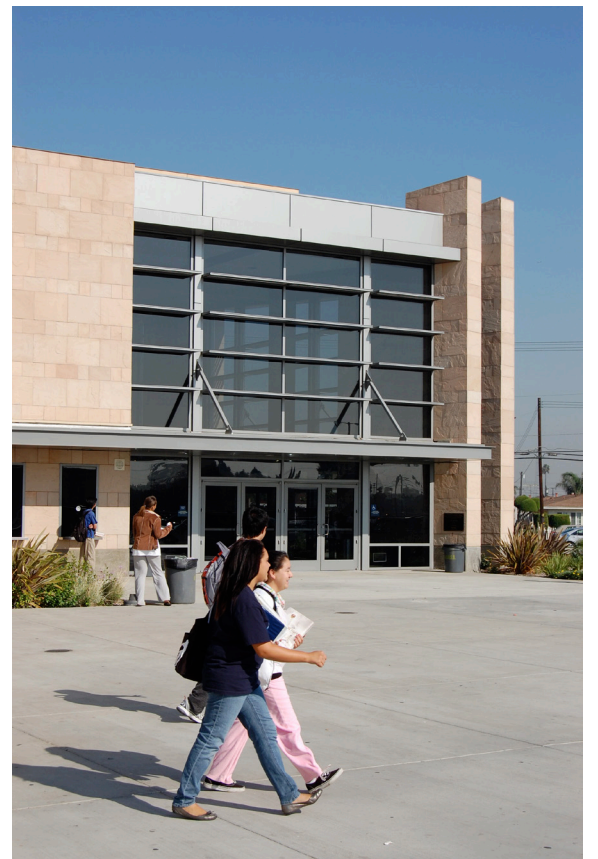
To ensure taxpayer money is spent wisely, the Classroom Repair and School Safety Bond would include strict accountability requirements. Money generated from the proposed bond measure will be spent on improving classroom safety and educational equipment, with no funds for administrators' salaries or pensions.

Includes strict accountability requirements:

- Citizens' Oversight Committee of local residents that is being created now, instead of post-election, to add an extra layer of transparency and oversight
- Annual independent financial and performance audits

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

We look forward to engaging students, parents, businesses and community members in the months ahead to educate them about the potential Classroom Repair and School Safety Bond. This could be the first steps in strengthening the District and the communities we serve.



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