

ROWLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

# BUILDING FUTURES

Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY 2006-07

## FIRST ANNUAL REPORT ON MEASURE R 2006

In June 2006, the voters within Rowland Unified School District (RUSD) approved, by a 70.5% margin, a \$118 million General Obligation Bond, the proceeds from which are to be used to modernize, repair, upgrade, expand, and construct facilities at the District's 22 existing schools. The voters also authorized the use of funds to construct permanent facilities at the District's two schools where students are currently being housed in non-permanent facilities. (Note: Readers wishing to review a detailed list of voter-authorized projects are directed to the Committee's web page and the document entitled "Voter Authorized Projects" at [www.RowlandSchools.org](http://www.RowlandSchools.org) Click under About Us: Measure R Bond.)

The purpose of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee is to receive and review copies of annual public performance and financial audits, and to inform the public concerning the expenditure of bond revenues from Measure R 2006. Specific activities of the Bond Oversight Committee include: inspect school facilities and grounds for which bond proceeds have been or will be expended; review copies of deferred maintenance proposals and plans; review efforts by the District to maximize bond proceeds; ensure that funds are expended only for the purposes set forth in the ballot measure; and ensure that no bond revenues are used for any teacher salaries or used to supplant administrative salaries or other school operating expenses.

The Committee consists of seven members who were appointed by RUSD's Board of Education to serve a term of one or two years without compensation, for no more than two consecutive terms. No employee or official of the District or any vendor, consultant or contractor of the District sits on the Committee.

State law mandates that the Committee Membership consist of:

- A member who is active in a business organization representing the business community within the District.
- A member who is active in a senior citizens' organization.
- A member who is active in a bona fide taxpayer organization.
- A member who is the parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the District.
- A member who is either the parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the District and who is active in a parent-teacher organization, such as the PTA or a school-site council.
- Two members are appointed at large, the only requirement being they must reside within the boundaries of RUSD.

Community members interested in being considered for membership on the Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee are encouraged to visit the District website for an application and other information.

[www.RowlandSchools.org](http://www.RowlandSchools.org) Click About Us: Measure R Bond

### 2006-07 Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Membership

Dr. Nimesh Ladhawala,  
*Committee Chairperson*  
Mr. Gilbert Moreno,  
*Committee Vice Chairperson*  
Mr. Gilbert Acevez  
Ms. Tiffany Chou  
Mrs. Kathi Delegal  
Dr. Theodore Ebenkamp  
Mr. Siong Yap

### Facilities Vision Statement:

The Governing Board of the Rowland Unified School District has a mandate from the community to modernize our facilities. We are accountable for results that demonstrate fiscal responsibility and strategic implementation that reflect our collective vision of excellence.

## 2006-07 Activities of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee

The Committee met five times between September 2006 and June 2007 to receive, review and discuss the following:

- Program Financial Reports
- Project Status Reports
- Bid Status of Various Projects
- Program Management Selection Process

The Committee visited construction sites on two occasions during the period.

On January 16, 2008, the Committee received and approved Financial Audit and Performance Audit reports from the audit firm of Vicenti Lloyd & Stutzman, LLP.

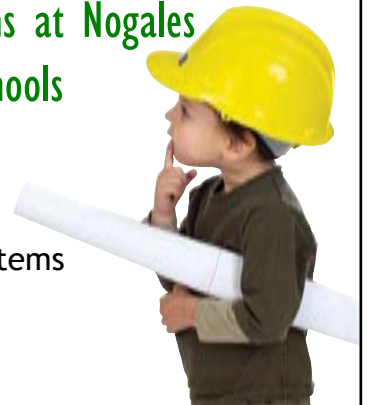
*(Note: This meeting was originally scheduled for December 12, 2007, but was rescheduled due to lack of a quorum.)*

## MAJOR MEASURE R 2006 PROJECTS OF 2006-07



### Renovation of Stadiums at Nogales and Rowland High Schools

- New Artificial Turf
- New All-Weather Tracks
- New Public Address Systems



### Playground - La Seda Elementary School

Complete Removal and Replacement of 35,000 Square Feet of Asphalt and Base Material

Drainage Redesign



# MAJOR MEASURE R 2006 PROJECTS OF 2006-07 (Continued)

## Walkway Canopy Replacement - Rowland Elementary School



Complete Replacement of Walkway Canopy  
Re-routing of Electrical and Data Infrastructure  
Installation of Campus Rain Water Drainage System  
Installation of Video Surveillance System

## Modernization: Villacorta Elementary School Multipurpose Building



*Villacorta students enjoy new cafeteria.*



*New kitchen at Villacorta.*



*Teachers love their new lounge and kitchen!*

New Covered Exterior Eating Area for Students  
New Staff Lounge, Kitchen and Teacher Prep Room  
New Ceiling, Lights, Heating and Air Conditioning  
New Cafeteria and Kitchen  
New Sewer, Water and Electrical Services

## Wonder of Reading Libraries at Elementary Schools

Four School Sites Completed in 2007: Hollingworth, Jellick, Villacorta, and Rorimer

Three School Sites Under Construction to be Completed in 2008: La Seda, Rowland Elementary, and Northam

New 1,920 sq. ft. libraries, including casework, windows, doors, flooring and CAT5/Data Drops



*Students are excited about reading in their new Wonder of Reading Library! Above: First library to open was Hollingworth Elementary; Right: Rorimer Wonder of Reading Library opened on December 10.*



## Summary of Independent Auditor's Reports

**Financial Audit:** The auditors Vincenti Lloyd and Stutzman, LLP concluded the District had complied with all applicable accounting standards for governmental agencies. In addition, they found the Measure R financial statements free of material misstatement and no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Governmental Auditing Standards.

**Performance Audit:** The auditor concluded that the District had properly accounted for the expenditure of funds held in the Bond Building Fund and that such expenditures were made for authorized bond projects. They further concluded that the bond funds were not expended for salaries of school administrators or other operating expenditures.

There was one finding in the Performance Audit Report concerning the maintenance of the Measure R website. The auditors noted that minutes, documents and reports given to the Committee were not being posted to the website. Staff has initiated actions to address and correct this finding.

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

On September 13, 2006, the District sold \$48,000,000 in bonds, in the first issue of the Measure R 2006 Bond program. Summarized below is a statement of revenues, expenditures, and change in fund balance for the program as of the end of the 2006-07 fiscal year.

### FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007

#### REVENUE - ALL SOURCES

|                                   |                   |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Measure "R" 2006 (first issuance) | \$ 48,000,000     |
| Interest                          | 2,161,679         |
| <b>Total revenue</b>              | <b>50,161,679</b> |

#### LESS: EXPENDITURES

|  |                  |
|--|------------------|
| Stadium Renovations - Nogales, Rowland HS                  | 1,193,704        |
| Wonder of Reading Libraries                                | 156,294          |
| Asphalt Replacement - La Seda Elementary                   | 10,162           |
| Walkway, Drainage, Video Surveillance - Rowland Elementary | 71,642           |
| Multi-Purpose/Kitchen - Villacorta Elementary              | 163,952          |
| Library Renovation - Nogales High School                   | 9,944            |
| K-8 Conversion - Ybarra                                    | 14,755           |
| Centralized Costs - Legal, Consultants                     | 17,740           |
| <b>Total Expenditures</b>                                  | <b>1,638,192</b> |

#### BALANCE JUNE 30 2007 - MEASURE R 2006

**\$ 48,523,487**

For information on the Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee and the Measure R Bond, visit the District website: [www.RowlandSchools.org](http://www.RowlandSchools.org) *Click About Us: Measure R Bond*

Rowland Unified School District is proud to serve 17,500 students at 23 elementary and secondary schools in the communities of Rowland Heights, Walnut, La Puente, City of Industry, and West Covina. Permits allow students from other communities to attend our schools. More than 5,000 adults (16+) are also served by the Rowland Adult and Community Education School. Please call (626) 965-2541 for further information on RUSD or visit [www.RowlandSchools.org](http://www.RowlandSchools.org).



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