

# Measure Q School Bond

FACT SHEET

## Measure Q proposes to upgrade and improve Fresno Unified schools

The Board of Education voted unanimously to place the \$280 million bond on the November 2, 2010 ballot. The ballot measure proposes to improve school campuses in every neighborhood of the district, without raising the current authorized tax rate, by:

- Upgrading and improving all Fresno Unified schools
- Supporting the work of the district to prepare career-ready graduates
- Investing in renovation and repair of all schools
- Continuing classroom technology upgrades
- Addressing the dropout issue by investing in alternative and continuing education facilities

As Fresno Unified continues its work to boost academic achievement of all students, the district recognizes the impact that high-quality schools have on student success.

## Invests in all Fresno Unified schools

The bond is part of the funding identified by the community-led Facilities Ad hoc Advisory Committee to implement priority projects in the Facilities Master Plan. While the Master Plan identifies \$940 million in facilities needs, the \$280 million bond would be used to fund priority projects in the Master Plan with:

- \$79 million to upgrade and improve elementary schools
- \$46 million to improve middle schools
- \$98 million to upgrade all high schools
- \$12 million for career technical education facilities
- \$16 million for school maintenance/repair and technology
- \$ 8 million for alternative/continuing education to address the dropout issue
- Funds for special education, joint use, site acquisition, and supplemental construction costs

## At-a-Glance

### Why the bond now?

- Maintains current authorized tax rate
- Natural extension of facilities improvement program
- Leverages state funding programs
- Funding for facilities improvements tapering off as Measure K projects are completed
- Implements Facilities Master Plan priority projects

### Facilities Master Plan priorities:

- Improve school campuses, including classrooms, athletic fields and technology
- New middle and high school
- Replace 50-80 percent of portable classrooms with permanent buildings
- Create 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade choice middle schools to provide more options for students
- Develop functional, flexible space for specialty programs, magnet schools, career technical education, and special education progression in high school feeder areas

**All questions about Measure Q should be directed to the Communications Office 457-3733.**

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