

**CAMBRIAN SCHOOL DISTRICT
MEASURE R**

To repair/upgrade aging classrooms, science labs, school facilities, and instructional technology to support student achievement in math, science, engineering, technology, and arts, repair deteriorating roofs, plumbing, electrical, remove asbestos/lead pipes where needed, and upgrade classrooms/computers to keep pace with technology, shall the Cambrian School District measure authorizing \$88,000,000 in bonds at legal rates be adopted, levying 3 cents/\$100 assessed value (\$5,080,000 annually) while bonds are outstanding, with citizen oversight/all money staying local?

**BONDS—YES
BONDS—NO**

Approval of Measure R does not guarantee that the proposed project or projects in the Cambrian School District that are the subject of bonds under Measure R will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by Measure R. The school district's proposal for the project or projects may assume the receipt of matching state funds, which could be subject to appropriation by the Legislature or approval of a statewide bond measure.

**COUNTY COUNSEL'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF
MEASURE R**

California law permits school districts to issue bonds with the approval of 55 percent of the voters. 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. These bonds are required to be paid by the levy of *ad valorem* taxes—a tax on the assessed value—of property within a district.

The Board of Trustees (Board) of the Cambrian School District (District) proposes to issue such bonds in the amount of up to \$88,000,000 for the purposes of repairing and upgrading aging classrooms, science labs, school facilities, and instructional technology to support student achievement in math, science, engineering, technology, and arts; repairing deteriorating roofs, plumbing, electrical, remove asbestos and lead pipes; and upgrading classroom technology and computers.

As identified in the Measure, projects may include but are not limited to:

- Modernize classrooms and labs to support high quality instruction in math, science, engineering, technology, music, visual and performing arts.
- Transform outdated libraries into modern learning centers.
- Creation of outdoor classrooms, seating and learning quad spaces.
- Repair or replace deteriorating roofs, plumbing, heating, air conditioning, ventilation, windows and electrical systems.
- Remove hazardous materials like asbestos and lead pipes from older schools.
- Replace portable classrooms with modern, permanent classrooms.
- Upgrade older schools to meet current health codes, building safety codes, and provide proper access for students with disabilities.
- Improve student safety and campus security systems.
- Repair and upgrade children's playground equipment and physical education facilities to meet current health and safety standards.

**COUNTY COUNSEL'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF
MEASURE R-Continued**

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 in the Measure.

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

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. The District estimates that the total debt service during the life of the bond, including principal and interest, will be approximately \$157,485,807.

Measure R 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 up to \$88,000,000 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 R

BALLOT MEASURE FULL TEXT OF THE MEASURE

Upon the passage of Measure R, the Cambrian School District (the "District") shall be authorized to issue bonds in the aggregate amount of \$88,000,000 (the "Bonds"), bearing interest at rates not exceeding the statutory limit, for the purpose of funding the school facilities projects listed below (the "Projects") at the District's school sites and properties, subject to the accountability safeguards set forth below.

Bond Accountability Measures

The Board certifies that it evaluated safety, class size reduction, and information technology needs in developing the list of the Bond Projects set forth below.

The Board will conduct financial and performance audits annually to account for the Bond funds and for their expenditure on the specific authorized projects.

The Board will appoint members to a citizens' oversight committee having a minimum of seven members and including at least one member active in a business organization representing the business community located within the District, one member active in a senior citizens' organization, one member active in a bona fide taxpayers' organization, one member who is the parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the District, and one member who is both a parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the District and active in a parent-teacher organization.

The Bond Project List set forth below describes the specific projects the District proposes to finance with proceeds of the Bonds.

Proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this measure shall be used only for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement, along with related costs, of school facilities as set forth herein, including the furnishing and equipping of said school facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for said school facilities, and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries and other school operating expenses.

Bond Project List

This Bond Project List, which is an integral part of this proposition, describes the specific Projects the District proposes to finance with proceeds of the Bonds.

In order to meet all identified facilities needs, the District intends to complete Projects using a combination of funding sources. These sources may include joint-use funds, development impact fees, state funds, and other available funds. The District will pursue state matching funds if and when they become available, and if received, they will be used for and mainly applied to Projects on this Bond Project List or other high priority capital outlay expenditures as permitted in Education Code section 17070.63(c).

Specific Projects which may be funded by the bond measure include, without limitation, the following:

District-Wide Instructional Technology, Wiring Projects and Classroom Modernization to Provide a 21st Century Education

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Goal and Purpose: This measure will ensure that all students get access to computers and the instructional technology in the modern classroom they need. It will fix outdated electrical wiring, improve science and computer labs, and improve access to computers.

- Upgrade classrooms and computer systems to keep pace with technology
- Modernize classrooms and labs, provide technology needed to support high quality instruction in math, science, engineering and technology
- Make the computer and technology updates needed for students to be able to take classes, interact with teachers, and complete assignments online
- Create modern, multi-use classrooms to support hands-on instruction and learning-by-doing
- Provide the labs and equipment needed to teach advanced courses in engineering, robotics, and programming
- Modernize classrooms and facilities needed to support high quality instruction in music, visual and performing arts
- Transform outdated libraries into modern learning centers
- Creation of outdoor classrooms, seating and learning quad spaces

Renovation, Repair and Upgrade Projects

Goal and Purpose: Many local schools need significant repairs in order to achieve functional and operational equity across the District. This measure will provide needed improvements to fix aging classrooms, bathrooms, and leaky roofs, among other school site facilities improvements.

- Repair or replace deteriorating roofs, plumbing, heating, air conditioning, ventilation, windows and electrical systems where needed
- Remove hazardous materials like asbestos and lead pipes from older schools
- Replace aging portable classrooms that are expensive to repair and maintain with modern, permanent classrooms
- Repair and upgrade outdoor activity areas including athletic fields, turf and tracks
- Replace aging portables with new energy-efficient permanent construction
- Renovate, repair, expand and/or upgrade existing outdated student restrooms
- Replace and upgrade flooring in classrooms and administrative buildings

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- Reconstruct, modernize and/or construct facilities for Extended Day After School Programs
- Repair, replace, renovate and/or construct gas lines and sewer lines
- Upgrade and modernize kitchen facilities to provide improved school nutrition
- Upgrade, repair and/or expand landscaping to create low-maintenance and low-water areas
- Repair, renovate, upgrade and/or construct grading and drainage for proper drainage and improved safety
- Installation of electronic marquees
- Upgrade and repair parking lots including resurfacing, sealing and striping

Improve Student Safety and Security Projects

Goal and Purpose: The District needs to upgrade school security to keep children and teachers safe. This measure funds upgrades to fire alarms and sprinklers, and up-to-date security systems to prevent intruders from entering campuses, and improves security and communication systems for emergency school lockdowns so children can learn in safe, healthy classrooms.

- Upgrade older schools to meet the same safety standards as newer schools
- Improve access to school facilities for students with disabilities
- Upgrade older schools to meet current health codes, building safety codes, and provide proper access for students with disabilities
- Improve student safety and campus security systems including security locks in each classroom, emergency communications systems, security cameras, smoke detectors, fire alarms and sprinklers
- Repair and upgrade children's playground equipment and physical education facilities to meet current health and safety standards
- Replace fire panels, fire alarms and sprinklers in administrative buildings

Bond Program Management Costs

Project expenditures may also include:

Program Costs: Staffing and other general and administrative costs to manage and execute the Bond Program.

Escalation Reserve: Reserve for unforeseen price inflation costs.

Program Reserve: Reserve for unanticipated scope costs or for unanticipated opportunities to enhance project scope or schedules.

COMPLETE TEXT OF MEASURE R-Continued

For any of the Bond Projects described above with respect to construction at an existing District site, the District is authorized to identify an alternate site and/or acquire land for such purpose and construct the approved Project at such site if the District has determined that the existing site does not satisfy the requirements of the Division of State Architect or other State laws, codes, and regulations, including, but not limited to hazardous substances, applicable to school district properties.

The final cost of each Project will be determined as plans are finalized 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. The allocation of Bond proceeds may also be affected by the final costs of each Project.

Necessary site preparation/grading/restoration may occur in connection with new construction, reconstruction, modernization, renovation, rehabilitation or replacement, furnishing and equipping, including ingress and egress, removing, replacing or installing irrigation, utility lines, trees and landscaping, relocating fire access roads, and acquiring any necessary easements, leases, licenses, or rights of way to the property.

Additional Specifications

Listed projects, repairs, improvements, rehabilitation projects, and upgrades will be completed only as feasible, and the list of Projects does not imply a particular prioritization among such improvements. Such prioritization remains within the province of the Board of Trustees by subsequent action. The Projects may be completed at any and all school sites where such Project is determined necessary. Where economically feasible, buildings, fixtures, and equipment may be replaced rather than modernized, renovated, or repaired. Each Project is assumed to include its share of costs of the election and bond issuance, architectural, engineering, and similar planning costs, construction management, bond project staff, staff training expenses associated with new bond-funded equipment and systems, and a customary contingency for unforeseen design and construction costs. In addition to the Projects listed above, the Bond Project List also includes the acquisition of land, instructional, maintenance and operational furniture and equipment, payment of the costs of preparation of all facilities planning and project implementation studies, feasibility and assessment reviews, master planning, environmental studies, temporary housing for dislocated programs or activities caused or necessitated by construction projects, and construction, repairs, and improvements in the event of unforeseen emergencies or other circumstances in order to permit the continuance of existing educational services or to avoid danger to life or property.

Single Purpose. All of the purposes enumerated in this proposition shall be united and voted upon as one single proposition, pursuant to Section 15100 of the Education Code, and all the enumerated purposes shall constitute the specific single purpose of the Bonds and proceeds of the Bonds shall be spent only for such purpose.

Other Terms of the Bonds. When sold, the Bonds shall bear interest at an annual rate not exceeding the statutory maximum. The Bonds may be issued and sold in several series, and in accordance with a plan of finance determined by the Board pursuant to requirements of law.

Project Requiring State Matching Funds. Approval of Measure R does not guarantee that the proposed District Projects that are the subject of Bonds under Measure R will be funded beyond the local revenues

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE R

This is not the time for "borrowing as usual".

Selling bonds now means higher taxes in future years. But many people have lost their jobs. Others are working reduced hours. Many businesses have reduced revenue, and some have been forced to shut down entirely. Some may never reopen. The last thing they need as they try to recover is higher taxes for years to come!

While most individuals understand the danger of debt and have responded by trying to cut debt along with expenses, governments at all levels just keep piling it on!

Borrowing by the federal government has grown by more than \$3 trillion this year alone. The State of California has borrowed and is planning to borrow billions more!

This is not the time for "borrowing as usual".

Nobody knows what kind of school facilities will make sense going forward, as society adapts to this virus (and the possibility of future pandemics). Buildings being used in different ways, some school-related activities just no longer practical, and more parents switching to home schooling—all mean changes to what facilities will be good investments.

This is not the time for "borrowing as usual".

This is the time to demand that the school board take a fresh look at what facilities will really be useful in the future, not sign us up for years and years of taxes to pay for facilities that may in fact already be obsolete.

Vote NO on Measure R.

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ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE R

Six years ago, the Cambrian School District voters passed a \$39,000,000 bond (debt) to do:

1. Repair or replace leaky windows
2. Upgrading classroom learning technology
3. Add additional classrooms
4. Enhance school safety
5. Upgrade fire and earthquake safety systems

Now, just 6 years later, they want to spend \$80,000,000 to do:

1. Repair/upgrade aging classrooms
2. Upgrade instructional technology
3. Modernize aging classrooms
4. Install campus security/emergency notification
5. Repair deteriorating roofs, plumbing, and electrical

Amazing how fast schools deteriorate in just 6 years and at double the price!!!

Would you take out a 25-30 year loan to buy a personal computer that will be obsolete in 4 or 5 years?

That would be nuts, right? But that is what the District wants you to do...again!!!

A vote for this debt, will send a clear message to the District to ask for well over \$160,000,000 in another 6 years to, once again, replace aging technology, that you will still be paying for, plus your children and likely your grandchildren.

The website: www.ed-data.org shows declining student enrollment, now down to 3,471 students (2018/19), which means the bond expense is \$23,048 per student not counting interest cost (up to 12%). And that is on top of the ADA revenues of \$11,280 per student every year.

Using debt to buy technology that will be obsolete in 4 to 5 years is bad fiscal policy.

Vote No on Measure R and just say NO to bad fiscal policy.

A yes vote will just reward bad behavior. As parents, we know rewarding bad behavior, just gets you more bad behavior. That is nuts!

Do not burden your children and grandchildren with this debt!

Sent a clear message to the District: **vote NO on Measure R.**

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Don't be deceived by our opponents' inaccurate, and misleading statements. They have made it their mission to oppose every school measure on the Santa Clara County ballot.

Measure R is absolutely needed and is a sound investment.

Consider these facts:

FACT: Measure R is about one thing—maintaining the quality of education in Cambrian elementary and middle schools.

FACT: Cambrian School District (CSD) has identified nearly a billion dollars in need to repair and modernize our aging schools. With NO real State funding for facilities improvement, the burden of upgrading our neighborhood schools lies with us.

FACT: In 2014 our community generously supported a school improvement measure—**that** funding built Steindorf STEAM school, a new k-8 school that reduced overcrowding across ALL schools, added two miles of safety/security fencing across the district, and more.

FACT: Measure R provides a prudent, responsible plan to repair and modernize ALL Cambrian schools. VOTING YES ensures equal access to quality instruction and learning so ALL our children get the opportunity to succeed in school, college and careers.

FACT: Measure R funds will modernize classrooms, labs and technology at Price, Bagby, Fammatre, Farnham, and Sartorette schools; repair or replace deteriorating roofs, plumbing, HVAC, and electrical systems, improve student safety and security, and provide better access for students with disabilities.

FACT: Measure R requires clear systems of accountability including a project list detailing how the money will be used, a Citizens' Oversight Committee, and independent audits.

Please! For our children, for our community—**VOTE YES on Measure R.**

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