

## **Westminster School District Measure T Talking Points**

### **Quality Education at Award-Winning Schools**

- WSD offers quality education to provide students foundation in core academic subjects they need for success in high school, college and 21st-century careers
- Nearly 10,000 students in kindergarten through eighth grade at 17 school sites
- Honor Roll School District
  - 1 of only 13 in California
- 9 California Gold Ribbon Schools
- 7 Federal Academic Achieving Schools

### **Plan to Address Repairs and Updates Needed for Aging Classrooms**

- All local schools are 46-66 years old with classrooms and science labs that need to be updated
  - Aging roofs leak, disrupting classroom instruction
  - Classrooms lacking air conditioning often reach temperatures of 80-100 degrees
- WSD developed plan to complete highest-priority improvements over next 10-12 years
  - Cannot all be completed at once because of availability of funds and staging required to avoid disruption at schools
- Board of Trustees voted to place Measure T, a local bond measure, on the Nov. 8, 2016 ballot
  - Would provide \$76 million of funding to address most urgent facility needs if approved by voters

### **Measure T: Highest Priority School Facility Improvements**

- Repairing or replacing leaky roofs
- Replacing outdated heating and ventilation systems with updated air conditioning systems in all classrooms
- Constructing a gymnasium at Stacey Middle School for physical education and community use
- Upgrading inadequate electrical systems
- Improving student access to modern technology
- Renovating outdated classrooms, restrooms and school facilities

### **Elements of the Measure**

- All funds would benefit WSD and could not be taken by the State
- An independent citizens' oversight committee would ensure that all funds are spent according to voter-approved purposes
- No funds could be used for administrators' salaries
- Estimated annual property tax is \$24.50 per \$100,000 of assessed (not market) property value for as long as bonds are outstanding

### **For More Information**

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