

Title: Measure G Frequently Asked Questions

What is Measure G?

Measure G is a school bond measure on the November 8, 2022 ballot seeking voter authorization for Western Placer Unified School District (WPUSD) funding to make needed facilities repairs, technology upgrades, and improvements to school sites.

Why has the Western Placer Unified School District placed Measure G on the ballot?

More young families with school-age children are moving into our school district each year. The District's enrollment has almost doubled since the early 2000s. As a result, many WPUSD schools are operating at near maximum capacity. New classrooms are needed to prevent classroom overcrowding and accommodate projected enrollment. Using conservative estimates for new development over the next four years, the District's enrollment is projected to increase by almost 900 students by 2026-27. Based on areas likely to develop over the next 10-20 years, the City is estimating approximately 17,280 new housing units. Approximately 9,500 new students are expected from the 17,280 units planned over the next 10-20 years and the District will need to build new schools to accommodate these students.

What about ongoing school maintenance? Doesn't the District have a maintenance budget?

District staff work hard to maintain our public elementary, middle, and high school facilities, and keep them in good working condition with limited resources. However, the reality is that the types of repairs and renovations that our current needs assessment has identified go beyond the scope and means of regular school maintenance budgets.

What would funds raised by Measure G go towards?

RENOVATE & MODERNIZE Carlin C. Coppin Elementary, Creekside Oaks Elementary, Lincoln High School, Phoenix High School, and complete Twelve Bridges High School to prevent overcrowding, and to make sure that our school facilities and school grounds are safe, secure, and modern. FIX deteriorating roofs, plumbing, sewer, and electrical systems, where needed. REMOVE hazardous materials like asbestos and lead pipes. UPGRADE older schools to improve fire safety, school security, building safety, and access for students with disabilities. IMPROVE heating, ventilation, insulation, doors, and windows to increase energy efficiency and save money. UPGRADE classrooms, labs, and educational technology. MODERNIZE outdated wiring for computer technology and internet access. IMPROVE physical education areas, play equipment, kitchens, and multi-use facilities for student health, safety, and access for individuals with disabilities. REPLACE aging portable classrooms that are expensive to repair and maintain with modern, permanent classrooms.

What about the Lottery funding? Wasn't it supposed to fix our schools?

Unfortunately, restricted Lottery funds can only be used for classroom instruction, not technology or facility upgrades. Moreover, the money our school district receives from the Lottery each year comprises less than 1% of our annual General Fund Budget. Lottery funds alone cannot fund the extensive upgrades that our schools need.

Doesn't the STATE provide funding for facility upgrades?

Very little. In the past, State funding has been available to support local school upgrades, but especially now, we cannot count on this uncertain source of funding. Moreover, in order to access state funding, school districts MUST generate local matching funds by passing a local school bond measure. Passing a

local bond is the ONLY way to qualify for additional state funding if and when it becomes available. There are no other sources of funding for major facility upgrades.

I don't have children or they are grown and gone. Why does this matter to me?

Good schools are the foundation of any healthy, thriving community. Good schools make our neighborhoods desirable places to live and support our property values. Home resale values will benefit as our neighborhood schools are improved. The longer we wait to complete needed upgrades, the more expensive they will become.

If voters approve the bond, when will the work begin?

The District will immediately focus on the most critical facilities needs. A schedule for funding projects will be developed so they can be completed on time and within budget.

How much would the bond cost?

A \$185 million bond translates to about \$54 per year for every \$100,000 of assessed valuation. The assessed valuation refers to taxable value, not the market value of your home. The taxable value of your home or business will depend on when you purchased it. If the bond is approved, the typical homeowner in our school district will pay about \$235 a year, or \$19.50 a month.

How can we be assured that the bond money would be spent properly?

Taxpayer protections are REQUIRED. All funds raised would stay local to support WPUSD school facility and technology improvements. These funds cannot be taken by the State or spent on administrators' salaries. An Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee is required to ensure funds are spent properly. Measure G also requires independent annual audits on use of bond proceeds to ensure accountability to the public.

What about Measures A & N? Weren't they supposed to fix our schools?

EVEN WITH MEASURE A & N FUNDING, OUR PUBLIC TK-12 SCHOOL FACILITIES STILL NEED ATTENTION. Passage of Measure A in 2014 and Measure N in 2016 were the first steps in a comprehensive effort to upgrade aging and overcrowded Western Placer elementary, middle, and high school facilities. Measures A & N were bond measures focused on four key projects that were completed successfully and under budget.

Who makes the final decision on a local school bond?

The locally elected Western Placer Unified School District Board of Education is the legal entity that has placed this bond on the ballot. Ultimately, Western Placer Unified School District REGISTERED VOTERS will have the final say when they vote for or against the measure on the ballot.

Where can I find more information?

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