



Grass Valley School District

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Dear Grass Valley Resident,

At the Grass Valley School District (GVSD), our goal is to provide the most engaging, enriching, safe and secure school experience for our students, and to produce productive citizens for today, tomorrow, and the future.

GVSD was formed more than 150 years ago, and has the oldest school buildings in Nevada County and the oldest continuously operated school site in California. We have taken care of our classrooms and facilities for decades, successfully utilizing many resources – including our operating budget and developer fees – but our elementary and middle schools are old, and inevitably need repairs and additional maintenance, as well as upgrades and modernization.

So, for the last few years, we have been working hard to understand how we can provide our students with the facilities they deserve. Considerable input from the community helped refine GVSD's priorities. The resulting priorities, our Facilities Master Plan, cost estimates and other related information can be found on our website: www.gvgsd.us

To address our needs, the District has already sought many potential funding sources. However, even if we received all possibly available resources, many facilities needs would remain unaddressed (the total cost for all of our needs is estimated to be \$40 million). As such, the District's Board has unanimously decided to place a General Obligation (GO) bond – Measure "D" – on the June 5th ballot. The District has not pursued a bond since 1967.

Measure "D" is a \$18.8 million GO bond for our elementary and middle schools that could:

- Repair aging classrooms, leaky roofs, and old facilities
- Fix restrooms and replace outdated infrastructure, including gas lines and plumbing
- Provide a clean, safe, quality learning environment for current and future students

Taxpayer safeguards are in place. Measure "D" requires:

- A Citizens' Oversight Committee
- NO money for administrators' salaries or pensions
- Annual audits and public reports of bond expenditures
- All funds spent locally on GVSD classrooms and facilities

Attached, please find a more detailed 'FAQ' about our facilities and Measure "D". Of course, please feel free to contact any of us or Asst. Superintendent Martinez at 273-4483 x2663 with any thoughts or other questions, or to schedule a time to visit any of our schools.

Sincerely,

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