

NMCUSD Measures E and F Fact Sheet

On Tuesday, November 7, 2017, all voters in the North Monterey County Unified School District will be asked to consider two school bonds, Measures E and F. Measures E & F will raise funds to rebuild and reopen Moss Landing Middle School, reconvert the current middle school to an elementary school to relieve severe overcrowding, and add science labs and other classrooms at the high school.

Measures E and F will:

- Rebuild and reopen Moss Landing Middle School with all new classrooms, science labs, library/media center, gym and playfields
- Reconvert North Monterey County Middle School to a second elementary school to serve Castroville students and reduce the number of students bused to other elementary schools
- Replace aging portables with new classrooms to provide better access to technology for 21st Century learning
- Replace old, temporary classrooms at North Monterey County High School with a new Science, Technology, Engineering Math (STEM) building.
- Modernize and update electrical, plumbing, restrooms, heating systems, and at designated schools connection to domestic water.
- Provide additional fields and athletic facilities for school and community use
- Increase campus safety and security.

North Monterey County Unified Schools are old and overcrowded. Rebuilding and reopening Moss Landing Middle School will reduce overcrowding at every school in the District. Our elementary schools, Castroville, Echo Valley, Elkhorn, and Prunedale are severely overcrowded. They serve between 560 and 720 students on campuses built to house 350-400. There is inadequate access to modern technology, science labs and libraries. Playground space and fields are limited due to the number of old, temporary portable classrooms needed to house students. More than 500 students from Castroville are bused every day to other schools because there is no room at Castroville Elementary.

With the new Moss Landing Middle School opened, Castroville elementary students will be housed on two campuses. The current middle school site will serve elementary students in the upper grades (e.g. 4-6) and Castroville Elementary will serve students in lower grades (e.g. pre-K-3rd).

Measures E & F provide for strict accountability as bond funds are spent. The School Board adopted specific project lists when calling this election. In addition, an Independent Citizens Bond Oversight Committee will monitor and review all bond expenditures. This committee of local residents will make sure that all bond funds are spent as planned for the benefit of local students. The average yearly cost to property owners in the North Monterey County Unified School District would be \$59 per \$100,000 of assessed value (not market value) for each of the bonds for a total of \$118 per \$100,000 if both measures are approved by voters.