



Preparing Students for the World Ahead
Potential 2015 Bond Measure

Welcome and Introduction

- Need for potential bond measure to improve safety, technology, and older schools (STEAM)
- 2015 voter survey: community support exists
- Input from engaged civic leaders and stakeholders like yourselves



2015 Poll Results Overview

- Voter support is stable for larger bond (\$208m)
- Even stronger perception of educational excellence
- Safety upgrades, aging school repairs, seismic upgrades alongside competitive technology improvements
- Continued need for strong community engagement including volunteer leadership and broad support
- Local election, lower turnout, it's about our community



Why Are We Considering A Bond Measure?

- Maintain Highest Levels of Student Achievement
- STEAM
- Facility Needs
- Negative Impact of State Budget
- Potential State Facilities Bond
- “Potential” Project List
- Bond Video



Potential Projects

- 21st Century Classrooms
- STEAM/Digital Media facilities at all Elementary Schools
- Repair older schools including aging plumbing, roofs, wiring, etc.
- Middle School Science Buildings
- Kinesiology Labs / Health Centers
- Modernization of High School Libraries
- High School Science Facilities
- Music and Arts Facilities
- Safety and Security Projects
- Seismic retrofit at older schools
- Modernization of Classrooms



Benefits of Safe and Modern Classrooms

Krystin Wong, Walnut Elementary Dual-Immersion Teacher

Steve Acciani, Diamond Bar HS Music Teacher

- Physical Space Difference
 - Improves student focus
 - Students with learning challenges are able to receive the resources they need
 - Collaborative skills
- Updated Instructional Technology
 - More in-depth and innovative content
 - Allows lessons to be interactive and engaging
 - Reliable network and functioning classroom technology allows for more instructional time



What About Measures S and Y ?

- In November 2007, local voters overwhelmingly approved Measures S and Y to repair and improve WVUSD schools
- Funds have been effectively utilized to address the most urgent needs in our schools
 - Measure S was designated to fund improvements required to maintain the District's excellent academic standards
 - Measure Y was designated to fund improvements needed to enhance the co-curricular programs in the District



What About Measures S and Y

- An independent Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee was established to oversee bond expenditures and projects
- Annual reports from Oversight Committee:
 - Pleased with the District's progress
 - Verified that funds from both measures have been used appropriately



Highlights from Measures S and Y Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Report

- “WVUSD Maximized the Value of the Bond Funds
 - Utilized all available assets and resources to improve local schools
 - Increased availability of resources in academics, athletics, and STEAM
 - Provided co-curricular facilities which will help develop the “other side” of our students’ brains”
- “Will undoubtedly increase knowledge and skills for our student population, assisting them with entry into better colleges, receiving a better education and leading to advanced career opportunities”



Bond Measure Financing

- Overview of changes in State funding philosophy, State budget reality
- Review potential new bond scenario
 - Future State matching funds
 - Money would stay local and could not be taken by the State or used for administrators' salaries or benefits
 - Clear system of accountability, including a project list detailing how the money would be used, required oversight committee and independent audits
- Keeping technology current over time



How Do We Compare to Other Districts?

District	County	2013 API	2014-15 Total Bond Tax Rate	2014-15 Total Parcel Tax Rate
San Marino Unified	Los Angeles	953	\$74.36	\$330.00
La Canada Unified	Los Angeles	948	\$64.77	\$450.00
Sunol Glen Unified	Alameda	937	\$48.60	-
Manhattan Beach Unified	Los Angeles	935	\$71.87	-
Piedmont City Unified	Alameda	934	\$146.80	\$2,406.00
Palo Alto Unified	Santa Clara	932	\$85.10	\$589.00
Arcadia Unified	Los Angeles	929	\$76.53	\$228.00
Oak Park Unified	Ventura	929	\$185.70	\$197.00
Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified	Los Angeles	925	\$23.29	\$374.00
Irvine Unified	Orange	925	-	-
San Ramon Valley Unified	Contra Costa	923	\$65.10	\$144.00
Los Alamitos Unified	Orange	922	\$48.21	-
South Pasadena Unified	Los Angeles	920	\$100.57	\$386.00
Laguna Beach Unified	Orange	918	\$14.61	-
Pleasanton Unified	Alameda	910	\$69.50	-
Walnut Valley Unified	Los Angeles	909	\$115.10	-
Beverly Hills Unified	Los Angeles	890	\$45.84	-
Santa Monica-Malibu Unified	Los Angeles	865	\$76.36	\$346.00

Detailed Breakdown of the Total Tax Rate	
Election of 1991	\$54.41
Election of 2000	\$28.48
Election of 2007 (Measure S)	\$24.13
<u>Election of 2007 (Measure Y)</u>	<u>\$8.09</u>
Total Tax Rate	\$115.10



Break-out Sessions

- Responses to Previous Questions
- Ask/ Answer questions regarding
 - What do you like/not like?
 - Where do you need more information?
- Share-outs



Next Steps...

- Other direct stakeholders' outreach
- Direct mail outreach to full community
- Potential board decision by mid July 2015
- Volunteer committee launches

