

## DEAR IUSD COMMUNITY:

The Irvine Unified School District (IUSD) serves more than 32,000 students and is one of the highest performing districts in the nation. However, due to the state's new funding formula, IUSD ranks at the bottom in per pupil funding in California. As a result, IUSD's general fund cannot support the significant investments many of our aging facilities need without creating a significant impact on our instructional programs across the District. More than 50 percent of IUSD schools are more than 30 years old and are in critical need of modernizations so that all IUSD schools meet the same safety and academic standards as new schools. In order to maintain high student achievement and provide equal access to 21st-century educational facilities, the IUSD Board of Education has voted to place a School Facilities Improvement Bond Measure (Measure E) on the June 2016 ballot.

## FUNDS FROM MEASURE E WOULD BE USED TO UPGRADE IRVINE'S OLDEST SCHOOLS BY:

- Providing the facilities and equipment needed for career and technology classes so students are prepared for college and good paying jobs in fields like science, engineering, technology and skilled trades.
- Providing classrooms, science labs and school facilities that meet current academic, technology and safety standards.
- Ensuring that all schools have the classrooms and instructional spaces needed for Irvine's world class art and music programs.
- Improving traffic and safety in and around schools.
- Updating instructional technology in the classroom for improved student learning in core subjects like reading and science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).
- Replacing aging roofs, plumbing, electrical systems, and heating and cooling systems.
- Ensuring classrooms, labs and other facilities are accessible for students with disabilities.

Only voters in the neighborhoods served by the oldest schools will vote on Measure E and all property owners within the Measure E boundaries will pay the cost of the measure. Property owners in the newest areas, who are paying Community Facility District (CFD) fees toward school facility construction, will not be impacted by Measure E. Most of the high schools and middle schools serving graduates of Irvine's newest elementary schools will receive significant improvements as a result of this measure. By law, funds could not be taken away by the state or redirected for other purposes, and no money will be used for administrators' salaries. A Citizens' Oversight Committee and annual independent audits would ensure that money is spent properly.

A School Facilities Improvement Measure, such as Measure E, will benefit all IUSD schools by ensuring general funds are allocated to instruction rather than diverting funds to pay for facilities improvements. Good schools benefit students, families, property values and the quality of life in the community.

Sincerely,



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