



Colusa Unified
School District
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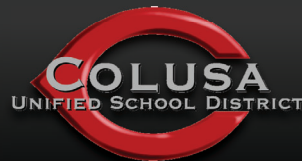
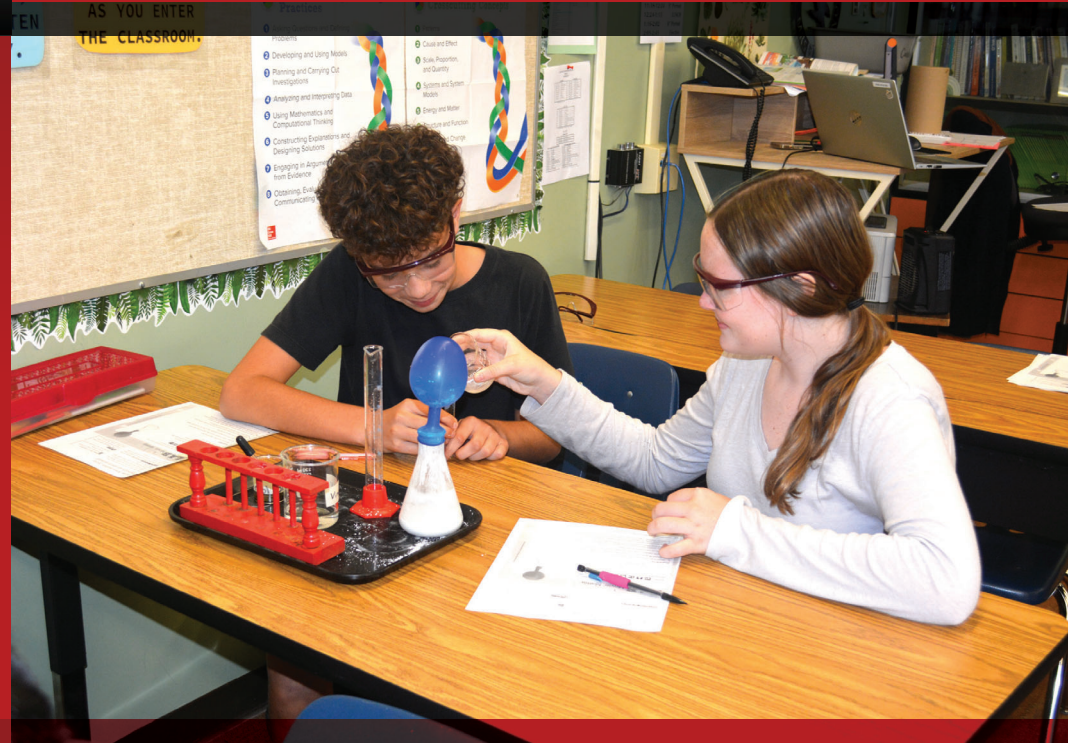
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Your Feedback is Important to Us

CUSD welcomes your comments and questions as it evaluates the needs of our local schools in a phased approach. Please take our survey by scanning the QR code with your smart device, or by visiting <https://www.colusa.k12.ca.us/District-Info/Facilities-Bond---2024>.



MOVING FORWARD



Important Information from
Colusa Unified School District

Moving Forward by Repairing Aging Colusa Unified Schools

Dear Parents, Staff and Community Members,

Our local Colusa Unified School District (CUSD) schools continue to enjoy a long tradition of excellence where children thrive in a community focused, small school environment. The diversity of CUSD and the community we serve is at the heart of our strength. Our local schools ensure students receive the support they need to succeed.



Over the past few years, CUSD has been evaluating school facility needs and repairs with the goal of ensuring our neighborhood schools meet today's educational and safety standards. Most of our classrooms were built nearly a century ago and do not meet modern standards for a 21st century learning experience.

Classrooms and science labs are outdated, and some contain hazardous materials including asbestos and lead pipes, while others need basic repairs and security upgrades. These needs are beyond what can be funded by our operating budget.

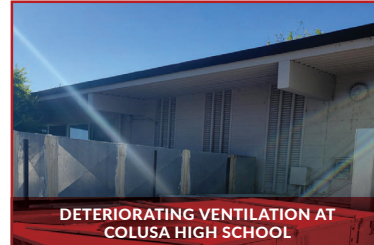
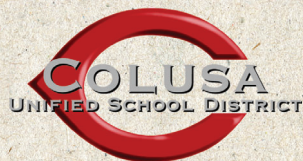
Colusa Unified has begun outreach to our local community to identify the highest priority needs for our schools. The Board of Trustees is also considering a phased approach to address these top priorities. Phase 1 would include placing a potential \$13.8 million school facilities improvement bond measure on the November 5, 2024 ballot.

The potential bond will be discussed at upcoming regular meetings of the CUSD Board of Trustees. You can learn more by visiting <https://www.colusa.k12.ca.us/District-Info/Facilities-Bond---2024> or scan the QR code to take our Facilities Needs Survey.

Colusa Unified School District is proud to be a part of our community and look forward to working together to move our schools forward.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Changus
Superintendent



Repairing Aging Schools and Ensuring Student Safety

To ensure all students have access to safe and modern educational facilities, the Colusa United Board of Trustees is considering a phased approach to address the top priorities of our local schools. Phase 1 would include place a \$13.8 million school facilities improvement bond measure on the November 5, 2024 ballot.

Funds from the Potential Measure Could Be Used to Complete Phase 1 Priority Projects:



Remove hazardous materials like asbestos and lead pipes from older school sites



Update or replace safety and/or security alarms



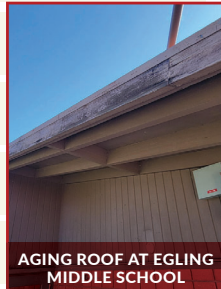
Provide classroom and facilities with technology needed to support high quality instruction in math, science, engineering and technology



Improve access for students with disabilities



Repair or replace deteriorating roofs, windows and old plumbing, sewer, heating, ventilation and electrical systems



A potential measure would be limited to 6¢ per \$100 of a property's assessed (not market) value, as long as bonds are outstanding. **This would help our schools qualify for state matching funds that would otherwise go to other districts.**

Fiscal Accountability and Oversight Required

Any potential school facilities bond measure would include strict fiscal accountability protections to ensure responsible management of funds, including:

- All funds would be controlled locally for our schools only and could not be taken away by the State
- An independent citizens' oversight committee and mandatory annual audits would ensure all funds are spent as voters intended
- A detailed project list outlining the use of funds would be required
- No funds could be used for administrators' salaries or pensions