

**SAUSALITO MARIN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MEASURE P FACT SHEET**

The Sausalito Marin City School District provides a quality education for the children of our community. Recently, to help support the unification and integration process and address outstanding facility needs, the Board of Trustees of the District voted to place Measure P on the November 3, 2020 ballot. This information is provided to answer questions about Measure P.

**Q. What is Measure P?**

- A.** Measure P is a General Obligation Bond that, if approved by voters, will authorize \$41,600,000 in bonds to be sold to improve our local schools. Measure P will:
- Modernize classrooms at both Nevada Street and Phillips Drive campuses to provide students with safe classrooms appropriate to their age group and curriculum
  - Replace outdated portable classrooms with modern, permanent facilities
  - Keep classrooms and school buildings safe, healthy, and well-maintained by updating and improving utilities, heating, ventilation, and filtration systems
  - Provide maker spaces, robotics, video and visual and performing art spaces to enhance learning opportunities
  - Improve classroom facilities at both campuses to provide 21st century classrooms including the technology, wireless infrastructure, and flexible classroom furniture

**Q. Why is Measure P needed?**

- A.** The Sausalito Marin City School District is engaged in a unification and integration process and has completed a study with their architect to improve school facilities at both Bayside MLK School and Willow Creek Academy. The District believes a local bond measure can be effectively used to support this effort. Our local schools have given our students an excellent education for many years, and their facilities now need improvements that go beyond the District's annual budget. Funds would be used to make capital improvements across the District.

**Q. How would the students benefit from Measure "P?"**

- A.** Measure P would fund the replacement of outdated and deteriorating portable classrooms with modern permanent classrooms. It would also fund the modernization of school support facilities and provide specialty classrooms STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) classrooms such as maker spaces for robotics and technology as well as performing arts spaces to enhance learning opportunities for students. Measure P would also provide funding for the replacement and modernization of school facilities and infrastructure at both campuses including restrooms, roofing systems, and upgraded electrical, heating and ventilation systems.

**Q. What about climate change and environmental stewardship?**

- A.** For all District projects funded with Measure P, the District will comply with all applicable state building codes and regulations including California's Building Standards Code Title 24, that addresses the state's green building standards. Measure P would help the District improve outdoor environmental education. For example, the underground creek at the Nevada Street campus would be daylighted to provide outdoor science education opportunities to students. Measure P will help schools become more energy efficient and may include solar energy improvements.

**Q. What are General Obligation Bonds?**

- A. General Obligation (G.O.) Bonds fund real property improvements such as the replacement of plumbing and electrical systems, and the construction of new classrooms and schools and furniture and equipment. Similar to a home loan, G.O. bonds are typically repaid over 30 years. The loan repayment comes from a tax on all taxable property located within the District's boundaries: residential, commercial, and industrial. This funding method is widely used by school districts in Marin County and throughout the State. Currently, Sausalito Marin City School District has among the lowest bond tax rates for facility improvements of all Districts in the County at \$16 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation.

**Q. What safeguards does Measure P provide to taxpayers?**

- A. By law, Measure P requires a citizens oversight committee to ensure funds are spent on only the voter-approved projects. Additional safeguards include annual financial and performance audits to ensure that funds are being properly and used only for voter approved projects.

**Q. What happens if Measure P fails?**

- A. The District's capital projects would continue to go unimplemented and the District will not be able to provide the improvements necessary to modernize school facilities.

**Q. What will Measure P cost the taxpayers, and how will it be assessed?**

- A. The estimated tax rate for Measure P is \$30.00 per \$100,000 of assessed value per year. The tax rate is determined by a property's assessed valuation, which is not the same as your property's market value. Assessed valuation is the value placed on property by the County pursuant to Proposition 13 and is typically much lower than the market value for which a property may be sold. According to the County Assessor's office, the median assessed value for a Single-Family Residence in the District is approximately \$643,380 and the annual assessment for Measure P for a Single-Family Residence is estimated to be approximately \$16.08 per month. The final fiscal year in which the tax is anticipated to be collected is 2049-50.

**Q. What about using lottery money for these projects?**

- A. Under State law, lottery money cannot be used for construction or repairs of school facilities. Usually, lottery funding is about two percent of a school district's budget and is typically used for books and supplies.

**Q. Who can vote in the election?**

- A. All registered voters who live within the boundaries of the Sausalito Marin City School District will be eligible to vote on Measure "P." **Election Day is Tuesday, November 3, 2020.** Pursuant to the Governor's recent Executive Order and ratification by the State Legislature, all registered voters will be sent a Vote-by-Mail ballot in October before the November 3<sup>rd</sup> election. Marin County is one of several counties with access to the State's "Where's My Ballot" online tracker, which will detail when exactly you should receive your ballot. To access this tracker, simply go to: <https://california.ballottrax.net/voter/> and enter your information.

**Q. What if I have questions about Measure "P?"**

- A. You may contact the District Office at (415) 332-1024 for more information.

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