Information From Woodland Joint Unified School District



FUNDING FOR CLASSROOM IMPROVEMENTS, STUDENT SAFETY AND INCREASED ACCESS TO UP-TO-DATE TECHNOLOGY



VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY NOV. 3, 2020



Expanding vocational education facilities



Increasing student internet and technology access



Repairing and replacing leaking roofs



Measure Y's estimated average annual tax rate is less than \$24 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation



Without raising the current projected tax rate, Measure Y will provide our schools with the financial tools to make critical safety improvements and better prepare our children for a changing world.



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS MEASURE Y?

Measure Y is a general obligation (GO) bond measure on the November 3, 2020, presidential election ballot. If approved by 55% of District votes cast, it will result in an extension of the current tax rate to authorize \$44.205 million to provide Woodland Joint Unified School District with the financial resources to **make critical safety improvements and better prepare our students for a changing world.** In addition, Measure Y may qualify the District for state matching funds, if the bond is approved by voters.

WILL MEASURE Y INCREASE MY TAXES?

No, it is projected that Measure Y will not increase your taxes. Measure Y is designed to extend a previously authorized tax rate with an estimated average annual tax rate of less than \$24 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation. Funds to repay the bonds come from a tax on all taxable property —residential, commercial, agricultural and industrial—located within the District.

WHAT PROJECTS WILL BE FUNDED BY MEASURE Y?

- Modernizing and expanding the District's vocational education programs and facilities, such as welding and automotive technology, culinary arts, medical and health technology, and construction trades
- Improving student access to the internet and computers, and providing up-to-date classroom technology
- Repairing and renovating classrooms and buildings in order to extend the life of school facilities
- Increasing student safety and school security
- Repairing and replacing outdated electrical systems and wiring throughout the District
- Replacing outdated heating, ventilation and airconditioning systems
- Replacing leaking roofs, gutters and plumbing

WHAT TAXPAYER PROTECTIONS ARE IN PLACE?

Measure Y comes with taxpayer protections. An independent Citizens' Oversight Committee and a third-party auditor must review and audit all bond expenditures. **Funds are prohibited from being used for administrators' salaries**,

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pensions or benefits. Measure Y includes legal safeguards requiring all bond funds to be spent on Woodland Joint Unified School District's projects the state is legally prohibited from taking and spending the funds in other districts.

WHY IS MEASURE Y ON THE BALLOT?

The District Board believes the state does not provide sufficient funding for repairing facilities and updating technology. Measure Y will allow the District to fund critical classroom and technology improvements to provide our children with the skills needed to compete in a modern world. In addition, COVID-19 has made it clear that emergencies can happen at any time and our schools must be equipped to educate our students in a safe and secure learning environment.

WHERE CAN I FIND MEASURE Y ON MY BALLOT?

Look for Measure Y near the end of your November ballot.

HOW CAN I VOTE BY MAIL?

This year, all registered voters will receive a vote-by-mail ballot. If you need to register to vote, you can register online at <u>www.registertovote.ca.gov</u>. Once you complete your ballot, sign your ballot envelope and simply drop your ballot in the mail—postage in prepaid—by November 3, 2020.

If you need additional assistance or would like to drop off your ballot in person at a polling place or drop box, please visit <u>www.yoloelections.org</u> or <u>www.suttercounty.org</u> for more information.

