



Walnut Valley Unified School District

Preparing Students for the World Ahead

Our top performing local schools at Walnut Valley USD, serving Diamond Bar and Walnut, provide students with a strong academic curriculum and innovative programs that prepare them for college and today's careers. Our schools are among the highest performing in the state, and we believe this helps keep our community strong, and benefits everyone, whether or not you have children in school.

Providing A Safe, Modern Learning Environment for All Students

As educational standards evolve and become increasingly rigorous, we need to ensure that our students are skilled in the use of 21st-Century technologies and have a solid background in science, math, engineering, and technology.

While some local schools have been upgraded to these standards, many others haven't. Improvements are needed to ensure all local students have access to the modern technology and skills training needed to compete for college and good careers.

Many classrooms, science and math labs, technology, and other educational facilities in our local schools must be improved to continue supporting outstanding student achievement.



2015 School Improvement Measure to Support Student Success

On July 15th, the Walnut Valley Unified School District Board of Trustees voted to place a \$208 million bond on the November 2015 ballot that will fund essential classroom improvements to help ensure that all students in our district have the same access to modern, up-to-date schools and technology:

- Provide the classrooms, facilities and technology needed for advanced courses in science, technology, engineering, art, and math (STEAM)
- Repair old schools, including wiring, plumbing, roofs, floors, air conditioning, heating, classroom lighting, and other aging or deteriorating systems
- Ensure that all teachers are adequately trained in the use of modern instructional technologies
- Keep computer systems and classroom technology up-to-date over time
- Provide classrooms and labs for career and technology education classes so students are prepared for college and well-paying jobs in fields like health sciences, engineering, technology, and skilled trades
- Improve student safety and school security systems, including security lighting, security cameras, emergency communication systems, smoke detectors, fire alarms, and sprinklers
- Retrofit older school buildings so they are earthquake safe
- Upgrade outdated classrooms, science labs, and school facilities to support 21st-Century instructional technology

Local Funds, Local Oversight

- All money raised by the measure will stay in our local schools to support our students, and cannot be taken away by the state or used for administrators' salaries or benefits
- The average tax rate is estimated to be \$48.50 per \$100,000 of assessed (not market) value annually. The new bond measure, in combination with all other voter-approved local school bond measures, will not increase current tax rates
- This measure requires a clear system of accountability, including a project list detailing exactly how the money will be used, an independent Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee and annual public audits to ensure money is spent properly

We Want to Hear From You

For questions or comments on the bond measure, please visit <http://tinyurl.com/pvvl4hx> or contact the Superintendent's office at 909-595-1261.