

ROWLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

# BUILDING FUTURES

Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee MEASURE R ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY 07-08

## HURLEY ELEMENTARY OPENS NEWEST LIBRARY



NEW 1,900 SQUARE FOOT LIBRARY FEATURES A MINI-AMPHITHEATER FOR STORY TELLING, FOUR COMPUTER RESEARCH STATIONS AND COZY READING AREAS.



HURLEY ELEMENTARY OPENED THEIR NEW WONDER OF READING LIBRARY ON APRIL 3. IT IS THE EIGHTH MODERNIZED LIBRARY TO OPEN IN RUSD. THE NEXT IS SCHEDULED TO OPEN AT YBARRA ACADEMY.



LIBRARIAN CYNTHIA RUEDA ENJOYS HER COLLECTION OF MORE THAN 10,000 NEW BOOKS!

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 only can be used to modernize, repair, upgrade, expand, and construct facilities at the District's 22 existing schools. 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. 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 RUSD boundaries.



### IMPORTANT NOTE

Measure R Funds can not be used to offset any of the \$13 million in program cuts the State has imposed on the District. The District has placed on the June Ballot Measure E, a local parcel tax, that would raise an estimated \$2.5 million annually for 5 years only.

For more information, visit [www.RowlandSchools.org](http://www.RowlandSchools.org)

# MEASURE R 2006 PROJECT UPDATE 2007-08

## K-8 Conversions of Ybarra & Oswalt Academies



More than just a locker room! Both schools utilize the new portable units for classroom instruction throughout the day. *Music class with Ybarra Music Teacher Dan Wohlitz. Boys Locker Room.*



*Below: Oswalt 7th graders in Teacher Tom Tolliver's Science Class. Ybarra Science Teacher Tony Torres with students.*

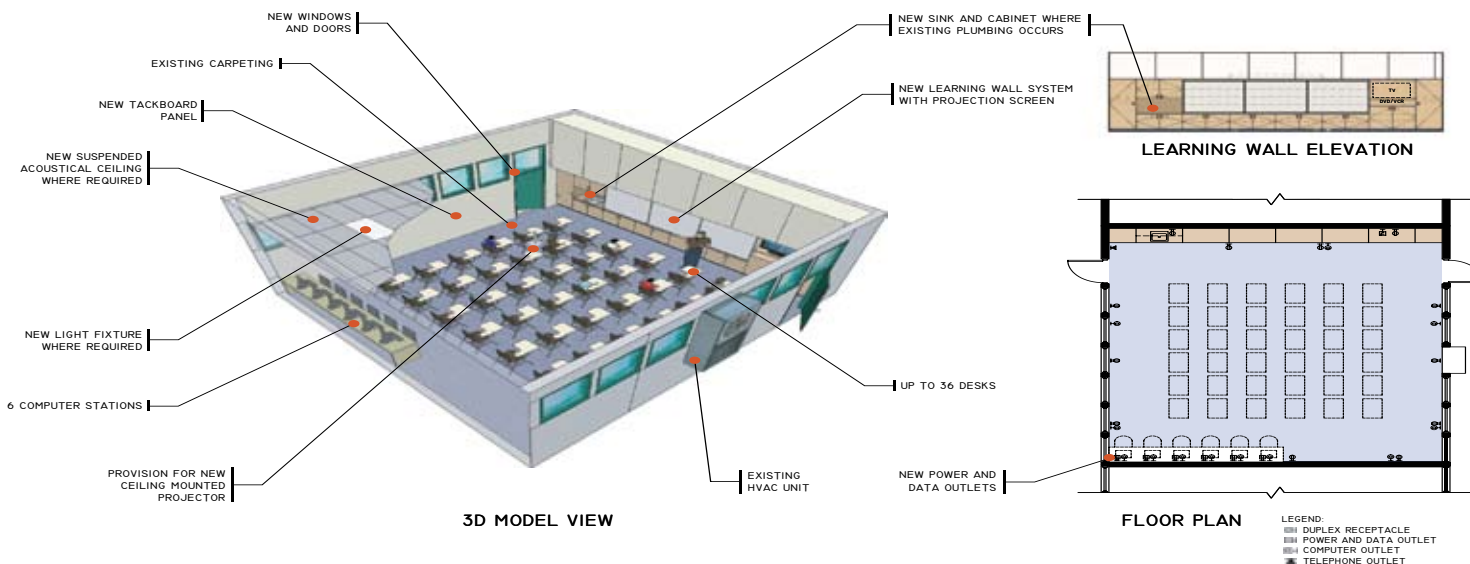


*Rowland Elementary has the first classroom of the future. 5th Grade Teacher Ms. Mauk in action!*

**New Science Labs at Oswalt and Ybarra** feature chemical-resistant tops and new furniture.



## Classroom Modernizations



3D MODEL VIEW

FLOOR PLAN

PROTOTYPICAL CLASSROOM - ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (FINGER TYPE)

### Features that will be part of standard classroom modernization efforts in RUSD Schools

**Learning Wall System** (wall units that feature teaching tools such as white boards, storage area and space for multimedia technology/projection screen)

**New Power and Data Outlets**  
**Lighting Replacement** (As required)  
**Plumbing Infrastructure Replacement**  
**Ceiling Repair/Replacement** (As required)  
**New Windows and Doors** (As required)

# COMING THIS SUMMER TO NOGALES AND ROWLAND...

## EXCITING CAREER TECH RENOVATIONS

Rowland Unified is one of the leaders in the State for receiving approval for matching funding by the State Allocation Board for Career Technical Education (CTE) Projects. **More than \$4 million in modernization grants have been approved for the Auto Repair Program at Nogales, the Culinary Arts/JAR program at Rowland High School and the Business and Information Technology programs at both high schools.** The Autoshop at Nogales and the Culinary Arts program at Rowland High School have both been approved by the State architect and construction could start as early as this summer.





The Automotive Repair Program at Nogales High School prepares and trains students aspiring to enter careers in the automotive and transportation fields. The new funding will allow an upgrade of the existing facility with adequate electrical power and technology outlets/drops, replacement of rollup doors for moving donated cars and engines in and out of the shop, and modern equipment equivalent to the current industry standards that are involved with auto repair and smog checks. Various new high-tech auto repair equipment includes in-ground four point side auto lifts, engine flow-meter which allows students to gauge the gas/air flow mixture of engines, four wheel in ground automotive dynamometer as well as a separate engine dynamometer for students to do diagnostic work on cars and engines as dynamometers simulate actual road conditions. Nearly 50 years old, the existing structure will be retrofitted with new workbenches, a new storage area and installation of proper ventilation and waste disposal systems. The State has approved a matching grant of \$1,080,003 for a total project amount of \$2,160,006.

The Rowland High School Culinary Arts program provides training in food and nutrition, gourmet and international foods and a variety of restaurant occupations to prepare students for a wide range of positions in the food service and hospitality industries. The Culinary Arts Program consists of a classroom as well as a student managed on-campus restaurant known as "The Golden JAR" which train students in a job-like environment. The Culinary classroom, which was built in 1963, will be redesigned. Seven new stainless steel kitchens will be built that will have closed circuit TV capability connected to the instructor's demonstration kitchen. This will allow each kitchen to see the demonstration on a flat screen TV. The Golden JAR will have 900 square feet added which will create a large dining area for the restaurant. Equipment will be converted to industry standard culinary stations with appropriate commercial cooking equipment and a lecture area. In addition, the electrical, plumbing and ventilation systems will be upgraded to create a code-compliant food preparation area including four stoves, griddles, sandwich prep station, dishwasher, sanitation station, storage facility and refrigeration, freezer and dishwasher, adequate to train students in various food service activities. The project totals \$2,332,104 of which half has been approved to be provided as a grant from the State through the CTE approval process.

PROJECT	STATUS
<i>Ybarra Academy Portables</i>	Now under construction, SUMMER '09
<i>Blandford ES Portables</i>	Now under construction, SUMMER '09
<i>Nogales High School – CTE: Autoshop</i>	DSA-approved; SUMMER '09
<i>Rowland High School – CTE: Culinary Arts - JAR</i>	DSA-approved
<b>Department State Architect (DSA) Review 4-6 months</b>	<b>Submitted to Approval</b>
<i>Ybarra Academy</i>	Nov. 2008 - June 2009
<i>Giano IS Modernization</i>	Dec. 2008 – July 2009
<i>Rincon IS Modernization</i>	Dec. 2008 – July 2009
<i>Hurley ES Modernization</i>	Dec. 2008 – July/Sept. 2009
<i>Nogales High Modernization</i>	Jan. 2009 – August 2009
<i>Alvarado IS Modernization</i>	March 2009 – Sept. 2009
<i>Oswalt Academy Modernization</i>	April 2009 – Oct. 2009
<i>Blandford ES Modernization</i>	May – Nov. 2009
<i>Rowland High School Modernization</i>	June 2009 - Dec. 2009
<i>Nogales High School Library - Floor Repair</i>	Aug. 2009 - Feb. 2010
<i>Remaining Projects</i>	Fall 2010 - 2013

### 2007-08 Activities of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee

The Committee met 4 times between September 2007 and March 2008 to receive, review and discuss the following:

-  Program Status Update
-  Program Financial Reports
-  Project Status Reports
-  Bid Status of Various Projects

On December 3, 2008, the Committee received and approved Financial Audit and Performance Audit reports from the audit firm of Vicenti Lloyd & Stutzman, LLP.

(Information is available at District Office.)



## 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.

In the previous audit last year, 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 recently presented website revisions to address and correct this finding.

### 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.

## 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 2007-08 fiscal year.

ROWLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT MEASURE "R" 2006			
FINANCIAL SUMMARY As of the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008			
07-08			
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE, JULY 1, 2007		\$48,523,487	
REVENUE			
Interest - July, 2007 to June, 2008		2,157,658	
LESS: EXPENDITURES PAID - July, 2007 to June, 2008			
90000 Stadium - Nogales, Rowland HS	\$3,305,080	\$1,193,704	\$4,498,784
90001 Wonder of Reading	493,717	156,294	650,011
90002 Playground - La Seda Elementary	260,664	10,162	270,826
90003 Covered Walkway - Rowland Elementary	706,332	71,642	777,974
90004 Multi-Purpose/Kitchen - Villacorta Elementary	982,123	163,952	1,146,075
90005 Library Renovation - Nogales High School	52,362	9,944	62,306
90007 Curb Appeal/Fencing	57	0	57
90008 K-8 Conversion - Ybarra/ Oswalt El Schools	155,944	14,755	170,699
90009 Career Tech - Nogales/Rowland High Schools	109,646		109,646
90010 New Construction - Oswalt Academy	35,264		35,264
90011 Modernization	6,918		6,918
90012 Centralized Costs - Legal, Consultants	161,980		161,980
90013 Program Management	47,157	17,740	64,897
	486,514		486,514
	3,976		3,976
Total	\$6,807,734	\$1,638,192	\$7,955,436
<b>FUND BALANCE AS OF JUNE 30, 2008 - MEASURE R 2006</b>		<b>\$43,873,411</b>	
2008-09 Update:			
Payments made from July 1 to August 30, 2008		194,136 *	
Fund Balance AS OF August 30, 2008		\$43,679,275	

\* Majority portion of this expense is for K-8 Conversion and Modernization

For information on the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee and the Measure R Bond, visit the District website:

[www.RowlandSchools.org](http://www.RowlandSchools.org) Click on 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. Rowland Unified School District Office is at 1830 S. Nogales Street, Rowland Heights. Please call (626) 965-2541 for further information on RUSD or visit [www.RowlandSchools.org](http://www.RowlandSchools.org).

**\*VACANCY - Community members interested in being considered for membership on the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee are encouraged to call (626)854-8520 ext. 8309.**



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