



Measure R2010

A General Obligation Bond to Benefit the Santa Barbara Elementary School District

On Tuesday, November 2, 2010, voters in the Santa Barbara Elementary School District will be asked to pass, with the approval of fifty-five percent of the electorate, a \$35,000,000 general obligation bond for the sole purpose of modernizing, renovating, installing, updating, replacing, and repairing facilities, infrastructures, and grounds at Adams, Cleveland, Adelante Charter, Franklin, Harding, McKinley, Monroe, Open Alternative Elementary, Peabody Charter, Roosevelt, Santa Barbara Charter Elementary, Santa Barbara Community Academy, and Washington elementary schools.

Since the state budget provides the district with only limited general maintenance funds, the school districts' board of education decided to put a bond on the November ballot because a bond is the only way to fund facilities improvements at the level of investment required to repair and upgrade aging facilities.

Based on the estimated assessed valuations available at the time of the filing of the bond statement, it is anticipated that this bond will not increase the current tax rate. This will happen because the Measure R bond will phase in as our school district's existing bond is set to expire. The tax rate currently in place is \$13.98 per \$100,000 assessed valuation. These estimated tax rates are based on the **ASSESSED VALUE** of taxable property in the school district, not on the property's market value.

How does this bond support student achievement and high quality instruction for the Santa Barbara Elementary School District's 5,700 students?

The bond will improve and support the learning environment when funds are used to repair or replace leaking and aging roofs • provide adequate libraries at all elementary schools • upgrade science classrooms and labs • upgrade classrooms and restrooms to provide access for students with disabilities • replace outdated electrical, plumbing, and heating and ventilation systems • improve energy efficiency • improve security and safety systems, including modern fire detection, alarms, and emergency communications systems at all schools • provide modern classroom technology, computers and wireless connections at all schools • repair, replace, or construct new restroom facilities • repair, update, and replace aging school infrastructure • modernize classrooms at all schools • renovate or replace aging portable classrooms • provide safe playground surfaces and equipment at all schools • repair, replace or construct aging drainage systems, walkways and playgrounds • install solar energy systems • repair, replace, or construct maintenance and operations facility.

How do I know that the bond funds will be spent fairly and wisely and will there be safeguards?

- An annual, independent financial audit will be conducted.
- An annual, independent performance audit will ensure that bond funds are being expended only on specific, identified facilities needs.
- An independent citizens' oversight committee will be established to monitor fund expenditures and make sure they are spent properly.
- None of the bond funds will be used for administrative salaries.

The ballot text reads: **"To improve quality of local education, shall the Santa Barbara Elementary School District provide adequate classrooms, science labs, technology, and libraries at all schools; repair/replace outdated electrical, plumbing, heating/ventilation, infrastructure systems and deteriorated portable classrooms; fix leaking roofs; and improve disabled student access by issuing \$35,000,000 in bonds at legal interest rates, with no money for administrator salaries and with oversight by a citizens' committee to ensure funds are spent only on local school improvements?"**

Measure R2010 reflects board of education Resolution 2009/10-58, passed June 29, 2010, and posted in its entirety on the Santa Barbara School Districts' web site: <http://www.sbsdk12.org/facilities/2010bonds/index.shtml>