

SJUSD 2002 Measure F Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee

Report to Residents and Taxpayers

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Report Concerning Potential Expenditures for "Specialized Instructional Programs" and Preschool Facilities

One of the mandatory duties of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee is to review and report as to whether the San Jose Unified School District is spending 2002 Measure F bond money only on the "specific facilities projects" listed in the ballot measure.

This report is intended to provide the public with information about potential bond expenditures in two areas -- "specialized instructional programs" and preschool facilities -- for which there has been some debate about whether the specific projects were disclosed on the ballot. We hope to give you an opportunity to understand and comment on any of these projects prior to the School Board's adoption of a Master Implementation Plan in the summer of 2003. The Committee emphasizes that the following list is not a final project list, and has not yet been adopted by the School Board. Any comments should be directed to the Committee and/or the School Board.

A. Specialized Instructional Programs

The Measure F ballot measure contained lists of projects planned for each school site. The middle and high schools included the phrase, "Repair, upgrade or construction of facilities for specialized instructional programs." The ballot measure's Glossary further defines that phrase as "the repair, upgrade, construction or modernization of equipment or facilities in support of programs at a specific campus."

"Specialized Instruction Program" Funding Priorities, as presented by SJUSD staff January 2003

Castillero: Enhance the outside stage area to be useable for productions. This will include acoustical shell covering, professional lighting, sound system and multi-media production capabilities.

Hoover: Refurbish the Old Hoover auditorium into a community performing arts facility. The auditorium will have a seating capacity of 200 and serve to enhance the current visual and performing arts programs as well as programs in partnership with the City of San Jose and local arts organizations.

Burnett Academy: Develop a specialized music/graphic arts/technology facility that will support the International Baccalaureate arts/technology strand.

Bret Harte: Develop a communications multi media lab to include video conferencing, radio station, and television production. The lab will be housed in the old auto shop.

Willow Glen Middle School: Create a college center in conjunction with Willow Glen High School to provide classroom facilities for year around college preparedness programs including College Board, mentoring, tutoring, guest speaker forums, distance learning, and video conferencing. The Center will serve as a community hub and satellite campus for San Jose City College that will include academic and social enrichment for students, families and community.

Muir: Renovation of the 800 wing from current classroom structure to a Technology Lab with Multimedia stations and computer simulation labs.

Steinbeck: Develop a multi media telecommunications video conferencing center. This will include distance learning and global information system technologies.

Leland High: Renovation of the J-Wing to serve as a highly functional open environment communications/technology center. This Center is modeled after the Napa Valley New Technology High School.

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Willow Glen High: Create a college center in conjunction with Willow Glen Middle School to provide classroom facilities for year around college course offerings, guest speaker forums, distance learning, and video conferencing.

San Jose High Academy: Develop a specialized music/video production studio and expand and upgrade the electronic music multi-media and visual arts program in alignment with the International Baccalaureate visual and performing arts curriculum strand.

Pioneer High: Expand indoor and outdoor science labs to support the unique science programs offerings such as BioSITE, cell biology, engineering science technology, conceptual physics and environmental sciences. Provide multimedia simulations and distance learning opportunities with universities and the biotech industry.

Lincoln High: Enhance school performing arts capabilities which could include: 1) improvements to the cafeteria theater with the addition of dressing rooms, restrooms, prop and storage rooms, air conditioning and reconfiguring of the entrance/facade; 2) improvement to the dance facilities by adding sprung dance floors, acoustic abatement, sound and lighting systems in the old boiler room.

Gunderson High: Develop a multimedia telecommunications video conferencing center to include high end technology applications such as two-way video conferencing, multi media, distance learning, global positioning and global information systems.

B. Measure F Preschool Facility Plan

In the same vein, the District has disclosed plans to use Measure F funds to construct a variety of new preschool facilities. Because the only reference to preschool facilities in the ballot measure was found under the category of "District Facilities," and the specific school by school projects were not spelled out in detail in the ballot measure, the Committee is taking this opportunity to apprise the taxpayers of the District's current plans.

Allen: Convert one classroom for preschool (parent participation preschool).

Bachrodt: Modernization of 4 existing classrooms for preschool.

Cory: Modernization of 4 existing classrooms for preschool.

Galarza: Construct two classrooms for preschool (parent participation/state preschool).

Gardner: Construct two classrooms for preschool (parent participation/state preschool).

Grant: Construct one classroom for state preschool.

Los Alamitos: Construct one classroom for preschool (parent participation preschool).

Lowell: Construct two classrooms for preschool (parent participation/state preschool).

Simonds: Construct one classroom for preschool (parent participation preschool).

Williams: Construct one classroom for preschool (parent participation preschool).

Willow Glen Elementary: Construct one classroom for preschool (parent participation preschool).

Family Early Learning Center (SJ High site): Construct new preschool facility in funding partnership with San Jose Smart Start and Santa Clara COE (Head Start).

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We hope this report helps clarify any questions you may have about preliminary intentions to spend Measure F bond money on preschool facilities and specialized instructional programs. We welcome your comments.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Charles Tate", written over a horizontal line.

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