

Fremont Union High School District
Measure B
Fact Sheet

On Tuesday, June 3, 2008, all voters in the Fremont Union High School District will be asked to vote on Measure B. Measure B is a \$198 million school bond that will raise the local funds needed to continue to renovate and modernize Cupertino, Fremont, Homestead, Lynbrook and Monta Vista High Schools.

Measure B funds will be used to:

- Create a dedicated Technology Fund that will allow the district to upgrade and maintain classroom computers and related technology for the next ten years;
- Build new science labs;
- Construct the new classrooms needed to avoid overcrowding;
- Replace aging heating, lighting, plumbing and electrical systems;
- Create classrooms and labs designed for career and technical education classes that supplement traditional college preparatory courses;
- Upgrade and improve physical education and athletic facilities and fields;
- Improve campus safety and security with updated lighting, cameras and fencing;
- Add solar power and improve energy efficiency at each school, making many of the dollars now spent on utility bills available to support classroom programs.

Improving the energy efficiency and adding solar electrical generation at each high school will provide funds that will protect classroom programs. Although none of the funds raised by Measure B can be used to pay salaries or the cost of classroom programs, the improvements Measure B will make in the energy efficiency and adding solar electrical generation to our local high schools will free up millions of dollars now spent on utility bills for use in high school classrooms. Every dollar that can be directed to the classroom is critical, especially as the state prepares to cut millions from its education budget.

Measure B provides for strict accountability as bond funds are spent. The School Board adopted a very specific resolution when calling this election. All of the construction projects that can be completed using Measure B funds are listed in the resolution and must be independently audited each year. In addition, an Independent Citizens Oversight Committee will monitor and review all bond expenditures. This volunteer committee of local residents and taxpayers will make sure that all bond funds are spent as planned for the benefit of local students.

None of the money will be used for school administrator, teacher or other employee salaries. All of the money generated by Measure B will pay for school improvements and upgrades as outlined in the District's Project List. The average yearly cost to property owners in the District would be \$12 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation (not market value).

Construction costs cannot be paid for by lottery funds. State law (Government Code Section 8880.5) forbids the use of lottery funds for school construction.