



# GJUESD *Measure K's* Frequently Asked Questions

## *What is Measure K?*

Measure K is a local school improvement bond measure that will be on the November 8<sup>th</sup> General Election ballot. If approved by at least 55 percent of voters, Measure K will authorize \$19.7 million in bonds in order to fund major renovations, repairs and upgrades to classrooms and schools throughout our District.

## *Why did the School Board submit Measure K to the voters?*

Our oldest school is over 60 years old. The average age of our schools is 29 years, with original construction dates from 1955 to 2005. While the facilities have been maintained, and are warm and welcoming, there are many needs for renovations and upgrades.

## *What will be funded by Measure K?*

Measure K authorizes improvements at school facilities throughout the District in four major categories:

- 1) Improvements for safety and security,
- 2) Modernization of our schools,
- 3) Improvement of our existing building systems, and
- 4) Remodeling or expansion to create 21st Century Schools.

Specific examples include:

- Improving student access to technology in all classrooms.
- Repairing and replacing leaky roofs and floors where needed.
- Installing new energy efficient lighting, water, plumbing and control systems throughout the District.
- Installing safety fencing, lighting and security systems at each school site.
- Expanding, developing and remodeling classrooms and libraries to support 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Environments.

## *What is a General Obligation (GO) Bond?*

GO Bonds are used by school districts statewide to fund projects such as the renovation of existing classrooms and school facilities, as well as

construction of new classrooms and facilities. Similar to a home loan, GO Bonds are typically repaid over a period of time. The loan repayment comes from a tax on all taxable property residential, commercial and industrial located in the Galt Joint Union Elementary School District.

## *How much will Measure K Cost?*

The proposed tax rate is 3¢ per \$100, or \$30.00 per \$100,000 of *assessed* value (not market value). For a home with an assessed value of the current median of \$198,220, this is less than \$5.00 per month. Assessed values for most properties are significantly below market value due to Proposition 13.

## *Since the High School District also approved a Facilities Bond Measure for November, are the taxpayers paying double?*

No, each elementary or high school district can propose a tax rate of up to \$30.00 per \$100,000 of assessed value. If we were one unified district we could propose up to \$60 per \$100,000 (for example: Elk Grove Unified School District, a K-12 district, is proposing up to \$60.00 per \$100,000 of assessed value).

## *How can I be sure that Measure K funds will be spent on improving our schools?*

Measure K includes a specific project list, and no money may be spent on anything else including no money for employee salaries. Measure K expenditures will be subject to the "Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act," which requires specific financial audits, performance audits, a citizens' oversight committee, taxpayer ability to prevent improper expenditures via court restraining orders and expeditious local law enforcement of any violation of laws.