

## **Alta Loma School District Frequently Asked Questions**

### **How are Alta Loma School District (ALSD) schools doing?**

Alta Loma School District has provided our community with outstanding education since 1884. We are proud to have a reputation for strong student achievement, as well as multiple California Distinguished School Awards and a Blue Ribbon School in our district. Great schools improve the quality of life in our community and protect the value of our homes.

### **What challenges are facing our schools?**

Some Alta Loma School District schools are over 50 years old, and many of our schools need repairs and improvements to meet the same standards as newer schools. Our schools are suffering from leaky roofs and outdated electrical systems that must be fixed. To meet current academic and safety standards, our schools need to be modernized and upgraded.

### **How does the District plan to address these needs?**

In order to maintain modern schools and promote a high-quality education, the Alta Loma School District Board of Trustees is considering placing a bond measure on the November 2016 ballot to update local schools.

### **What would the potential measure fund?**

A potential measure would:

- Repair or replace deteriorating roofs, plumbing, electrical and air conditioning systems where needed
- Improve access and educational facilities for students with disabilities and special medical needs
- Improve student safety and campus security systems, including security lighting, security cameras, fencing, emergency communications systems, smoke detectors, fire alarms and sprinklers
- Update instructional technology in the classroom for improved student learning in core subjects like reading, math, science and technology

### **Can the State fund upgrades to our schools?**

We unfortunately cannot rely on the State to provide adequate funding for facility repairs and improvements. Local funding through a school bond measure will allow the District to make necessary repairs and improvements and help maintain strong student achievement.

### **Would all funds benefit ALSD schools and remain local?**

Yes. All money raised by a measure would stay local to support our students and could not be taken away by the State.

### **How do I know that the local funds would be spent as promised?**

The measure will require a clear system of accountability, including a Citizens' Oversight Committee and independent audits to ensure all funds are spent properly. All money raised by a measure would stay local to support our students and could not be taken away by the State.

**How is the independent Citizens' Oversight Committee formed, and who selects the members?**

By law, a Citizens' Oversight Committee must be formed within 60 days after the Board enters the election results into Board minutes. It must be made up of a minimum of seven volunteer members who serve a term of two years each. Composition of the committee must include representatives from the business community, a senior organization, a taxpayer organization, a PTA member as well as a parent with children in the District. In addition, no employee, vendor or contractor of the District can be a member of the committee.

**Would this potential measure help our district qualify for state matching funds?**

While there are currently no existing matching funds, this measure would make ALSD eligible for these state dollars once they do become available. The state matching funds would provide additional money to help further improve and repair our local schools.

**Is there any other way to repair and improve our schools?**

ALSD has very few options when it comes to making the necessary repairs and upgrades to our local schools. We can't rely on the State to complete these repairs. A local school bond measure would provide the local control necessary to complete the prioritized projects to provide a safe and modern learning environment for our students. In addition, a potential measure would allow ALSD to qualify for state matching funds—funds that would not be available otherwise.

**When would a potential measure appear on the ballot?**

Though no final decisions have been made, the Alta Loma School District Board of Trustees is considering placing this measure on the November 2016 ballot. To pass, a potential measure would have to be supported by 55% of those who vote. All registered voters in ALSD would be eligible to vote on the potential measure.

**What if I have more questions?**

Please contact the office of Superintendent James Moore at (909) 484-4141 x2003.