

Measure H
North Monterey County Unified School District
Frequently Asked Questions

What is Measure H?

Measure H a \$23.8 million School Bond which will allow the North Monterey County Unified School District to replace aging roofs, upgrade libraries, replace inefficient heating, plumbing and ventilation systems, upgrade athletic fields, and improve student access to classroom technology.

If voters approve Measure H, the district has committed to these priority projects:

- Replace old heating and ventilating systems with new, energy efficient systems.
- Repair or replace aging roofs.
- Upgrade athletic fields and facilities.
- Increase the ability of students and teachers to use classroom computers and technology.
- Renovate restrooms and replace old plumbing.

How will Measure H impact the operating costs of the school district?

In the long term, Measure H will save the district funds by making the schools more energy efficient. The heating, ventilating and plumbing systems are old and inefficient. New energy efficient systems will save the district funds that can be spent directly for the benefit of students in the classrooms at our schools.

How will I know these bond funds will be spent as planned?

The School Board adopted a very specific resolution when calling for the election. All of the construction projects are listed in the resolution and must be independently audited each year. In addition, the District is required to appoint an Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee to monitor and review all bond expenditures. This volunteer committee of local residents and taxpayers will make sure that all bond funds are spent as planned for the benefit of local students.

How much will Measure H cost me?

Measure H will cost property owners \$39 per \$100,000 of Assessed Valuation (not market value).

Can senior citizens apply for an exemption from Measure H?

There are no exemptions provided for in the law that defines how a general obligation bond can be structured. However, low-income senior citizens can, if they chose to, apply to have their taxes deferred under the provisions of State property tax law.

Can bond funds be used to pay teacher or administrator salaries?

No. By law, bond funds can only pay for school construction projects and school facility furnishings and equipment. None of the funds can be spent on administrator or teacher salaries.

What about lottery funds?

State lottery monies cannot be used to fund these school projects. State law expressly prohibits schools from using lottery funds for school construction projects. (CA Government Code Section 8880.5).

Won't the State provide the district with funding it needs to address these projects?

Currently, there is not designated state funding allocated for facility improvements. There is not sufficient state funding to cover the District's facility needs. Passage of Measure H will provide the funds specifically for facility improvements and the District will seek potential matching dollars if the State passes another bond in the future.