#### CLASSROOM and SCHOOL SAFETY BOND





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- For more than 115 years, we have developed the future business and civic leaders of Anaheim, Buena Park, Cypress, La Palma and Stanton
- 90% of our seniors graduate with plans for either higher education or to begin their professional careers
- We strive to enhance all of our students' ability to excel at 21st century skills and obtain high-paying jobs







#### AWARD WINNING TEACHERS, STUDENTS & SCHOOLS

- 8 of the District's high schools received gold, silver or bronze medals in *U.S. News*' rankings
- U.S. News ranked Oxford Academy the No. 1 public high school in California and 10th in the nation
- 5 campuses earned California
  Distinguished School status
- 1 National P-21 Exemplar School
- 1 National Blue Ribbon School





## THE CLASSROOM REPAIR AND SCHOOL SAFETY BOND

- In July, the AUHSD Board of Trustees will consider placing a \$249 million bond on the November 2014 ballot
- This bond would create a dedicated revenue source for needed upgrades and improvements to AUHSD classrooms and facilities to meet 21<sup>st</sup> century safety and academic standards





#### WHY CONSIDER THIS BOND NOW?

- The AUHSD has identified approximately \$1.4 billion in needed school repairs and classroom and facility upgrades:
  - Campus facilities were built between 35-63 years ago
  - 129 buildings have never been upgraded
  - Needs include maintenance, upgrades and improvements
- Delaying repairs will only increase future costs
- Safe schools, and updated technology and equipment, are vital to preparing students for their future educational goals and jobs in S.T.E.A.M. fields



#### HOW WILL THE MONEY BE SPENT?

Funding 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 campus security equipment to strengthen student safety
- Providing students with career and technical knowledge through new science and technology labs





#### IMPROVING COMMUNITIES AND ENHANCING STUDENT LEARNING

- Help prepare students for their future careers
- Help the District attract and retain the awardwinning teachers who provide the great education for our students
- Create local jobs by investing in our neighborhood schools
- Boost our local economy
- Enhance our communities and property values







### STRONG ACCOUNTABILITY AND OVERSIGHT

- All money would be spent on improving classroom safety and educational equipment
- No money would go to administrators' salaries/pensions
- Protected by law from being taken by Sacramento politicians
- Includes strict accountability requirements:
  - Citizens' Oversight Committee of local residents being established now to provide extra layer of accountability and transparency
  - Annual independent financial and performance audits

## NEXT STEPS

- AUHSD Board of Trustees will decide at a public Board meeting in July whether to place this measure before voters
- If the Board of Trustees chooses to move forward, it will be placed before voters on the November 2014 ballot

# WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION?

- For more information about the bond, please visit: <u>http://www.auhsdblueprint.us/</u>
- To get the most updated information directly, you can subscribe to email updates by contacting Patricia Karlak at karlak\_p@auhsd.us

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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.

Thank you and I'm happy to answer any questions.