

Measure E – Culver City Unified School District

Frequently Asked Questions

What is Measure E?

Measure E is a bond measure that will make necessary improvements to school facilities, keeping Culver City Schools among the best in the state. These funds will give the district the ability to repair and upgrade outdated buildings, science labs, libraries, and instructional technology. Safe and modern schools prepare students for successful futures and make Culver City a great place to live.

Why is CCUSD proposing a local bond measure to fund facility improvements?

Most local schools date back to the early 1950s and have not had significant renovations in decades. At our aging neighborhood schools, we need to replace leaky roofs, falling ceiling tiles, broken entrance doors, and improve drains as most schools flood when it rains. Local funds provided by this measure will give the district the ability to make these necessary upgrades. Every dollar raised by the bond will be used only by the Culver City schools, none of which can be taken away by the state.

What would the Measure E fund?

- Fix leaky roofs, falling ceiling tiles, aging/deteriorated wiring, plumbing and drainage
- Update science labs, libraries, and instructional technology to catch up with the rapidly changing demands of our modern world and support student achievement
- Improve fire safety, emergency communications, and school security
- Modernize our aging neighborhood schools, which support everyone's property values

How can I be sure funds from Measure E would be spent as promised?

Measure E would be a bond measure of \$358 million for our schools and would include strict fiscal accountability requirements:

- Independent oversight committee and annual audits with public reports
- Funded by a levy limited to 6 cents per \$100 of assessed property value (assessed value is not the same as market value, and is generally much lower if you've owned your home a long time)
- By law, all funds remain under local control and may only support CCUSD schools
- No funds may be taken by the State

Would all funds benefit our neighborhood schools only?

All funds from Measure E would benefit local schools only. No funds could be taken by the State or used for other purposes.

Haven't we passed a bond measure already?

There has only been one school bond measure passed for CCUSD schools in the last 26 years, the most recent being passed in 2014. There is no dedicated source of school facility improvement funding from the State, meaning local bond measures are the only source of funds to improve local classrooms, labs, and schools.

Culver City voters approved Measure K in 2018, which provides local funding to support teachers and instructional programs. Measure K funds are not used for facility improvements or repairs.

How do I know what will get done at my school site?

The best reference for specific school site needs is here: <https://www.ccusdfutureready.org/>. However, this is NOT a final list of projects; parents, teachers, staff, and others will have plenty of time to give specific input to the new Superintendent, Dr. Brian Lucas, and other administration staff before final decisions are made.

What is crystal clear is that *zero* projects will get done if Measure E doesn't pass. Measure E is the only way to get facilities improvement money into the District. The State will only provide funds if we pass a local bond measure.

I am nervous about our current school board handling this bond, how can I be assured all money would be spent efficiently?

One thing we can all agree on is that our students and schools need this bond money to make necessary repairs and upgrades now. We will have a head start over other nearby districts if we pass this measure to fund essential repairs and upgrades in March. If you have reservations about the current board handling this project, there is board election in November where you can help elect new members.

I don't have children attending local schools. How does this impact me?

Strong Culver City schools contribute to what makes Culver City such a great place to live. Even if you do not have school-age children, supporting quality education can help keep our community and property values strong.

How many votes does Measure E need to pass?

In order to pass, Measure E must be supported by 55% of those who cast a vote on the measure in the March election. It is critical we all take the time to vote YES in this election to help Culver City continue to keep our local schools strong.

Who can vote on Measure E?

All registered voters living within the Culver City Unified School District boundaries can vote on Measure E.

When can I vote Yes on Measure E?

Measure E will be on the March 5, 2024 ballot. All registered voters in the Culver City Unified School District will receive a ballot in the mail starting February 5th. You may cast your ballot by mail in this election or place it in a drop box. If you wish to vote in person, you will have to bring in the ballot mailed to you to your designated voting center to be destroyed before voting provisionally. We recommend voting by mail or using a drop box for this election. As soon as you receive your ballot, please vote YES on E, follow the instructions to sign and date the outer envelope and place it in the mail or deliver your ballot right away.

How can I register to vote or learn more about voting?

You can register to vote at www.registertovote.ca.gov. To find out more about voting, please contact the Los Angeles Registrar of Voters at (800) 815-2666 or visit LAVote.gov.

How can I get involved or learn more about Measure E?

Our campaign is a grassroots organization of parents, teachers, and other community leaders dedicated to passing Measure E for local students. To learn more, sign up to volunteer, endorse, or donate visit www.ExcellentCulverCitySchools.org. If you have further questions, please email excellentculvercityschools@gmail.com.