

## **Anaheim Union High School District Frequently Asked Questions**

### **How are Anaheim Union High Schools doing?**

Anaheim Union High School District (AUHSD) is recognized as one of the most innovative in the Nation, partnering with UC-Irvine and more than 90 companies including Google. We're proud to have a graduation rate of 91%. Our schools have multiple award-winning education programs, and work to foster socially aware, civic-minded students through the cultivation of soft and hard skills.

### **How does AUHSD provide high-quality education in local schools?**

AUHSD aims to continuously live up to its motto to "create a better world through unlimited you" for each of our students. We have incorporated "reverse engineered" career pathways which has transformed educational opportunities for all students. Our district has:

- #1 dual language immersion program in the state for Spanish and Vietnamese in the entire State of California
- Over 70 Career Technical Education (CTE) Pathways with over 9,200 students enrolled and an average GPA of 3.28 for those that completed a pathway
- First in the Nation partnership with Google offering career certificates in Automation with Python, Data Analytics, IT Support, Project Management, and UX Design
- Education pledge with local colleges that includes free tuition for the first year at Cypress and Fullerton Colleges, a transfer admission guarantee to University of California Irvine (UCI) from Cypress and Fullerton, and comprehensive support through completion of a degree at Cal State University of Fullerton and UCI
- Focus on the 5C's: Communication, Collaboration, Creativity, Critical Thinking, Compassion

### **Why is AUHSD considering a local bond measure to fund facility improvements?**

While our students and teachers excel, most of our schools were built more than 60 years ago when asbestos and lead pipes were used. We currently have 79 portable classrooms that are more than 20 years old, with water leaks and structural damage that are expensive to maintain and repair.

To support continued academic success, we need to address these issues so students have safe and modern classrooms and labs, so they can compete for college and future careers. Local funds provided by this measure would give the district the ability to make these necessary upgrades. Every dollar raised by the bond will be used only by the AUHSD schools, none of which can be taken away by the State.

### **What would a potential bond measure fund?**

- Removing hazardous materials like asbestos and lead pipes from our older schools
- Upgrading schools in need so they meet current health codes, building safety codes, and provide proper access for students with disabilities

- Making repairs to older classrooms and school facilities including deteriorating roofs, plumbing, gas lines, sewer, heating, ventilation, and electrical systems
- Providing modern classrooms, science labs, career technical facilities, and equipment so students receive a high-quality education and are prepared for college, in-demand careers, and skilled trades
- Improving student safety and school security with fencing, cameras, emergency communication systems, and fire safety
- Providing the modern classrooms and facilities needed to support high quality instruction in music, visual, and performing arts
- Providing equal access to physical education and athletic facilities for all students
- Replacing aging portable classrooms that are expensive to repair and maintain with modern, permanent classrooms

### **Would a potential bond measure include Fiscal Accountability Protections?**

A potential bond measure of \$496 million would include strict fiscal accountability protections:

- By law, all funds remain under local control and may only support local middle and high schools
- Mandatory independent citizen oversight and public reports of all spending
- Funded by a levy limited to 3 cents per \$100 of assessed property value (assessed value is generally much lower than market value if you've owned your home a long time)
- No funds may be taken by the State

### **When would a potential bond measure appear on the ballot?**

The District is currently evaluating options to fund building repairs and modernization needed for our classrooms and facilities. One option under consideration is to place a measure on the November 2024 ballot.

### **What level of support is required for a new bond measure to pass?**

Bond measures need 55% support to pass.

### **Has the District passed a bond before?**

Yes. Voters have previously approved Measure H in 2014 and Measure Z in 2002. Funding from these previous bonds were spent as promised and were validated by the Independent Community Oversight Committees. The projects from those funds have either been completed or are currently under construction. While many schools and classrooms have been updated, others have not. It's a priority for the District to ensure all schools and students have classrooms and labs that meet modern educational and safety standards.

### **How can I share feedback and ask questions?**

For more information, to ask questions, or share your input, please contact [info@auhsd.org](mailto:info@auhsd.org)