

# NATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEASURE N FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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## **WHAT IS MEASURE N?**

Measure N is a local school improvement bond measure that will be on the November 4 General Election ballot. If approved by at least 55 percent of voters, Measure N will make \$26.1 million available in order to fund major renovations, repairs and upgrades to classrooms and schools throughout our District.

## **WHY IS MEASURE N NEEDED?**

Our schools are over 60 years old on average and our newest school is over 45 years old. While the facilities have been maintained, there are many needs for renovations and upgrades.

## **WHAT WILL BE FUNDED BY MEASURE N?**

Measure N authorizes improvements at school facilities throughout the District including:

- Installing, upgrading and replacing outdated heating, ventilation and air-conditioning in every classroom throughout the District.
- Repairing and rebuilding aging classrooms and school facilities to meet health and safety requirements.
- Improving student access to classroom computers with high-speed Internet and up-to-date technology at every school throughout the District.
- Meeting handicap accessibility requirements in restrooms and classrooms.
- Renovating and expanding libraries.
- Repairing and replacing roofs.



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## **WHAT IS A GENERAL OBLIGATION (G.O.) BOND?**

G.O. 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, G.O. 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 District.

## **HOW MUCH WILL MEASURE N COST?**

The tax rate per property owner is estimated to be \$27.70 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation per year or a little over \$2.30 a month. Assessed valuation should not be confused with market value. Assessed valuations are the value placed on the property by the County and are typically lower than market values.



## **WHO CAN VOTE ON MEASURE N?**

All registered voters living within the National School District boundaries will be able to vote on Measure N as long as they have registered by October 20, 2014.

## **CAN THESE BOND FUNDS BE TAKEN BY THE STATE?**

No. By law, Measure N funds must be spent entirely within the National School District and cannot be taken by the State and spent elsewhere.

## **HOW CAN I BE SURE THAT MEASURE N FUNDS WILL BE SPENT ON IMPROVING OUR SCHOOLS?**

If voters approve Measure N, an independent Citizens' Oversight Committee must be established to review and audit all expenditures. In addition, Measure N funds cannot be used for teacher or administrator salaries.