

ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

MEASURE N

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IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE N

Prepared by County Counsel

The California Constitution and Education Code authorize school districts to issue bonds for specified purposes if approved by the voters within district boundaries. Measure N was placed on the ballot by the governing board of the Elk Grove Unified School District (“District”). If approved, Measure N would allow the District to incur bonded indebtedness up to a maximum amount of \$542 million dollars. The proceeds from the issuance and sale of such general obligation bonds could only be used for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, replacement, furnishing, equipping, and acquisition/lease of school facilities of the District. Measure N lists the specific school facilities projects that the District intends to finance by the proposed bond sales.

No funds derived from bond sales may be used for general school operating expenses, including administrator and teacher salaries or pensions, or for any purpose or project other than those expressly stated in the measure.

To ensure that funds are spent only as specified in the measure, Measure N requires: 1) the appointment of a citizen’s oversight committee; and 2) completion of annual independent performance and financial audits.

If Measure N is passed, the actual dates of sale and the amount of bonds sold would be governed by the District based on the need for construction funds and other factors. If Measure N is approved, the tax rates necessary for payment of principal and interest on any bonds sold will largely be dictated by the timing of the bond sales, the amount sold at a given sale, market interest rates at the time of each sale (although in no event greater than the maximum bond interest rate allowed by law), as well as actual assessed valuation of taxable property in the District over the term of repayment. The District’s Tax Rate Statement contains the best estimates of tax rates required to service the bond debt. The District estimates the average annual tax rate levy to fund this bond is \$33.94 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation. The final fiscal year in which the tax is anticipated to be collected will be 2053-54. The District estimates that the total amount repayable during the life of the bond, including principal and interest, is approximately \$1,067,816,549.

Passage of Measure N requires approval by 55% of the voters voting thereon.

A “YES” vote on Measure N means you wish to allow the District to issue bonds in an amount not to exceed \$542 million dollars.

A “NO” vote on Measure N means you do not wish to allow the District to issue the proposed bonds.

“Approval of Measure N does not guarantee that the proposed project or projects in the Elk Grove Unified School District that are the subject of bonds under Measure N will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by Measure N. The school district’s proposal for the project or projects may assume the receipt of matching state funds, which could be subject to appropriation by the Legislature or approval of a statewide bond measure.”

*****YOU CAN FIND THE MEASURE ARGUMENTS FOLLOWING THE FULL TEXT OF THIS MEASURE*****

FULL TEXT OF BOND MEASURE FOR ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

INTRODUCTION

The Elk Grove Unified School District (the “District”) is the fifth-largest school district in California, located in southern Sacramento County, serving a vast area of 320 square miles including the city of Elk Grove, portions of the cities of Rancho Cordova and Sacramento, and certain areas of unincorporated Sacramento County. The District serves a student population of nearly 63,000 students at 68 schools, including 43 elementary schools, nine middle schools, nine high schools, five alternative education schools, an adult school, one charter school and a virtual academy. The District offers a multitude of educational programs, including 67 career-themed academies and pathways within 13 industry sectors, in order to prepare our students for college and career by supporting them with the means to be creative problem solvers; self-aware, self-reliant, and self-disciplined; technically literate; effective communicators and collaborators; and engaged in the community as individuals with integrity. The District integrates rigorous academics with career-based learning and real-world workplace experiences and ensures that Every Student is Learning, in Every Classroom, in Every Subject, Every Day to Prepare College, Career and Life Ready Graduates.

The Elk Grove Unified School District has a strong and highly successful tradition of outstanding school facilities. This Measure is aligned with the District’s Facility Master Plan, a comprehensive vision informed by extensive outreach and input from our community partners in education, reflecting the District’s commitment to providing exceptional learning environments for all students and furthering the District’s goals: to enhance the quality of our learning spaces, address the evolving needs of our student population and ensure that every school and district building is equipped to foster academic achievement and personal growth.

The District’s long-range facilities planning highlights the substantial and ongoing need for facilities and infrastructure, including several new school sites and facilities to accommodate significant housing development in the area, improvements to existing facilities, and modernization of existing facilities. This includes improvements to address student safety and security, campus parking improvements, athletic facilities improvements, accessibility improvements, and more.

Projects authorized by this Measure embrace the following key needs as expressed by the community after extensive outreach efforts:

- Provide the classrooms, facilities and technology needed to support high-quality instruction in math, science, engineering, and technology.
- Provide modern labs and career technical education facilities and equipment so students are prepared for college and in-demand careers in fields like health sciences, engineering, technology, and skilled trades.

- Fix or improve deteriorating roofs, plumbing, gas lines, sewer lines, ventilation and electrical systems where needed.
- Upgrade older schools so they meet current health codes, building safety codes, and provide proper access for students with disabilities.
- Remove hazardous materials like asbestos and lead pipes from older school sites.
- Construct new facilities to relieve overcrowding at existing schools.
- Create modern, multi-use classrooms to support hands-on science instruction and learning-by-doing.
- Improve student safety and campus security systems including security fencing, security cameras, emergency communications systems, smoke detectors, fire alarms, and sprinklers.
- Replace aging portable classrooms that are expensive to repair and maintain with modern, permanent classrooms that meet today's academic standards.
- Provide the classrooms and facilities needed to support high-quality instruction in music, visual, and performing arts.

The State of California requires a local match, funded primarily through local, general obligation bonds, for school districts wishing to pursue matching State funds for the construction, upgrade, or replacement of school buildings and facilities. The millions of dollars potentially available through the State match allows local taxpayers to benefit from the tax dollars they already pay to Sacramento.

It is imperative that our students are housed in educational environments consistent with the District's priority to provide school facilities where every student is inspired and empowered in a safe, nurturing, and innovative environment to follow their passions as they discover, pursue, and realize their life goals. We need to act locally to provide a school environment to ensure our students have the educational opportunities they deserve, and a school environment the community can take pride in.

ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDENT GROWTH, MODERNIZATION, AND EXPANSION MEASURE

To repair, modernize, and construct classrooms, labs, school and career technical facilities to relieve overcrowding and support college/career readiness in science, technology, engineering, math, arts, and skilled trades, fix roofs, plumbing, electrical, water, and safety/security systems, shall Elk Grove Unified School District's measure authorizing \$542,000,000 in bonds at legal rates be adopted, averaging annual levies of 3.4¢ per \$100 assessed value (\$37,000,000 annually) while bonds are outstanding, with citizen oversight, annual audits, and all money locally controlled?

As required by the California Constitution, the proceeds from the sale of the bonds will be used only for the purposes authorized under Article XIII A of the California Constitution, including construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, furnishing and equipping of school facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities, and costs incident thereto, as specifically set forth in this Exhibit A, and not for any other purpose, including salaries and other routine school operating expenses.

The following list describes the specific projects the District proposes to finance with proceeds of the bonds. The scope of specific projects, the order of construction, and their completion is contingent on final project costs and the availability of needed funds. Further, projects on the project list are of the type that issuing the authorized general obligation bonds as stated will not cause the State to

reduce any financial hardship contribution that would otherwise be available to the District had these bonds not been authorized, issued, and or expended for their stated purpose.

SCHOOL FACILITIES PROJECTS TO BE FUNDED FROM BOND PROCEEDS

The following project list includes both projects that can be completed using the bond proceeds, along with State matching funds and other building funds the District is projected to receive and projects that are proposed and needed but whose construction is contingent on the amount of bond funds available, plus the amount of State matching and other building funds the District may receive in the future, which is a function of the State building program rules, passage of State bonds, and the growth rate of the District. The completion of specific projects is also contingent on final project costs.

ALL DISTRICT SITES

Bond proceeds will be expended on the renovation, upgrade, expansion, acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, and/or replacement of school facilities of the Elk Grove Unified School District to provide safe, modern, and effective school facilities and learning environments for Elk Grove Unified School District’s students, including at new future school sites and the following existing schools, support sites, and properties, listed below in order of initial occupancy, as indicated:

Elementary Schools (ES)

Pleasant Grove ES (1950)	Isabelle Jackson ES (1988)	Edna Batey ES* (2003)
Florin ES (1953)	John Reith ES (1989)	Arlene Hein ES* (2004)
C.W. Dillard ES (1955)	John Ehrhardt ES (1991)	Roy Herburger ES* (2004)
Sierra Enterprise ES (1955)	Mary Tsukamoto ES (1992)	Arnold Adreani ES* (2005)
Franklin ES Annex (1955)	Elk Grove ES (1993)	Helen Carr Castello ES* (2005)
Anna Kirchgater ES (1956)	Barbara Comstock Morse ES (1995)	Carroll ES* (2006)
Samuel Kennedy ES (1963)	Maeola R. Beitzel ES (1996)	Sunrise ES* (2007)
James McKee ES (1963)	Elitha Donner ES (1997)	Cosumnes River ES* (2010)
David Reese ES (1965)	Arthur C. Butler ES (1998)	Marion Mix ES (2015)
Charles Mack ES (1966)	Joseph Sims ES* (1999)	Robert J. McGarvey ES (2017)
Herman Leimbach ES (1972)	Raymond Case ES* (2000)	Zehnder Ranch ES (2017)
Florence Markofer ES (1980)	Stone Lake ES* (2000)	Franklin ES (2019)
Prairie ES (1981)	Irene B. West ES* (2002)	Miwok Village ES (2022)
Ellen Feickert ES (1981)	Elliott Ranch ES* (2002)	
Union House ES (1988)	Robert J. Fite ES* (2002)	

Middle Schools (MS)

Joseph Kerr MS (1935)	Harriet Eddy MS (1994)	Edward Harris, Jr. MS* (2004)
James Rutter MS (1966)	T.R. Smedberg MS* (1997)	Katherine L. Albiani MS* (2005)
Samuel Jackman MS (1991)	Toby Johnson MS* (2002)	Elizabeth Pinkerton MS* (2008)

High Schools (HS)

Daylor HS (1958)	Florin High HS* (1989)	Franklin HS (2002)
Elk Grove HS (1964)	Calvine HS* (1991)	Monterey Trail HS* (2004)
Valley HS (1977)	Laguna Creek HS (1994)	Pleasant Grove HS* (2005)
Las Flores HS (1988)	Sheldon HS (1997)	Cosumnes Oaks HS* (2008)

Alternative Education

Jessie Baker School (1964)	Adult and Community Education Center
Elk Grove Charter (2010)	Robert L. Trigg Education Center

Alternative Education and District Support Sites

Grounds Department 8800 Elk Grove Blvd. Elk Grove, California	Student Support Center 8431 Gerber Road Sacramento, California	Robert L. Trigg Education Center Including Annexes and Brick Tech 9510 Elk Grove-Florin Road Elk Grove, California
Police Services, Purchasing and Warehouse 8431 Gerber Road Sacramento, California	Food and Nutrition Services 8389 Gerber Road Sacramento, California	Transportation Administration Building and Bus Yard 8421 Gerber Road Sacramento, California
Maintenance and Operations 8455 Gerber Road Sacramento, California		

PROJECT SCOPE

The project scope summarized on the following list represents the description of improvements to be financed with bond proceeds. The specific examples included on this list are not intended to limit the generality of the broader types of projects described and authorized by this measure. The types of projects authorized are:

- Modernize, renovate, reconstruct, repair and/or upgrade classrooms, aging science labs, buildings, and equipment to provide 21st century learning environments in order to meet current and future standards and support academic and career pathways necessary to prepare students to compete in a global economy;
- Construction, expansion, replacement or repair, with respect to roofing, heating and air conditioning systems, storm and water drainage systems, security systems, plumbing, insulation, electrical systems and wiring, safety and security, and lighting systems to ensure the health and safety of students;
- Improve student safety and security by constructing, expanding, replacing and/or repairing intrusion systems, lighting, fencing, gates, communications systems, cameras, surveillance systems, and classroom door locks;

- Construct, reconstruct, repair, renovate and/or expand classrooms and existing facilities to accommodate new or expanded academies, including career technical education and college and career pathways;
- Upgrade technology infrastructure and electrical service capacity and distribution, to relieve overloaded electrical systems and to improve instructional technology in the classroom for improved student learning, including new and maintained data and communications equipment and improvements; upgraded electrical capacity and technology infrastructure including fiber-optics and wireless internet access, improved telephone, data, video, and communications systems;
- Create and equip quality classrooms, labs, libraries and community-use areas equally across district schools;
- Reconstruct, repair, renovate, and/or expand deteriorating restrooms;
- Upgrade fire alarm systems, including fire safety equipment and sprinklers to ensure student safety;
- Make school site safety improvements to include repairing or replacing sidewalks, concrete and asphalt surfaces, including parking areas, service areas, and pick-up and drop-off areas, as well as core campus areas such as quads and hard courts;
- Build, renovate and equip special education facilities to ensure that students' unique academic, social or physical needs can be met;
- Upgrade accessibility to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act;
- Install energy efficient systems including but not limited to dual-pane windows, cool roofs, LED lighting, efficient heating and air conditioning systems, solar tube skylights and other natural daylighting systems, and potentially photovoltaic panels (in the event they are deemed economically viable in our utility service region) in order to reduce costs and protect the quality of instruction in core subjects like reading, math, science, and technology;
- Make health and safety renovations to include the removal and/or mitigation of hazardous materials;
- Modernize, renovate, reconstruct, repair or replace portable classrooms with permanent classrooms;
- Improve access to schools by parents, visitors, and the community;
- Make interior and exterior improvements including upgrades to infrastructure and major building systems; replace water, sewer, plumbing, irrigation systems; repaint facilities; renovate and improve athletic fields/facilities, playfields landscaped areas, and community-use areas; and
- Construct facilities that qualify for State funds, as a joint-use-project potentially with the City of Elk Grove, City of Rancho Cordova, City of Sacramento, County of Sacramento, Cosumnes Community Services District, Los Rios Community College District, California State University, University of California, or other eligible agencies or non-profit agencies for joint-use school facilities.
- The construction of new schools, classrooms and support sites to include new land acquisition, necessary furnishings, equipment, technology, and installation of site infrastructure, as needed to accommodate continued growth in student population and provide additional learning facilities, including career technical educational facilities.
- Other school facilities improvement projects included in the Board-approved Facilities Master Plan.

Each of the bond projects described above include the costs of furnishing and equipping such facilities, and all costs which are incidental but directly related to the types of projects described above.

The Board of Education hereby certifies that it has evaluated the safety, class-size reduction, and information technology needs of the District in developing this list of school facilities projects.

School sites expected to be eligible for modernization funding under the State's School Facility Program by 2034, are denoted with an asterisk (*) in the Project List above. A school facility is eligible for modernization funding if it was built (or last modernized) 25 years ago (for permanent buildings) or 20 years ago (for relocatable buildings).

The order in which projects are listed in the bond project list does not suggest an order of priority. Project prioritization is vested in and will be determined by the District Board of Education. Approval of the bond Measure does not guarantee that all the identified projects within this Project List will be funded due to the unpredictable nature of construction costs and other unknown future factors. Completion of all projects may be subject to consistent State funding, appropriate developer mitigation, remaining Community Facilities District revenues, and other sources included but not limited to those types and amounts identified in the Facilities Master Plan. The issuance of bonds pursuant to this Measure depends in part on market conditions as well as the assessed valuation of properties in the District.

Proceeds of the bonds may be used to pay for the cost of District staff when performing work on or necessary and incidental to bond projects.

To the extent permitted by law examples of incidental costs include, but are not limited to: costs of design, engineering, architect and other professional services, facilities assessments, inspections, site preparation, utilities, landscaping, construction management and other planning and permitting, legal, accounting and similar costs; independent annual financial and performance audits; a customary construction contingency; demolition and disposal of existing structures; the costs of interim housing and storage during construction including relocation and construction costs incurred relating to interim facilities; rental or construction of storage facilities and other space on an interim basis for materials and other equipment and furnishings displaced during construction; costs of relocating facilities and equipment as needed in connection with the projects; interim classrooms and facilities for students, administrators, and school functions, including modular facilities; federal and state-mandated safety upgrades; addressing unforeseen conditions revealed by construction/modernization and other necessary improvements required to comply with existing building codes, including the Field Act; access requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act; costs of the election; project construction oversight, management and administration during the duration of such projects, including by District personnel, and bond issuance costs.

Unforeseen conditions may arise during the course of planning, design and construction resulting in the scope and nature of any of the specific projects described above being altered by the District. In the event that the District determines that, with respect to a modernization or renovation project, it is more economical for the District or otherwise in the District's best interests to be undertaken as new construction, this bond measure authorizes said new construction, including land acquisition, relocation, expansion, and construction and/or reconstruction, and all costs relating thereto. In addition, this measure authorizes the acquisition of real property, including necessary rights of ways or other real property interests, required to expand District facilities, to provide access to school or other District facilities, or to provide additional school or related facilities. Further, authorized projects include reimbursements for project costs previously paid and paying and/or prepaying interim financing for the types of projects included on the project list, such as bond anticipation notes. Finally, projects on this list may be undertaken and used as joint use projects with other public agencies.

The District shall create an account into which proceeds of the bonds shall be deposited and comply with the reporting requirements of Government Code section 53410.

These projects may include participation in the State Facility Program's Joint-Use Program to gain matching funds for teacher education, multi-purpose rooms, gymnasiums, libraries, childcare, and other qualifying Joint-Use facilities. With respect to such joint-use projects, the bond funds authorized by this Measure may be used to pay all of the local share needed to qualify the projects for special State matching funds under the State Facility Program's Joint-Use Program requirements.

ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES

If the bonds are approved, the Board of Education will implement the following accountability measures in accordance with State law:

- (a) Use the bond proceeds only for the purposes authorized under Article XIII A of the California Constitution, including construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, furnishing and equipping of school facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities and related uses, and costs incident thereto, as specifically set forth in this Measure, and not for any other purpose, including salaries and other routine school operating expenses;
- (b) Conduct an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the bond proceeds have been expended only on the projects and uses listed in this Measure;
- (c) Conduct an annual, independent financial audit of the proceeds from the sale of the bonds until all of those proceeds have been expended for school facilities projects and uses listed in this Measure; and
- (d) Establish and appoint members to an independent citizens' oversight committee to ensure the bonds are used only for the projects and uses listed in this Measure.

STATE MATCHING FUNDS

California Education Code section 15122.5 requires the following statement to be included in this sample ballot:

"Approval of this bond measure does not guarantee that the proposed projects in the Elk Grove Unified School District that are the subject of bonds under this measure will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by this bond measure. The school district's proposal for certain of the projects assumes the receipt of matching state funds, which are subject to appropriation by the Legislature or approval of a statewide bond measure."

ANNUAL TAX AMOUNT, RATE, AND DURATION

The bonds shall bear interest at an annual rate not exceeding the statutory maximum. The maturity of the bonds shall not exceed the maximum term allowed by law at the time of issuance (currently 25 years if issued under Education Code section 15140, or 40 years if issued under Government Code section 53508, so long as the bonds are not capital appreciation bonds ("CABs," which CABs are limited to 25 years)). Accordingly, as further set forth in the tax rate statement, the *ad valorem* tax will be levied at such rates and for so long as may be required to meet the debt service needs of the bonds proposed to be issued, including such bonds that may be issued to refund any approved bonds.

TAX RATE STATEMENT

ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS MEASURE N

An election will be held in the Elk Grove Unified School District (the "District") on November 5, 2024, for the purpose of submitting to the electors of the District the question of incurring bonded indebtedness of the District in the maximum principal amount of \$542,000,000. If such bonds are authorized and sold, the principal thereof and interest thereon will be payable from the proceeds of taxes levied on taxable property in the District. The following information regarding tax rates is given in compliance with Section 9401 of the California Elections Code. This information is based upon the best estimates and projections presently available from official sources, upon experience within the District and other demonstrable factors.

Based upon the foregoing and projections of the assessed valuations of taxable property in the District, and assuming the entire debt service on the bonds will be paid through property taxation:

1. The best estimate of the average annual tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund the bond issue over the entire duration of the bond debt service, based on assessed valuations available at the time of the filing of this statement, or a projection based on experience within the same jurisdiction or other demonstrable factors is \$33.94 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation (3.4 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation) of all property to be taxed. It is estimated that the final fiscal year in which the tax is anticipated to be collected is 2053-54.

2. The best estimate of the highest tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund the bond issue, and an estimate of the first year in which that rate will apply, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of the filing of this statement, or a projection based on experience within the same jurisdiction or other demonstrable factors, is \$34.00 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation (3.4 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation) of all property to be taxed and the year is 2025-26.

3. The best estimate of the total debt service, including the principal and interest, that would be required to be repaid if all the bonds are issued and sold is approximately \$1,067,816,549.

Attention of voters is directed to the fact that the foregoing information is based upon projections and estimates only. The actual timing of sales of the bonds and the amount to be sold at any time will be governed by the needs of the District and other factors. The actual interest rates at which the bonds will be sold, which will not exceed the maximum permitted by law, will depend upon the bond market at the time of sale. The actual assessed valuations in future years will depend upon the value of property within the District as determined in the assessment and the equalization process. Therefore, the actual tax rates and the years in which those tax rates will be applicable may vary from those presently estimated and stated above.

Voters should note that estimated tax rates are based on the *ASSESSED VALUE* of taxable property on the County's official tax rolls, *not* on the property's market value. Property owners should consult their own property tax bills to determine their property's assessed value and any applicable tax exemptions.

Dated: July 24, 2024

/s/ Christopher R. Hoffman

Superintendent,
Elk Grove Unified School District

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE N

Vote Yes on Measure N to improve the quality of education for Elk Grove Unified School District students.

Elk Grove Unified School District is committed to providing quality education and maintaining safe, modern facilities for our students, teachers, and community. Through innovative programs and a strong focus on preparing students for college and career, Elk Grove Unified School District has become one of the most desirable school districts in the region.

With Measure M in 2016, Elk Grove Unified School District was able to leverage matching and existing funds to complete more than \$614 million in school facilities and improvement projects, and saved taxpayers more than \$200 million by completing those projects two years ahead of schedule. But our work is not done.

We must continue our investment in future generations of students. Yes on Measure N is that investment in the future.

Measure N ensures Elk Grove Unified School District has the best learning facilities, provides new schools to address growing enrollment and overcrowding, and provides students with the quality education they deserve to thrive. Projects funded by Measure N include:

- Modernizing labs and career technical education facilities
- Improving technology for quality instruction in math, science, engineering and technology
- Building new middle and high schools
- Modernizing older schools to meet new school standards
- Repairing and replacing deteriorating roofs, plumbing, gas and sewer lines
- Improving student safety and security
- Building critical infrastructure and athletic facilities improvements

Measure N has built-in taxpayer protections including a Citizens' Oversight Committee, annual, independent audits, with all projects outlined in the Facilities Master Plan for public oversight.

Elk Grove Unified School District is known for the quality education provided to students. Strong and vibrant schools improve property values, keep our communities safe, and cultivate the next generation of leaders our community needs.

Join your fellow neighbors, parents, business and community leaders, and Vote YES on Measure N on November 5th.

Learn more at YesOnN4egusd.org

s/ Bobbie Singh-Allen
Mayor City of Elk Grove

s/ Pat Hume

Sacramento County Supervisor

s/ Katherine L. (Kay) Albiani
Retired Elk Grove USD Trustee

s/ Elizabeth Pinkerton
Historian and Writer, 66 year resident of Elk Grove

s/ Gina Jamerson
Elk Grove USD School Board President

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE N

In 2016 voters approved Measure M with \$614 million in funding for schools, yet no new middle or high schools were built in Rancho Cordova / Anatolia region of the Elk Grove Unified School District. The Anatolia region is one of the fastest growing areas in the Elk Grove Unified School District. We have heard from concerned Rancho Cordova taxpayers that their children are not being made a priority. Children have to be either bused or taken by their parents to schools in Elk Grove which is both a financial and time burden. Until new local schools are built for students in rapidly growing Rancho Cordova the voters should Vote No on this measure. Tell the District prioritize in writing and guarantee new schools for Anatolia. Demand equity and fair treatment for all students regardless of where they live in the Elk Grove Unified School District. Respectfully, Vote No at this time, and retry.

s/ Nicholas Bloise
Director of Operations
Sacramento Taxpayers Association

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE N

\$542 Million Dollar School Bond that will cost you nearly a BILLION DOLLARS with interest and payments to big banks at a cost of \$34 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation.

You've heard it all before: the list of promises they say they will do with your money but why do they have to keep coming back time after time?

Remember Measure M (2016) they promised to fix deteriorating roofs, plumbing and HVAC systems, construct labs, career technical facilities and now we still need to fix roofs, plumbing and ventilation, provide labs, career technical facilities, etc.

We deserve better, our kids deserve better.

School bonds sound great but most people don't fully understand how they work.

Any registered voter can vote on school bonds but ONLY PROPERTY OWNERS pay them. Renters can expect rent increases as the property taxes (that's how school bonds are paid) increase.

Sure, there is a Citizen's Oversight Committee, but the committee has no meaningful input on how the funds are spent, they receive information after the money is spent, in reality it's a Citizen's Aftersight Committee with little to no authority.

Bonds are expensive loans that can run for up to 40 years. A bond works like a government credit card – paying off that credit card requires the government to spend more of your tax dollars!

According to the state Department of Finance, “California experienced the 6th consecutive decrease in total Public K-12 Enrollment in the 2022-23 school year,” and over the next ten years, if current trends hold, “a further decline of 661,500 is projected” by 2032-33.

All of us are feeling the pressure in this economy, just not having enough money in our pockets and this won't help.

Vote no on Measure N.

s/ Nicholas Bloise
Chief of Operations, Sacramento Taxpayers Association

REBUTTAL TO THE ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE N

There's a lot of fiction from opponents of Measure N. Here are the facts:

Elk Grove Unified School District is the 5th largest in the state, with 62,000 students, 68 schools, spanning 320 square miles (about the size of Austin, Texas). Most schools are over 50 years old.

\$1.6 billion in infrastructure improvements were needed in 2016. Measure M Addressed \$476 million. EGUSD leveraged an additional \$138 million in matching funds for a total of \$614 million in projects completed, addressing only 38% of the need.

EGUSD saved \$223 million over the life of the bonds, completing projects 2 years ahead of schedule.

The district made great progress, but it was only a portion of what needs to be done. And buildings don't stop getting older.

EGUSD's 2025-2035 Facilities Master Plan (FMP) identified \$2 billion in improvements over the next 10 years. That's why Measure N is needed.

The Board of Trustees' approved FMP dictates exactly what projects will be addressed under Measure N. The Citizens' Oversight Committee and annual, independent audits ensure funds are spent as voters intended.

As Elk Grove residents know, our community is growing, not declining. We have a duty to provide each student with modern, accessible learning facilities.

The one thing we agree on with the opponents is our kids DO deserve better. That's why now is the time for Measure N.

Learn more about the FMP and success of the previous bond at www.egusd.net.

Join parents, teachers, and community leaders, and **Vote Yes on N on November 5th**.

www.YesonN4egusd.org.

s/ Darren Suen
Elk Grove City Councilmember

s/ Rachel Elizabeth Baird
EGUSD and Sac County Teacher of the Year, 2023

s/ Michael Vargas
Vice President/Clerk EGUSD Board of Trustees

s/ Tim Smith
EGUSD, County, and State Teacher of the Year, retired

s/ Chet Madison Sr.
Retired 20 year member, EGUSD Board of Trustees