

Measure F “Fix Our Facilities, New Classroom, Athletic Facilities”

“To upgrade schools by replacing old portables with new classrooms, science labs, athletic facilities at reopened middle school, relieving overcrowding, reducing traffic congestion, increasing safety, repairing or replacing inefficient heating, plumbing, electrical systems; replacing, constructing and renovating schools, shall the North Monterey County Unified School District be authorized to issue \$40,000,000 in bonds at interest rates within the legal limit with no funds for administrator salaries and an appointed Independent Oversight Committee to monitor all bond expenditures?”

If both bond measures on the ballot are approved by voters, the North Monterey Unified School District can relieve severe overcrowding at all elementary schools and the middle school, replace old, worn out portables with new classroom buildings, upgrade athletic fields and playgrounds, and build a new Science/Technology/Engineering/Math (STEM) facility at North Monterey County High School. The cost of the project includes items such as classrooms, utilities, ADA and State/County/Coastal regulations, furniture and equipment, educational services facilities, library, multi-purpose rooms, and other school facilities to serve students.

Reopening the Moss Landing site will allow the District to utilize District assets to solve numerous problems. The District will finally have a comprehensive middle school facility that will better serve our community. With an additional elementary school opening in Castroville, students will not be redirected and bused to schools far from home. Temporary portable classrooms on existing elementary campuses will be replaced with permanent buildings with upgraded infrastructure for technology to improve 21st century learning. The high school campus will replace temporary portable classrooms with the new Science Technology, Engineering/Math (STEM) building. Severe overcrowding at all schools will be reduced and permanent buildings will replace aging portables that have exceeded their 20-year lifespan.

If Measure E, the reopening of Moss Landing Middle School is approved, Measure F bond funds would be used to remove old portable classrooms from campuses, add permanent classrooms, build new science labs, and improve access to classroom technology, greatly reducing impacted schools. Measure F bond funds will also be used to repair or replace infrastructure such as heating, air, plumbing, roofs and electrical systems. Measure F will also provide funds to complete the reopening of the Moss Landing Middle School to include a gym, locker rooms, and athletic fields.

If Measure E, the reopening of Moss Landing Middle School is not approved, Measure F bond measure would be used to add classrooms to existing schools to accommodate increasing student enrollment. Each campus is currently at or over capacity so adding classrooms at each site is problematic. If Moss Landing is not reopened, two story classrooms will be added at schools, old

portables will remain and playgrounds, fields and multi-use rooms as well as parking and traffic will be greatly impacted.

If both bond measures are not approved by voters. The schools in the North Monterey County Unified School District will continue to be severely overcrowded. Every possible classroom, including the old portables that have outlived their usefulness will be used to house students and special programs such as preschool, music and interventions may be in jeopardy due to lack of available classroom space. Many students from Castroville will continue to be bused to schools away from Castroville. Middle School students will continue to attend a school designed as an elementary school and will not have access to fields or modern, 21st century classrooms, science labs and technology. In addition, the Science/Technology/Engineering/Math (STEM) facility at North Monterey County High School will not be built and high school students will not have the science classrooms they deserve.

The North Monterey County Unified School District serves more than 4,600 students in grades K-12. The district operates eight schools at seven campuses, Castroville Elementary, Echo Valley Elementary, Elkhorn Elementary, Prunedale Elementary, North Monterey County Middle, Central Bay High and North Monterey County High School. The district also operates preschools at each elementary school as well as the Castro Plaza Family Resource Center, and its North Monterey County Center for Independent Studies (K-12 school) and the adult education school.

The schools in the district are old, with the average age of 61 years. The District has used bond funds approved by voters in 2002 and 2013 and maximized local bond investments with matching state funds, grants, developer fees, and federal stimulus funds. North Monterey County High School has recently opened a new library/media center, renovated the gymnasium and the new athletic track and field facility will open soon. Schools have upgraded access to technology and repaired and replaced heating, plumbing and ventilation systems. Bond funds have also been used to replace fire alarms and other improvements for student safety.

But there is much more that must be completed. The District has experienced a rapid increase in enrollment over the past few years. We will need at least 30 new additional classrooms over the next several years to accommodate students in our District schools. The District has over 50 aging portable classrooms that have exceeded their 20-year lifespan that must be replaced with new permanent buildings, with upgraded infrastructure for technology to improve 21st century learning. The high school's campus needs to replace temporary portable classrooms with a new Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM) building to provide science labs. Our schools continue to improve but our facilities are impacted and our resources limited.

The District has recently updated its Facilities Master Plan. The Master Plan is to provide all students with equitable access to quality facilities no matter which school a child attends. All schools in the district will receive bond funds

and accountability and oversight safeguards will be put in place to make certain all funds are spent appropriately. The schools in the district include:

Castroville Elementary, 11161 Merritt Street, Castroville, CA, Built 1948

- Modernize Existing Permanent Classrooms
- Heating Replacement
- Modernize multi-purpose room
- Remove approximately 5 portable classrooms

Echo Valley Elementary, 147 Echo Valley Road, Salinas, CA, Built 1964

- New Library Media Center
- New Permanent Classrooms (est. 2-4 Rooms)
- Remove approximately 11 portable classrooms

Elkhorn Elementary, 2235 Elkhorn Road, Castroville, CA, Built 1957

- New Permanent Classroom Building (est. 14 Rooms)
- Domestic Water Connection
- Remove approximately 20 portable classrooms

Prunedale Elementary, 17719 Pesante Road, Salinas, CA, Built 1949

- New Permanent Classroom Building (est. 12 Rooms)
- New Restroom Building
- Modernize multi-purpose room
- Playfield Improvements
- Domestic Water Connection
- Remove approximately 20 portable classrooms

North Monterey County Middle School (existing campus) (originally an elementary school), 10301 Seymour Street, Castroville, CA, Built 1965

- Boiler Replacement
- New Permanent Classrooms (est. 2-4 Rooms)
- Modernize Existing Permanent Classrooms
- Improve Parking/Pickup/Drop Off/Fencing
- Modernize Existing Gym/multi-purpose room
- Campus Wide Irrigation Improvements
- Remove approximately 2 portable classrooms

North Monterey County High School, 13990 Castroville Blvd, Castroville, CA, Built 1978

- New Science/Technology/Engineering/Math Classroom Building (est. 8 Rooms)
- New Permanent Classroom Building (est. 12 Rooms)
- New Restroom Building
- Remove approximately 22 portable classrooms

Moss Landing Middle School (currently closed) 1815 Salinas Road (Hwy 1 and Springfield Road) Moss Landing, CA

- New Athletic Playfields/Track
- New Gymnasium Building/Locker Rooms
- Other essential school facilities such as educational services and support, independent study school and adult education classrooms, and a centralized technology HUB to support upgrading clocks, bells and security systems at all campuses