



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT MEASURE B

## **What is Measure B?**

The Tamalpais Union High School District Board of Trustees voted to place Measure B, a \$289 million bond measure on the November 5, 2024, ballot to fund repairs and upgrades to aging local high schools. The state does not provide dedicated funding for school facility repairs and improvements, so local funding from a bond measure is needed for these upgrades.

## **What is the state of TUHSD high school classrooms, labs, and facilities?**

While TUHSD provides students with a high-quality education, local high school classrooms, labs, and facilities are more than 60 years old, are deteriorating and need upgrades. The last significant upgrades to local high schools occurred when voters last approved bond funding nearly 20 years ago.

## **Didn't we just vote on a bond measure for local high schools?**

Measure A on the March 2024 ballot would have provided \$517 million in funding to repair and upgrade local high schools, which is the cost of the needed upgrades identified in TUHSD's Facility Master Plan. Measure A fell a few hundred votes short of the 55% voter support needed for approval. Following the Measure A election, TUHSD leaders worked with the community to develop a scaled-down proposal that focuses on the most urgent and high priority facility improvements. Measure B is the result of this work.

## **How is Measure B different than the prior bond proposal?**

Measure B is 44% smaller than the bond proposed in March and has a scaled-down project list that focuses only on the projects at each high school that are most urgent and essential for student safety, supporting quality instruction, and keeping local high schools functioning. The tax rate for Measure B is \$18 per \$100,000 of assessed value (not market value), or 40% less than the cost of the prior bond proposal.

## **Would all local high schools receive funding from Measure B?**

Yes, the detailed and specific project list for Measure B allocates funding for the highest priority projects at each high school. The funding is split equitably among all high schools based roughly on each high school's percentage of total district student enrollment.

## **How was the scaled-back bond proposal developed?**

TUHSD worked with architects, engineers, and school facility experts to review and refine prior plans, focusing only the most critical and urgent repairs and upgrades at each high school in the updated proposal. The District has also incorporated feedback from community members at more than 15 public meetings, through surveys, and other outreach.

## **Specifically, what types of projects would Measure B fund?**

Funding from Measure B would be used to replace the most outdated and obsolete classrooms, science labs, technology, and equipment. It would repair or replace leaking roofs and inefficient heating, cooling, electrical and plumbing systems. Measure B funds would replace outdated and deteriorating temporary portable classrooms.

## **Are senior exemptions available?**

State law prohibits exemptions of any kind for school facility improvement bond measures. However, the cost of any bond is based on the assessed value of properties. Seniors and other residents who have lived in their homes for a long time have the lowest assessed values and would pay the least.

## **How can we be sure Measure B funds would be spent responsibly?**

Measure B requires strict fiscal accountability protections, including a detailed project list, required public disclosure of all spending, an independent citizens' oversight committee, and annual audits to ensure all funds are spent as promised. All Measure B funds would be locally controlled and could not be taken by the State or diverted to other uses. By law, no funds could be used for administrator salaries or benefits.

## **How would schools be upgraded without Measure B?**

Many of the identified upgrades at our high schools are essential for student safety and the continued functioning of our schools. Without funds from Measure B, the TUHSD would have to divert significant resources from instructional programming in order to address urgent and essential repairs that cannot be delayed. This would likely require reductions in academic programs, student support services, and teaching positions.

## **Who can vote on Measure B?**

All registered voters residing within the boundaries of Tamalpais Union High School District will be eligible to vote on Measure B on the November 5, 2024 General Election ballot. To register to vote, visit [registertovote.ca.gov](http://registertovote.ca.gov).

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