



Lake Elsinore Unified School District Bond Election Information

BACKGROUND

On August 4, 2016, the Lake Elsinore Unified School District Board of Trustees unanimously took action to place a General Obligation Bond measure on the November 8, 2016 ballot. This ballot measure will shape the educational future of the entire community and, if passed, will be split between classroom technology and facility needs. *(Resolution 2016-17-028, with Attachments and a list of school facilities projects, is available on LEUSD's website.)*

LAKE ELSINORE SCHOOLS PROVIDE HIGH-QUALITY EDUCATION

Great schools improve the quality of life in our community and protect the value of our homes. We are proud to be recognized for outstanding academic achievement, with multiple National Blue Ribbon Schools, California Distinguished Schools, CA Business for Education Excellence Foundation's Honor Roll Schools, Title I Academic Achievement Award Schools, Riverside County Teachers of the Year and model school awards, including an International Baccalaureate Program with IB World distinction, in addition to honors and Advanced Placement classes.

MODERNIZING SCHOOLS SO LOCAL STUDENTS CAN COMPETE

If we want our local students to succeed in high school, college, and careers, they must be skilled in the use of today's technologies and have a solid background in science, math, and technology. Current facilities won't support our students' ability to build those skills.

LOCAL SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT FUNDING TO REDUCE RELIANCE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

The Lake Elsinore Unified School District Board of Trustees has unanimously approved placing a school bond measure on the November 2016 ballot with the stated goals of providing the following:

- Classrooms, labs and equipment for career and technology education classes so students are prepared for college and in-demand jobs in fields like health sciences, engineering, technology and skilled trades;
- Improved student safety and campus security systems, including security fencing, security cameras, emergency communications systems, smoke detectors, fire alarms and sprinklers;
- The facilities and technology needed to support high quality instruction in math and science;
- Upgrades to old, worn-out playground equipment, play fields and sports fields to meet current health and safety standards;
- The facilities and equipment needed to support high quality instruction in music and the arts;
- Improved heating, ventilation, insulation, doors and windows to increase energy efficiency and save money;
- Additional classrooms and schools to reduce student overcrowding and support student education for a 21st Century learning environment.

LOCAL CONTROL AND STRICT FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY

- All money raised would stay local to support our students and could not be taken away by the State or used for other purposes.
- The proposed measure requires a clear system of accountability, including a specific project list, independent citizens' oversight and annual audits.
- A measure would make our schools eligible for millions of dollars in state matching funds that would otherwise go to other communities.

For More Information

We welcome your input as we work to ensure our schools continue to provide an excellent education for all students. For more information, please contact the office of Superintendent Dr. Doug Kimberly at info@leusd.k12.ca.us.