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Albany Unified School District is proud of our many accomplishments. Our schools are among the highest performing in the state. We make it a priority to recruit, train, and retain highly qualified teachers that provide our students with a strong academic curriculum and innovative programs. We believe that investing in our students, leadership, and schools prepare all students for college and 21st century careers.

Stakeholder engagement is a priority within our district. The Board of Trustees solicited input from parents, staff, students, and community members as they conducted important conversations about facilities needs, priorities, and funding. This year, many special Board meetings and workstudy sessions were scheduled and highly publicized. We encouraged stakeholders to attend, listen, and engage in conversations at these important meetings. We also solicited input by sending a survey to Albany community stakeholders.

We listened to our community. You told us to place a high value on low class size, school safety, and modern learning environments. Improvements and upgrades to school facilities are needed to provide these desired modern flexible learning environments and to meet today's seismic safety standards. To accomplish this, the Board of Trustees voted to place two bond measure (Measures B&E) on the June election ballot. The two bond measures will address safety and overcrowding within the schools. If Measures B & E receive the necessary voter approval to pass in the June election, we will appoint a bond oversight committee to ensure funds are used responsibly. For more information on Measures B&E, visit the AUSD website at www.ausdk12.org. We believe citizens should make themselves aware of the issues surrounding the bonds so that they can make an informed decision. It is important that Albany citizens register to vote in this upcoming election. Please visit www.acgov.org/rov for more information on how to register to vote.

I want to thank parents, staff, students, and community members for your strong support of our schools. I am proud to be your superintendent and proud to say that Albany is all about the schools.

Sincerely,

Val Williams, Superintendent
Albany Unified School District