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# Funding School Health & Safety Improvements

Twin Rivers Unified School District (TRUSD) is committed to ensuring our schools provide each student with optimal facilities to learn, grow, and become college and career ready. With an **average building age of 57 years old**, there are immediate health and safety improvements that must be addressed which exceed maintenance budgets. Unlike neighboring school districts, TRUSD has **not had a revenue measure in more than a decade** to fund health and safety improvements at its aging facilities.

### **Measure J**

Measure J proposes a \$120 million bond to address health and safety facilities improvements for middle and high school programs throughout the District, including ancillary and support facilities, and would levy a yearly fee of .023 cents per \$100 assessed value.

#### **Measure K**

Measure K proposes a \$150 million bond to address health and safety facilities improvements at elementary schools within TRUSD's Elementary School Facilities Improvement District (SFID), and would levy a yearly fee of .037 cents per \$100 assessed value.

## **Included Projects**

Measures J and K will provide funding for projects identified in TRUSD's Long Range Facilities Master Plan including:

# Priority 1 Projects

High risk for disruption to classrooms and operations if not addressed in the next five years.

- Legal and safety needs
- Critical replacements
- Growth

# **Priority 2 Projects**

Should be addressed within the next 15 years to avoid disrepair.

- Curricular
- Instruction and program needs
- Critical life-cycle replacements

# How Measures J and K will benefit students



School security and safety feature enhancements



Replacement of lead pipes to provide safe drinking water



Leaky roof repairs



Air conditioning, heating, and electrical system repair



Asbestos, mold, and lead paint removal



Repair cracked pavement and deteriorating playgrounds



Improvement of security and emergency response systems



Construct and equip classrooms with essential technology

# **Fiscal Accountability**

Measure J and Measure K will be overseen by a **Citizens' Oversight Committee and a third-party auditor** must review and audit all bond expenditures. This includes monitoring the planned improvements, costs, schedule, and progress of the bonds. Projects completed with funding from Measures J and K would be eligible for state matching funds, should they be available.

Funds are prohibited from being used for administrators' salaries, pensions, or benefits. Measure J and Measure K include **legal safeguards requiring all bond funds be spent on TRUSD facility improvements**, and the state is legally prohibited from spending the funds in other districts.

# Development of Measure J and Measure K

The TRUSD Board of Trustees voted to place Measure J and Measure K on the ballot. Residents who live in the district will have the **opportunity to vote on these measures on November 8, 2022**, during the General Election.