



Long Beach Unified School District Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee 2016-2017 Annual Report to the Community

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Citizens' Oversight Committee



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A Year of Great Progress

The 2016-17 year was an exciting one for the school district's bond program. Not only did we embark on an unprecedented number of construction and renovation projects, but we saw voters overwhelmingly approve a \$1.5 billion facilities bond measure—the largest in LBUSD history.

Measure E was approved in November 2016 by nearly 75 percent of voters—signaling strong confidence in the school district's ability to direct and manage tax payer dollars toward effectively improving the educational environment for students.

By adding to the \$1.2 billion already approved with Measure K in 2008, Measure E brings us that much closer to realizing the goal of creating modern, efficient and attractive campuses that will enable all students to reach their full potential.

At each Citizens' Oversight Committee meeting, we review financial and program details of the bond program to ensure that funds are being appropriately expended and that projects are progressing as scheduled. Optional tours of major project sites are provided to give us a first-hand look at construction underway or recently completed.

The Citizens' Oversight Committee is proud to present this, our ninth annual report, to the Board of Education.

Sincerely,

Rosi Pedersen, *Chairperson*
Citizens' Oversight Committee



Sato Academy of Math and Science Conversion

A new small high school, emphasizing math, science, technology and engineering opened in fall 2016 on the site of a former middle school.

A new PE building, new classroom buildings and other improvements were included in the conversion.

Major Project Highlights

Browning High School New Construction

A new small high school, emphasizing culinary arts, hospitality and tourism, opened in Fall 2017.



Jordan High School Major Renovation

The first three new classroom buildings were completed, with several more phases totaling \$150 million in progress to modernize Jordan High, one of the oldest and largest high schools in the district.

Polytechnic High School Auditorium Renovation

Restored and modernized to meet seismic and accessibility standards, the new building retains its original art deco style.

Wilson High School Auditorium Renovation

Restored and updated, this historic building has been brought up to code and modern standards.



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Bond Measures Modernize Schools

The goal of the school bonds program is to bring all LBUSD schools up to modern standards, enabling students to maximize their potential in a new global environment.

Since 2009, more than 140 bond projects have been contracted, are in progress or completed. All schools have been outfitted with wireless communications, and many have been upgraded with new alarm systems, accessibility ramps and elevators and other health and safety improvements.

During 2016-17 fiscal year, several major re-building projects at five high schools: Sato, Jordan, Renaissance, Wilson and Polytechnic progressed toward completion and the new Browning High School was finalized for opening in the fall of 2017.

At the same time, hundreds of planning hours were devoted to preparing for the first phase of Measure E, aimed at equipping every school in the district with updated air conditioning and heating systems.



Keller Middle School

Measure E Projects Begin

With voter approval of Measure E in November 2016, the school district is fast-tracking plans to outfit the 51 campuses that need new or replacement central air conditioning and heating systems.

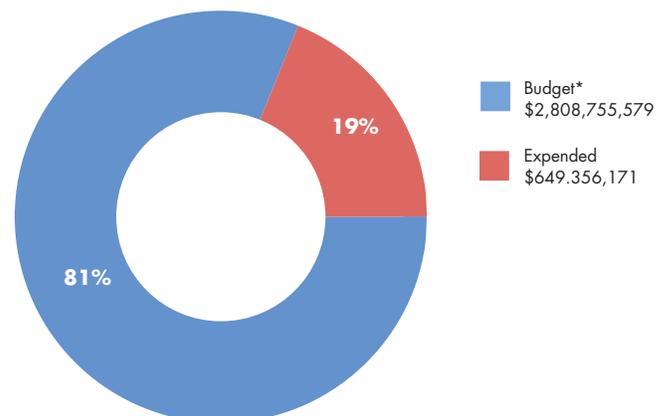
The first group of schools will see construction beginning in early 2018, following relocation of some students to portable classrooms on their own campus or at a nearby school. For a complete schedule of air conditioning projects, visit lbschoolbonds.net.

Installation or replacement of air conditioning triggers additional requirements, such as infrastructure upgrades and retrofitting for accessibility and earthquake safety. This results in construction durations from several months to a year or more for each campus.

Also funded by Measure E are replacement of tracks and fields at all middle and comprehensive high schools with all-weather turf, which increases playability and reduces long-term costs.

New classroom buildings at Millikan High and Sato Academy are also planned, thanks to Measure E.

Total Bond Funds (as of 6/30/17)



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Jordan High School



Educare groundbreaking

Independent Auditor's Report

The independent auditing firm of CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP completed a performance and financial audit covering Measures K and E activities from July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017. In December 2017, the COC reviewed and discussed the reports with the audit team.

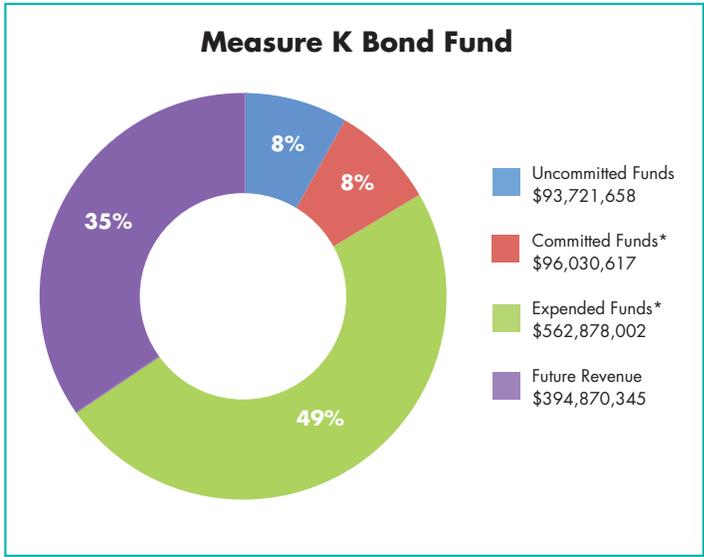
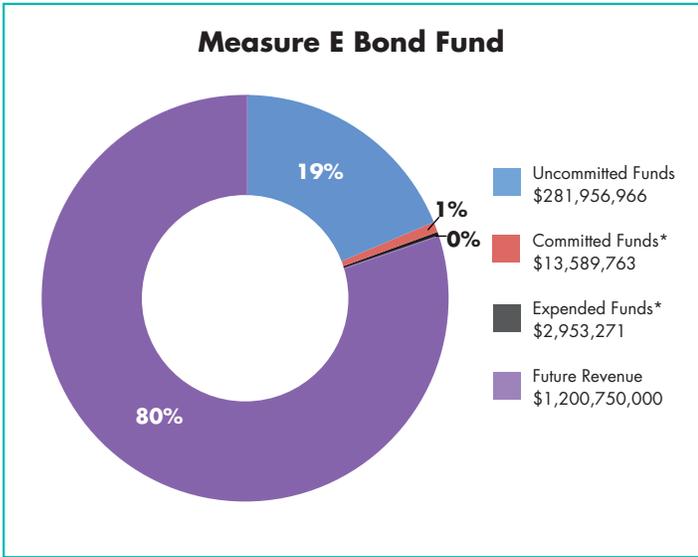
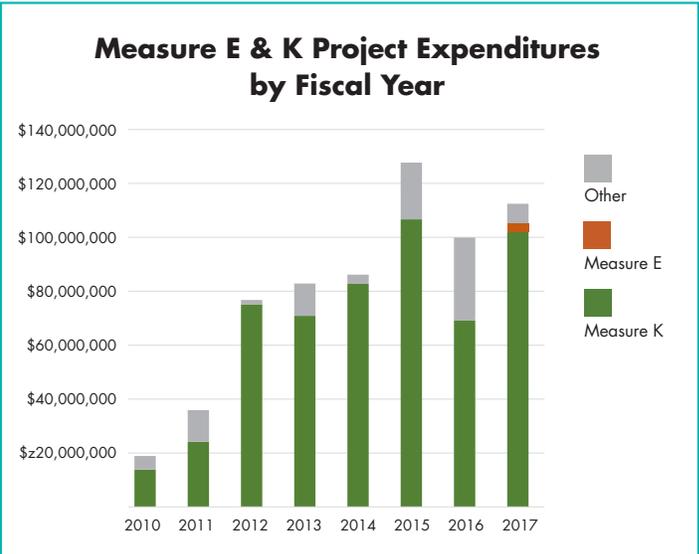
There were no findings related to performance and financial audits, signifying that the school district was in compliance with all laws and regulations pertaining to Measures K and E.

This was the fifth consecutive year in which independent auditors reported no findings in their annual audit of the LBUSD school bond program.

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Renaissance High School for the Arts



* **Budget** – Anticipated Funds Available **Committed** – Contracted or Designated Funds **Expended** – Funds Paid Out

About the Role of the Citizens' Oversight Committee

Pursuant to the requirements of Proposition 39 and related state legislation, the Board of Education of the Long Beach Unified School District established a Citizens' Oversight Committee (COC) and appointed its members following the approval of Measure K in November 2008.

In December 2016, the Board of Education expanded the scope of the Measure K Citizens' Oversight Committee and designated it to also serve as the independent bond oversight committee for Measure E.

The principal purpose of the Citizens' Oversight Committee, as set out in state law, is to inform the public as to the expenditures of the proceeds of the bonds issued pursuant to the applicable bond measure.

The Citizens' Oversight Committee is required to issue at least one report annually regarding its activities and findings. Each member is appointed either at large or to represent a particular community segment, such as senior citizens, parents or taxpayer groups. The term is two years with a maximum of three consecutive terms if reappointed.

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COC Meeting Schedule*

September	Regular Meeting	<i>Yearly Activity Report</i>
October	Email Report	<i>1st Quarter Review</i>
December	Regular Meeting	<i>Audit Report & Draft Annual Report</i>
January	Regular Meeting	<i>Final Annual Report & 2nd Quarter Review</i>
February	Present Annual Report	<i>Board of Education Meeting</i>
April	Regular Meeting	<i>3rd Quarter Review</i>

*Regular meetings are typically at 5 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month.

Meeting agendas and minutes are posted online, and all regular meetings are open to the public.

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What is Measure K?

Measure K is a ballot initiative, approved by 71 percent of voters in November 2008, which makes available \$1.2 billion from property taxes to build, renovate and improve schools in the Long Beach Unified School District. The funds come from issuance of a series of bonds to occur four to six times in about ten years.

Since the measure was approved, steady progress has been made to reconfigure and restore Long Beach Unified School District's aging schools. The funds have paid for three new small high schools (McBride, Sato and Browning) and construction of a new swimming pool at Cabrillo High, renovation of the auditoriums at Polytechnic and Wilson high schools and new classroom buildings at Jordan High School.

Dozens of Measure K projects, identified as the most critical, have already been completed or are in progress. These include district-wide wireless data communication, seismic retrofitting, accessibility upgrades, telecommunications systems upgrades, fire alarm/intercom/clock replacements, boiler replacement and outdated portable removal.

In addition, these funds paid for building Nelson Academy and the complete rebuilding of Newcomb Academy and Roosevelt Elementary.

What is Measure E?

In response to strong public support for repairing aging schools, the Long Beach Unified School District Board of Education approved the placement of Measure E, a \$1.5 billion school repair and safety bond initiative on the November 2016 ballot.

Approved by 75 percent of voters, Measure E will fund:

REPAIRS: Many campuses were built 60 to 70 years ago and need important health and safety repairs. Also, buildings must meet handicap accessibility and earthquake standards, old restrooms and leaky roofs must be replaced, and further upgrades made to fire alarms and security systems, plumbing, electrical and other infrastructure.

TECHNOLOGY: To enable students' future success, modern science and computer labs, libraries, and classroom technology will be funded.

AIR CONDITIONING: When temperatures rise, schools with inadequate or no air conditioning are forced to send students home due to overheated classrooms. By installing modern energy efficient air conditioning systems, LBUSD will help improve learning by making sure classrooms are always comfortable and ventilated.

SAFETY: Improving indoor and outdoor recreational areas, including fields, gyms and swimming pools, will allow after-school programs to be expanded and provide supervised activities designed to reduce gang involvement and increase graduation rates.

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