

FULL TEXT BALLOT PROPOSITION
OF THE PRINCETON JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOND MEASURE ELECTION JUNE 3, 2014

The following is the full proposition presented to the voters by the Princeton Joint Unified School District.

“To renovate and modernize outdated classrooms, restrooms, science labs and school facilities, upgrade out-of-date plumbing, sewer, electrical, heating and air-conditioning systems, update classroom learning technology and improve school safety and accessibility, shall Princeton Joint Unified School District issue \$2,750,000 of bonds at legal rates, to acquire, repair and equip classrooms, sites, facilities, with mandatory independent financial audits, citizens’ oversight, all money staying local and no funds taken by the State or used for employee salaries?”

PROJECT LIST

The Board of Trustees of the Princeton Joint Unified School District evaluated the District’s urgent and critical facility needs, including safety issues, class size, class size reduction, and computer and information technology, in developing the scope of projects to be funded. The District conducted a facilities evaluation and received public input and review in developing this Project List. The Board concluded that if these needs are not addressed now, the problems will only become more pressing.

School Renovation, Repair and Upgrade Projects

- Renovate, repair, and/or upgrade the **interior and/or exterior of existing classrooms** and school facilities throughout the District, including infrastructure and landscaping improvements.
- **Repair or replace outdated relocatable or modular classrooms.**
- Repair or replace roofs, walls/ceilings, and floors.
- Replace existing wiring systems to meet current electrical and accessibility codes and increased capacity.
- **Replace or repair older heating, plumbing, ventilation and air-conditioning systems** with building code compliant, energy-efficient systems.
- Install additional electrical service capacity to relieve currently overloaded electrical systems.
- **Modernize, repair, and equip outdated classrooms, restrooms, science labs,** machine shops, multipurpose rooms, food service facilities, and other school facilities.
- Make improvements to interior classroom areas such as new paint/carpeting/flooring, installation of or improvements to markerboards/chalkboards/tackable surfaces, and increase classroom and secure storage capacity for instructional materials and equipment.
- Upgrade or replace existing window systems for energy efficiency.
- Improve insulation and weather proofing.

Health, Safety and Security Projects

- Install, replace/upgrade safety and security systems, including security cameras.
- Replace existing doors, doorframes and hardware.
- Upgrade school site parking, utilities and grounds.
- Abate and remove hazardous materials identified prior to or during construction, including but not limited to asbestos/lead.
- **Upgrade fire alarm systems**, smoke detectors and sprinklers, and repair, replace or install fire safety equipment.
- Repair, replace and/or upgrade paved surfaces, turf, courtyards and other grounds to eliminate safety hazards, improve outside instructional areas or meet handicap accessibility requirements.
- Make Federal and State-mandated handicapped accessibility upgrades to District facilities, including site access, parking, and staff and student restrooms.

Computer Technology Projects

- **Provide and maintain up-to-date technology**, data, hearing assistive and communication equipment.
- Upgrade and expand telecommunications, Internet and network connections.
- Upgrade or replace classroom instructional equipment.
- Replace or upgrade outdated electrical systems.

The listed projects will be completed as needed. Each project is assumed to include its share of furniture, equipment, architectural, engineering, and similar planning costs, program/project management, staff training expenses and a customary contingency for unforeseen design and construction costs. In addition to the listed projects stated above, the priority Project List also includes the acquisition of a variety of instructional, maintenance and operational equipment, including the interim funding incurred to advance fund projects from the priority Project List and the refinancing of outstanding lease obligations; installation of signage and fencing; payment of the costs of preparation of all facility planning, facility studies, assessment reviews, facility master plan preparation and updates, environmental studies (including environmental investigation, remediation and monitoring), design and construction documentation, and temporary housing of dislocated District activities caused by construction projects. In addition to the projects listed above, the repair and renovation of each of the existing school facilities may include, but not be limited to, some or all of the following: repair or renovation of cabinetry or millwork, repair or installation of welding exhaust systems, renovation of student and staff restrooms; repair and replacement of heating and ventilation systems; upgrade of facilities for energy efficiencies; repair and replacement of worn-out and leaky roofs, windows, walls, doors and drinking fountains; installation of additional/new wiring and electrical systems to safely accommodate computers, technology and other electrical devices and needs; upgrades or construction of support facilities, including administrative buildings; repair and replacement of fire alarms, emergency communications and security systems; replacement of fire safety and other emergency equipment; resurfacing or replacing of driveways, walkways, hard courts, turf and irrigation systems and campus landscaping and play fields; expand parking; install

interior and exterior painting and floor covering; demolition or removal of existing facilities; and construction of various forms of storage and support spaces; upgrade classrooms, kitchens; repair, upgrade and install interior and exterior lighting systems; replace outdated security fences and security systems. The upgrading of technology infrastructure includes, but is not limited to, computers, LCD projectors, portable interface devices, servers, switches, routers, modules, sound projection systems, laser printers, digital white boards, document projectors, upgrade voice-over-IP, call manager and network security/firewall, wireless technology systems and other miscellaneous equipment and software. The allocation of bond proceeds will be affected by the District's receipt of State matching funds and the final costs of each project. The budget for each project is an estimate and may be affected by factors beyond the District's control. Some projects throughout the District may be undertaken as joint use projects in cooperation with other local public or non-profit agencies. The final cost of each project will be determined as plans and construction documents are finalized, construction bids are received, construction contracts are awarded and projects are completed. Based on the final costs of each project, certain of the projects described above may be delayed or may not be completed. Demolition of existing facilities and reconstruction of facilities scheduled for repair and upgrade may occur, if the Board determines that such an approach would be more cost-effective in creating more enhanced and operationally efficient campuses. Necessary site preparation/restoration may occur in connection with renovation, remodeling, or installation or removal of relocatable classrooms, including ingress and egress, removing, replacing, or installing irrigation, utility lines, trees and landscaping, relocating fire access roads, and acquiring any necessary easements, licenses, or rights of way to the property. Proceeds of the bonds may be used to pay or reimburse the District for the cost of District staff when performing work on or necessary and incidental to bond projects. Bond proceeds shall only be expended for the specific purposes identified herein. The District shall create an account into which proceeds of the bonds shall be deposited and comply with the reporting requirements of Government Code § 53410.

FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY: IN ACCORDANCE WITH EDUCATION CODE SECTION 15272, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION WILL APPOINT A CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE AND CONDUCT ANNUAL INDEPENDENT AUDITS TO ASSURE THAT FUNDS ARE SPENT ONLY ON DISTRICT PROJECTS AND FOR NO OTHER PURPOSE. THE EXPENDITURE OF BOND MONEY ON THESE PROJECTS IS SUBJECT TO STRINGENT FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS. BY LAW, PERFORMANCE AND FINANCIAL AUDITS WILL BE PERFORMED ANNUALLY, AND ALL BOND EXPENDITURES WILL BE MONITORED BY AN INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO ENSURE THAT FUNDS ARE SPENT AS PROMISED AND SPECIFIED. THE CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MUST INCLUDE, AMONG OTHERS, REPRESENTATION OF A BONA FIDE TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION, A BUSINESS ORGANIZATION AND A SENIOR CITIZENS ORGANIZATION. NO DISTRICT EMPLOYEES OR VENDORS ARE ALLOWED TO SERVE ON THE CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

NO ADMINISTRATOR SALARIES. PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF THE BONDS AUTHORIZED BY THIS PROPOSITION SHALL BE USED ONLY FOR THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, REHABILITATION, OR REPLACEMENT OF SCHOOL FACILITIES, INCLUDING THE FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOL FACILITIES, AND NOT FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE, INCLUDING TEACHER AND SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR SALARIES AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES.