

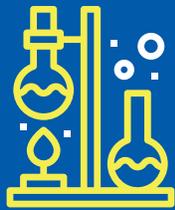
Pasadena Unified School District

MEASURE



Funding to Increase Student Access Technology,
Expand Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and
Math (STEAM) Courses and School Improvements

VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY NOV. 3, 2020



Improving student access to Science,
Technology, Engineering and Math
(STEAM) courses throughout the District



Increasing student access
to computers and modern
classroom technology



Replacing aging plumbing
systems and roofs



Measure O's estimated average annual tax
rate is less than 4¢ per \$100 of assessed
valuation while bonds are outstanding

Look for **Measure O**
on Your November Ballot



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS MEASURE O?

Measure O is a general obligation (GO) bond measure on the November 3, 2020, presidential election ballot. If approved by 55% of District votes cast, Measure O will authorize \$516.3 million to increase student access to technology, upgrade classrooms and schools, and expand STEAM and Career Technical Education programs and facilities.

WHAT IS A GO BOND?

GO bonds are commonly used by California school districts to fund improvement projects, such as construction and renovation of classrooms. Similar to a home loan, GO bonds are repaid over time. Funds to repay the bonds come from a tax on all taxable property—residential, commercial, industrial and agricultural—located within the District.

WHY IS MEASURE O ON THE BALLOT?

The District Board believes the state does not provide sufficient funding for repairing facilities and updating technology. Measure O will allow the District to fund critical classroom and technology improvements to provide our children with the skills needed to compete in a modern world. In addition, COVID-19 has made it clear that emergencies can happen at any time, and our schools must be equipped to educate our students in a safe and secure learning environment.

HOW MUCH WILL MEASURE O COST?

Measure O's average annual tax rate is estimated to be less than 4¢ per \$100 of assessed valuation while bonds are outstanding. Assessed valuation should not be confused with market value. The assessed valuation while bonds are outstanding is the value placed on the property by Los Angeles County and is typically lower than market value.

WHAT TAXPAYER PROTECTIONS ARE IN PLACE?

Measure O comes with taxpayer protections. An independent Citizens' Oversight Committee and a third-party auditor must review and audit all bond expenditures. Funds are prohibited from being used for administrators' salaries, pensions or benefits. **Measure O includes legal safeguards requiring that all bond funds be spent on Pasadena Unified schools**—the state is legally prohibited from taking and spending the funds in other districts.

WHAT WILL BE FUNDED BY MEASURE O?

- Improving equitable access to technology for students
- Providing classrooms, labs and technology to support Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEAM) courses
- Improving access to school facilities for students with disabilities
- Improving energy conservation with installation of district-owned solar panels and energy-efficient windows
- Upgrading Career Technical Education classrooms
- Replacing aging roofs and plumbing systems
- Repairing and upgrading aging classrooms and labs to better prepare students for high school, college and careers
- Replacing heating, ventilation and air-conditioning systems
- Installing new electrical systems to safely accommodate new technology
- Improving student safety and campus security, emergency communications systems, smoke detectors, fire alarms and sprinklers

HOW DO I VOTE BY MAIL?

This year, all registered voters will receive a vote-by-mail ballot. If you need to register to vote, you can register online at www.registertovote.ca.gov. Once you complete your ballot, sign your ballot envelope and simply drop your ballot in the mail—postage is prepaid—by November 3, 2020. If you need additional assistance or would like to drop off your ballot in person at a polling place or drop box, please visit www.lavote.net for more information.

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