

MORELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

MEASURE M

MORELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT SAFETY MEASURE. To repair and update local elementary and middle schools, including student learning environments for 21st-century learning; make essential school safety improvements; repair leaky roofs; maintain technology; repair, acquire, construct classrooms, equipment, sites/facilities; shall Moreland School District's measure authorizing \$80,000,000 in bonds at legal rates, levying approximately \$30/\$100,000 assessed value (\$5,700,000 annually) while bonds are outstanding, be approved, with citizen oversight, audits, no funds for administrators, all funds for local schools?

BONDS—YES
BONDS—NO

COUNTY COUNSEL'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE M

California law permits school districts to issue bonds with the approval of 55 percent of the voters. These bonds are paid by the levy of *ad valorem* taxes—a tax based on assessed value—on property within a district. Such bonds may only be used for construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities.

The Board of Trustees (Board) of the Moreland School District (District) proposes issuing bonds in the amount of \$80,000,000 for the purposes of repairing and updating local elementary and middle schools, including student learning environments for 21st-Century learning; making essential school safety improvements; repairing leaky roofs; maintaining technology; and repairing, acquiring, and constructing classrooms, equipment, and sites/facilities.

As identified in the Measure, bond funds will be expended to repair and update local schools and make essential student safety improvements. Projects may include but are not limited to:

- Make essential safety and security improvements, including security fencing, security cameras, and intruder alert technology.
- Replace aging fire alarms and communications systems.
- Ensure that children's playgrounds, walkways, and fields meet current health and safety standards.
- Maintain learning technology.
- Improve school access for students, teachers, and staff with disabilities.
- Improve heating, cooling, and water systems to increase energy efficiency and save money.
- Replace or repair leaky roofs and deteriorating bathrooms.
- Update student learning environments for 21st-Century learning.

Projects costs include the costs of furnishing and equipping such facilities, and all costs that are incidental, but directly related, to the types of projects described above.

The Board has certified that it has evaluated safety, class size reduction, and information technology needs in developing its project list.

COUNTY COUNSEL'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE M-Continued

Under the California Constitution, these bond funds cannot be used for teacher and administrator salaries or other school operating expenses. The District also must conduct independent annual performance and financial audits. State law requires the District to have an independent citizens' oversight committee to help make sure bond funds are spent only for projects included in the Measure.

The District's stated best estimate of the highest tax rate to be levied to repay the proposed bonds is \$30 per \$100,000 of assessed value based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of the filing of the tax rate statement of the Measure. The District estimates that the total amount repayable during the life of the bond, including principal and interest, will be approximately \$166 million. Measure M was placed on the ballot by the Board.

A "yes" vote is a vote to authorize the issuance of the bonds in the amount of \$80,000,000 to be secured by the levy of *ad valorem* taxes on property located within the District.

A "no" vote is a vote to not authorize the issuance of the bonds.

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COMPLETE TEXT OF MEASURE M

"MORELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT SAFETY MEASURE. To repair and update local elementary and middle schools, including student learning environments for 21st-century learning; make essential school safety improvements; repair leaky roofs; maintain technology; repair, acquire, construct classrooms, equipment, sites/facilities; shall Moreland School District's measure authorizing \$80,000,000 in bonds at legal rates, levying approximately \$30/\$100,000 assessed value (\$5,700,000 annually) while bonds are outstanding, be approved, with citizen oversight, audits, no funds for administrators, all funds for local schools?"

PROJECT LIST

The Board of Trustees of the Moreland School District is committed to improving the quality of education in local schools by attracting and retaining quality teachers, providing safe, secure, upgraded classrooms, and clean and well-maintained schools needed to support high quality instruction, and preparing students for 21st Century learning. To that end, the Board evaluated the District's urgent and critical facility needs, including **safety and security** issues, class size reduction, **basic repairs**, computer and information technology in developing the types of projects to be funded by this measure as described below. The District conducted a facilities evaluation and received public input in developing this Project List. Teachers, staff, community members and the Board have prioritized the key health and safety needs so that the most critical facility needs are addressed.

In approving this Project List, the Board of Trustees recognizes that the community has prioritized:

- (i) **Repairing leaky roofs;**
- (ii) **Making essential school safety and security improvements;**
- (iii) **Keeping schools clean and well-maintained;**
- (iv) **Replacing aging fire alarms and communications systems;**
- (v) **Ensuring that playgrounds, walkways and fields meet current safety standards;**
- (vi) **Updating student learning environments for 21st-century learning; and**
- (vii) **Adhering to specific fiscal accountability safeguards:**
 - (a) **All expenditures subject to annual independent financial audits.**
 - (b) **No money taken by the State. All funds stay local.**
 - (c) **All expenditures reviewed by an independent citizen oversight committee to ensure that funds are spent only as authorized.**

The Project List includes the following types of upgrades and improvements at District schools, facilities and sites:

STUDENT SAFETY AND ACHIEVEMENT:

Projects That Improve Student Safety

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Goal and Purpose: There is nothing more important than protecting our children while they are at school. This measure will upgrade school safety and security with access control, security cameras, and fire alarm systems.

- **Make essential safety and security improvements,** including security fencing, security cameras, and intruder alert technology.
- **Replace aging fire alarms and communications systems.**
- **Ensure that children's playgrounds, walkways and fields meet current health and safety standards.**
- **Maintain learning technology.**

IMPROVE STUDENT PREPARATION FOR 21st-CENTURY LEARNING

Basic School Repair and Upgrade Projects Funded By Money That Cannot Be Taken By the State Or Used for Other Purposes

Goal and Purpose: Some classrooms and District facilities have been updated, while many are decades old and in urgent need of repairs. This measure will allow for essential repairs and upgrades to restrooms, roofs, heating and cooling systems, before the repairs become more costly down the road.

- **Improve school access for students, teachers and staff with disabilities.**
- **Improve heating, cooling and water systems to increase energy efficiency and save money.**
- **Replace or repair leaky roofs,** and deteriorating bathrooms.
- **Update student learning environments for 21st-Century learning.**
- **Keep schools clean and well-maintained.**

In addition to the projects listed above, the repair and renovation of each of the existing school facilities may include, but not be limited to, some or all of the following: add or renovate student and staff restrooms; repair and replace electrical, plumbing, heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems; upgrade of facilities for energy efficiencies; repair and replace worn-out and deteriorated roofs, windows, walls, floors, doors and drinking fountains; construct or renovate facilities for more efficient administration and multi-purpose learning spaces; install wiring and electrical systems to safely accommodate computers, technology and other electrical devices; upgrade or construct support facilities including administrative, physical education, music, art, classrooms or facilities, science, computer labs/classrooms, libraries, and gyms; repair and replace fire alarms, emergency communications and security systems; improve facilities to satisfy ADA requirements; resurface or replace asphalt, broken concrete and improve hard courts, turf and irrigation/drainage systems and campus landscaping; install signage, marquees, solar panels or other energy efficiency systems, and fencing; expand parking and drop-off areas; improve all site utilities; acquire land;

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construct new classrooms and school buildings and schools; upgrade or replace interior and exterior painting, floor covering (including carpets), and school facades; demolition; construct various forms of storage and support spaces and classrooms; improve outdoor learning environments; repair, upgrade and install interior and exterior lighting systems; improve playgrounds, play structures, athletic fields and facilities to support student health, fitness and safety; replace outdated security fences and security systems (including access control systems), provide lunch shelters, shade structures, indoor space for assemblies or for rainy day lunch; upgrade music labs, multi-purpose rooms, learning centers and media centers. In addition to the listed projects stated above, the Project List also includes the acquisition of a variety of instructional, maintenance and operational equipment, including the reduction or retirement of outstanding lease obligations and interim funding incurred to advance fund projects from the Project List; payment of the costs of preparation of all facility planning, facility studies, assessment reviews, facility master plan preparation and updates, environmental studies (including environmental investigation, remediation and monitoring), design and construction documentation, and temporary housing of displaced District activities caused by construction projects. The upgrading of technology infrastructure includes, but is not limited to, network rewiring, cabling, computers, portable interface devices, servers, switches, routers, modules, sound projection systems, laser printers, digital white boards, document projectors, upgrade voice-over-IP, clock/telephone/intercom systems, call manager and network security/firewall, wireless technology systems, refresh classroom technology, miscellaneous IT and instructional equipment, data storage, phones, identity cards and the construction and installation of a data center in the cloud for the District's enterprise systems, such as resource planning, websites, domain name systems, cloud applications and information security. The budget for each project is an estimate and may be affected by factors beyond the District's control. The final cost of each project will be determined as plans and construction documents are finalized, construction bids are received, construction contracts are awarded and projects are completed. Based on the final costs of each project, certain of the projects described above may be delayed or may not be completed. Demolition of portable classrooms and existing facilities and reconstruction of facilities scheduled for repair and upgrade may occur, if the Board determines that such an approach would be more cost-effective in creating more enhanced and operationally efficient campuses. Necessary site preparation/restoration may occur in connection with new construction, renovation or remodeling, or installation or removal of relocatable classrooms, including ingress and egress, removing, replacing, or installing irrigation or drainage systems, utility lines, trees and landscaping, relocating fire access roads, and acquiring any necessary easements, licenses, or rights of way to the property. The listed projects will be completed as needed. Each project is assumed to include its share of furniture, equipment, architectural, engineering, and similar planning costs, program/project management, staff training expenses and a customary contingency for unforeseen design and construction costs. Proceeds of the bonds may be used to pay or reimburse the District for the cost of District staff when performing work on or necessary and incidental to bond projects. Bond proceeds shall only be expended for the types of projects and purposes identified herein. The District shall create an account into which proceeds of the bonds shall be deposited and comply with the reporting requirements of Government Code § 53410.

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FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY: THIS MEASURE REQUIRES A CLEAR SYSTEM OF ACCOUNTABILITY, INCLUDING A PROJECT LIST DETAILING HOW THE MONEY WILL BE USED, A CITIZEN'S OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, AND INDEPENDENT AUDITS TO ENSURE MONEY IS SPENT PROPERLY.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH EDUCATION CODE SECTION 15272, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WILL APPOINT A CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE AND CONDUCT ANNUAL INDEPENDENT AUDITS TO ASSURE THAT FUNDS ARE SPENT ONLY ON DISTRICT PROJECTS AND FOR NO OTHER PURPOSE. THE EXPENDITURE OF BOND MONEY ON THESE PROJECTS IS SUBJECT TO STRINGENT FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS. BY LAW, PERFORMANCE AND FINANCIAL AUDITS WILL BE PERFORMED ANNUALLY, AND ALL BOND EXPENDITURES WILL BE MONITORED BY AN INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO ENSURE THAT FUNDS ARE SPENT AS PROMISED AND SPECIFIED. THE CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MUST INCLUDE, AMONG OTHERS, REPRESENTATION OF A BONA FIDE TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION, A BUSINESS ORGANIZATION AND A SENIOR CITIZENS ORGANIZATION. NO DISTRICT EMPLOYEES OR VENDORS ARE ALLOWED TO SERVE ON THE CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

NO ADMINISTRATOR SALARIES: PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF THE BONDS AUTHORIZED BY THIS PROPOSITION SHALL BE USED ONLY FOR THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, REHABILITATION, OR REPLACEMENT OF SCHOOL FACILITIES, INCLUDING THE FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOL FACILITIES, AND NOT FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE, INCLUDING TEACHER AND SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR SALARIES AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES.

TAX RATE STATEMENT

An election will be held in the Moreland School District (the "District") on March 3, 2020 to authorize the sale of \$80,000,000 in general obligation bonds. If such bonds are authorized and sold, principal and interest on the bonds will be payable only from the proceeds of tax levies made on the taxable property in the District. These estimates are based on projections derived from information obtained from official sources and other demonstrable factors. The actual tax rates and the years in which they will apply may vary depending on the timing of bond sales, the amount of bonds sold at each sale, and actual increases in assessed valuations. The following information is submitted in compliance with Sections 9400-9404 of the California Elections Code.

i. The best estimate of the average annual tax rate that would be required to fund this bond issue over the entire duration of bond debt service, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$0.03 per \$100 (\$30.00 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation.

ii. The best estimate of the final fiscal year in which the tax required to fund this bond issue is anticipated to be collected is fiscal year 2048-49.

iii. The best estimate of the highest tax rate that would be required to fund this bond issue, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing this statement, is \$0.03 per \$100 (\$30.00 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation, which is projected to be the same in every fiscal year the bonds remain outstanding.

iv. The best estimate from official sources of the total debt service, including the principal and interest, that would be required to be repaid if all the bonds are issued and sold will be approximately \$166 million.

Based upon the forgoing and projections of the District's assessed valuation, the timing of the bond sales and the amount of bonds sold at any given time will be determined by the needs of the District and other factors. Actual assessed valuations will depend upon the amount and value of taxable property within the District as determined by the County Assessor in the assessment and the equalization process.

Voters should note that the estimated tax rates are based on the ASSESSED VALUE of taxable property in the District as shown on the County's official tax rolls, not on the property's market value. Property owners should consult their own property tax bills to determine their property's assessed value and any applicable tax exemptions.

Dated: 11/15/19

Mary Kay Going
Ed.D., Superintendent, Moreland School District

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE M

Help make sure all students in Moreland School District are safe and secure at school and have access to facilities that prepare them for college and careers of the 21st century. Vote Yes on Measure M.

Our local, public Moreland elementary and middle schools have served our community well for decades, and we are proud that our schools rank among the best in California. But we can do more. There is a direct relationship between quality school facilities and student achievement, and our current reality is that **ALL** of our schools are overdue for repairs, upgrades and modernization. These conditions are impacting instruction and student learning.

Measure M is a prudent plan to continue repairing our Moreland schools for improved student safety and access to quality instructional facilities for **ALL** Moreland students.

Measure M will:

- Repair and replace leaky roofs, failing and inefficient HVAC systems, electrical wiring and aging infrastructure.
- Upgrade safety and security systems, including fire alarms and communication systems, security cameras and fencing.
- Ensure that children's playgrounds, walkways and fields meet current health and safety standards.
- Keep schools safe, clean and well-maintained.
- Update student learning environments for 21st century learning.

Taxpayer protections are REQUIRED. By law, ALL funds stay local to benefit Moreland schools and students only. The State CANNOT take this money away. NO funds are allowed for administrators' salaries or pensions. Independent Citizens' Oversight and mandatory audits are required.

Whether or not you have school-age children, protecting the quality of education in our community is a wise investment. Good schools protect property values and strengthen our neighborhoods.

Please join teachers, parents, business and community leaders, and residents throughout our community in investing in high quality public schools. Vote YES on Measure M.

www.YesForMoreland.org

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REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE M

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Do you agree?

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Borrowing **\$80,000,000** and paying up to 12% interest for 30 years could mean most of our money will be squandered on principal and interest payments—not roof repairs or technology!

Simply put, **bonds are debt** inflicted on current and future (30 years) taxpayers.

Vote NO: Send the message children's education is the priority—not more debt.

Just say "NO MORE DEBT!"

If you value "repairing leaky roofs" more than paying off debt principal and interest for 30 years, vote NO on Measure M.

More information? www.SVTaxpayers.org

Mark Hinkle
President: Silicon Valley Taxpayers Association

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE M

When Moreland School District asks voters to grant them bond debt like in Measure M, what are they saying? They are admitting that everything they are already spending our tax dollars on, is more important than the projects for which this gigantic loan is being sought.

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REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE M

As longtime Moreland residents, educators and community members—we know the facts and we're voting **YES on Measure M**. Good schools need good facilities to properly educate our children *and* protect our property values.

The sole out-of-town opponent of Measure M has filed similar arguments against many bond measures in our area. Don't be deceived. Measure M is on the ballot because there is no other way for Moreland to raise these funds. The state is not a reliable source and the District's general fund must focus on operations, not facilities.

Measure M is a prudent plan that was carefully constructed with significant community input to repair Moreland schools and improve student safety and access to quality instructional facilities.

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Please join teachers and residents throughout our Moreland community. Invest in our local public schools, YES on Measure M.

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