

COLUSA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOND MEASURE A

FULL TEXT OF THE MEASURE

Upon the passage of Measure A, the Colusa Unified School District (the "District") shall be authorized to issue bonds in the aggregate amount of \$5,900,000, bearing interest at rates not exceeding the statutory limit, for the purpose of funding the school facilities projects listed below under the heading "School Facilities Projects to Be Funded with Proceeds of Bonds" (the "Bond Project List").

Proposition 39 Bond Accountability Measures

At its June 17, 2014 meeting, the Board of Trustees (the "Board") certified that it evaluated safety, class size reduction, and information technology needs in developing the Bond Project List set forth below. The proceeds of the Bonds shall be used only for the projects identified in the Bond Project List, and not for any other purpose (i.e., teacher and administrative salaries and other school operating expenses).

The proceeds of the bonds will be accounted for separately. The Board is bound to conduct financial and performance audits annually to account for the bond funds and to assure that funds have only been expended on the specific projects authorized. The District shall prepare and deliver an annual report to the Board containing the amount of funds collected and expended as well as the status of school facilities projects authorized to be funded by proceeds of the bonds.

The Board will appoint a citizens' oversight committee (the "Citizens' Oversight Committee") having a minimum of seven members and including at least one member active in a business organization representing the business community located within the District, one member active in a senior citizens' organization, one member active in a bona fide taxpayers' organization, one member who is the parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the District, and one member who is both a parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the District and active in a parent-teacher organization.

School Facilities Projects to Be Funded with Proceeds of Bonds

Install/update/replace/repair fire, intruder, and life safety systems as required by current codes. These systems could include, but are not limited to: Ansul (kitchen fire suppression) systems; panic door hardware; fire detection and suppression systems; upgrade existing spaces for fire safety.

Install security/surveillance systems and fencing. Replace/repair systems necessary for enhanced student, staff, and/or public safety. Install updated entry systems to control access.

Replace/repair public address, intercom, clock and bell systems.

Abate and remove hazardous materials identified prior or during construction.

Install/update/replace/repair American Disability Act systems as required by current codes. These systems could include, but are not limited to: installation or repair of accessibility ramps to portable classrooms, handrails, signage, curb ramps, accessible doors and door hardware, accessible restrooms - both student and staff, accessible drinking fountains, site asphalt and/or concrete for path of travel and parking.

Other improvements required to comply with existing building codes, including the Field Act, and access requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Replace/repair/install heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems with new energy efficient systems. Install energy management systems, to promote energy efficiency and cost reduction.

Upgrade electrical systems to current standards.

Replace/repair interior and exterior lighting systems and controls.

Replace/repair water and sewer systems. Upgrade student and staff restrooms to current health and hygiene standards.

Replace/repair roof and roof drainage systems at primary and high school. Replace areas damaged due to dry rot.



Replace flooring in middle school gym.

Replace old/worn carpet and tile in selected areas.

Science classroom upgrades including new flooring, lab furniture and equipment, water and gas supply lines, safety and work stations.

Library and other classroom upgrades including new flooring, fixtures, technology upgrades, furniture and equipment.

Install/repair/ replace technology infrastructure components related to the district computer network and supporting wireless network access.

Repair/replace vocational agriculture barn / sheds.

Replace furniture fixtures and equipment necessary to improve math, science, reading and writing skills.

Necessary site preparation/restoration in connection with new construction, renovation or remodeling, or installation or removal of re-locatable classrooms, including ingress and egress, removing, replacing, or installing irrigation, utility lines (such as gas lines, water lines, electrical lines, sewer lines, and communication lines), trees and landscaping.

All work necessary and incidental to specific projects described above, including demolition of existing structures.

Address unforeseen conditions revealed by construction/modernization (such as plumbing or gas line breaks, dry rot, seismic, structural, etc.)

Rental or construction of storage facilities and other space on an interim basis, as needed to accommodate construction materials, equipment, and personnel.

Before bond projects are initiated, the Citizens' Oversight Committee will confirm that the specific projects, budgets and expenditures are feasible and efficient. The costs of the entire Bond Project List exceeds the amount of bonds authorized by Measure A. Approval of the District's Measure A does not guarantee that the proposed school facilities projects in the District that are the subject of bonds under Measure A will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by Measure A. The District's proposal for the school facilities projects may assume receipt of matching state funds, which could be subject to appropriation by the Legislature or approval of a statewide bond measure. The allocation of bond proceeds may also be affected by the final costs of each project. In the absence of state matching funds, which the District will pursue to reduce the District's share of the costs of the projects, the District may not be able to complete some of the projects identified in Measure A.

The budget for each project is an estimate and may be affected by factors beyond the District's control. The final cost of each project will be determined as plans are finalized, construction bids 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. Necessary relocation assistance, site preparation/restoration and landscaping, may occur in connection with new construction, renovation or remodeling, or installation or removal of portable classrooms, including ingress and egress, removing, replacing, or installing irrigation, utility lines, trees and landscaping, redirecting fire access, and acquiring any necessary easements, licenses, or rights of way to the property.

Brief Statement of the Measure

The ballot measure shall read as follows:

MEASURE A: "To improve Colusa students' math, science, reading, and writing skills, by repairing leaky roofs, deteriorating restrooms, plumbing, heating, wiring; providing modern computer technology; renovating outdated classrooms, libraries, agricultural/vocational facilities, science and computer labs; improving fire alarms and school safety; removing asbestos/hazardous materials; acquiring, renovating, constructing, equipping accessible classrooms, sites and facilities; shall Colusa Unified School District issue \$5,900,000 in bonds at legal rates, using independent citizen oversight, no money for administrators, all funds benefitting local schools?"

BONDS-YES

BONDS-NO



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**IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF COUNTY COUNSEL
MEASURE A**

This measure would authorize the Colusa Unified School District to issue five million, nine hundred thousand dollars (\$5,900,000) in bonds with interest rates up to 12%, the statutory limit. Bond proceeds can only be used to fund specific school facilities projects listed in the measure generally consisting of various upgrades, renovations, and repairs to existing District facilities. Bond proceeds cannot be used for any other purpose such as teacher salaries, administrative salaries and other school operating expenses.

This measure requires the establishment of a citizen's oversight committee with at least seven (7) members appointed by the District Board of Trustees. Five (5) members must meet the following qualifications: one member shall be active in a business organization representing the business community located within the District, one member active in a senior citizens' organization, one member active in a bona fide taxpayers' organization, one member must be a parent or guardian of a District enrolled child and one member must be both a parent or guardian of a District enrolled child and active in a parent-teacher organization. The Committee's role is to confirm that specific projects, budgets and expenditures are feasible and efficient, before projects are started.

Under this measure the District Board of Trustees is required to perform annual financial audits of the Bond proceeds to account for the funds and ensure that funds are spent on specifically authorized projects. Additionally, the District will be required under this measure to provide the Board with an annual report describing the status of the funds and the school facilities projects funded by the bond proceeds.

The best estimate of the average tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of the filing of the Tax Rate Statement, is 47.55¢ cents per \$100 (\$47.55 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation. The actual tax rates and the years in which they will apply may vary depending on the timing of the bond sales, the amount of bonds sold at each sale and actual increases/decreases in assessed valuations.

This measure may be passed by no less than a 55% affirmative vote of the voters who vote on this Measure in the election and was placed on the ballot by the governing board of the district. This measure is placed on the ballot by Resolution 2013-14.15 of the Board of Trustees of the Colusa Unified School District.

s/ Marcos A. Kropf
Colusa County Counsel

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TAX RATE STATEMENT

An election will be held in the Colusa Unified School District (the "District") on November 4, 2014, to authorize the sale of up to \$5.9 million in bonds for the District to continue improving the quality of education in local schools and protecting the safety of the students of the District. Specifically, bond proceeds shall be utilized for the purposes of acquisition, construction, renovation, furnishing, and equipping of school facilities, and equipment.

If the bonds are authorized and sold, debt service thereon will be payable from the proceeds of tax levies made upon the taxable property in the District. The following information is provided in compliance with sections 9400-9404 of the Elections Code of the State of California. It is anticipated that the District will sell the bonds in two series.

1. The best estimate of the tax which would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue during the first fiscal year after the sale of the bonds, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is 47.61¢ per \$100 (\$47.61 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation in fiscal year 2015-2016.

2. The best estimate of the tax which would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue during the first fiscal year after the last sale of the bonds, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is 47.97¢ per \$100 (\$47.97 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation in fiscal year 2017-2018.

3. The best estimate of the highest tax rate which would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is 47.97¢ per \$100 (\$47.97 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation in fiscal years 2017-2018, and 2035-2036.

4. The best estimate of the average tax rate which would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue during the life of the bonds, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is 47.55¢ per \$100 (\$47.55 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation.

Voters should note that the 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.

Attention of all voters is directed to the fact that the foregoing information is based upon the District's projections and estimates only, which are not binding upon the District. The actual tax rates and the years in which they will apply may vary from those presently estimated, due to variations from



these estimates in the timing of bond sales, the amount of bonds sold and market interest rates at the time of each sale, and actual assessed valuations over the term of repayment of the bonds.

The dates of sale and the amount of bonds sold at any given time will be determined by the District based on the need for construction funds and other factors, including the legal limitations on bonds approved by a 55% vote. The actual interest rates at which the bonds will be sold will depend on the bond market at the time of each sale. Actual future assessed valuation will depend upon the amount and value of taxable property within the District as determined by the County Assessor in the annual assessment and the equalization process.

Dated: June 17, 2014

/s/ Dwayne Newman, Superintendent
Colusa Unified School District

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE A

The students of today deserve a safe, comfortable, efficient learning environment. Colusa Unified School District has documented substantial needs for facility upgrades and improvements. CUSD has not asked voters to approve a bond for over 50 years. A majority of the district buildings are over thirty years old, and while they have been well maintained, they are in need of significant renovations. Bathrooms need to be remodeled and upgraded to meet Americans with Disability Act requirements. Roofs are beginning to leak. Preventive maintenance now will decrease the damage to the roof structures and to the contents of the classrooms. Heating units are at the end of their useful life cycle, and upgrades will allow the district to spend less on utilities and more on students. Plumbing fixtures are old, inefficient models which, if replaced, would decrease water consumption: a great concern given the current drought. Classrooms designed and constructed thirty years ago do not have sufficient electrical supply to support the computers and technology necessary to help our students prepare for the careers of the 21st Century. Science labs designed and built in the 1960's are not adequate to meet the needs of today's students.

Every penny raised from Measure A will be used for modernization. This funding cannot, by law, be diverted for other uses. Likewise, this funding cannot be used for staff or administrator salary increases. A committee of citizens and residents of the district will oversee the bond project to help insure the funds are spent efficiently. Businesses in the Colusa community will benefit from the projects. Contractors, restaurants, gas stations, stores and shops of all kinds will see increased business due to the influx of workers and the awarding of bids.

Vote YES on Measure A.

/s/ Charles Yerxa,
President, Colusa Unified School District
Governing Board

/s/ Donald R. Bransford,
Board Clerk, Colusa Unified School District
Governing Board

/s/ Terry Bressler, Member, Colusa Unified School District
Governing Board

/s/ Lincoln Forry, Member, Colusa Unified School District
Governing Board

/s/ Kelli Griffith-Garcia,
Member, Colusa Unified School District
Governing Board

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ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE A

(None Filed)

