# **MEASURE AA**

# YOUR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK!



# Turning Vision Into Reality...

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"Improving our facilities is vital to our students' success. The COC is in place to make sure that Bond funds are spent responsibly."

Nora Maier- Chairman, Citizens' Oversight Committee

# Superintendent's Message

Before the passage of Measure AA in 2016, the District's facilities were in need of major renovation, repairs and upgrades,

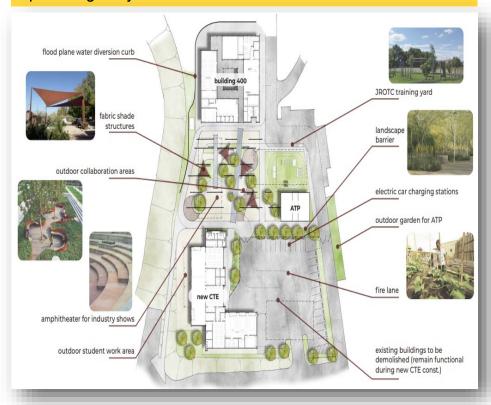
including updates to facilities to meet current health, safety, fire and earthquake standards.

In 2016, Measure AA, our School Improvement and Repair General Obligation Bond was approved by a high margin of voters. Measure AA provided \$45 million from the community, proving that education is more than a concern; it's a priority for our community! This support means that our students will have access to the latest technology, safer schools, updated classrooms and updated sports facilities. FUHSD students will enjoy the benefits of Measure AA with new and improved educational environments that foster critical thinking, creativity, and learning. Since the passage of the bond, we have successfully completed the modernization of the Library, Cafeteria, Lunch Area, Amphitheatre and Students/Staff Restrooms. In addition, our facilities team has been busy preparing for a series of upcoming projects that will benefit the schools and community they serve. This quarterly newsletter will provide progress updates regarding Measure AA and other non-bond funded projects to all FUHSD stakeholders.

Thank you for your continued support!

Ilsa Garza-Gonzalez, Superintendent

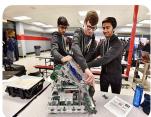
#### **Upcoming Projects**



#### STEAM LAB/CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE) PROGRAM

This project would result in the development of a new STEAM LAB/CTE Addition and Modernization of the existing Vocation Arts Building 400. Site work includes demolition of existing pre-engineered metal buildings and construction of new classroom buildings, new underground site utilities, new drive aisles, parking areas and pavement, new hardscape and landscaping, new security perimeter fencing and gates, outdoor JROTC training course, and removal and replacement of four (4) existing portable buildings.





Construction would include a new 13,437 square feet CTE Building 200. The CTE Building would include a new auto shop, metal shop, woodshop, vocational rooms, classrooms, offices, collaboration rooms, and support spaces. Construction of a new 2,800 square feet Adult Transition Program (ATP) Classroom Building with support spaces. Modernization of the existing 10,153 square feet Vocation Arts Building 400 that provides for cyber security, video production, lab, student project studios, JROTC marksmanship program and classrooms, computer lab, and support spaces.

The District would also remove and replace with new four (4) existing portable classrooms, (2) 30'x32' and (2) 24'x40' buildings, totaling 3,840 square feet.







# AG DEPARTMENT PORTABLE BUILDINGS REPLACEMENT PROJECT - (NOT BOND FUNDED)



This project includes the replacement of deteriorated portable classrooms in the Ag Department and associated site work. Three (3) portable classrooms will be demolished and replaced with a new 2,560 square feet Science/Multi-Use building and installation of one (1) 12' x 40' modular field restroom building. The District will also develop a new 30' x 36' Greenhouse building.

# BASEBALL FIELD BLEACHER REPLACEMENT PROJECT - (NOT BOND FUNDED)

This project includes the demolition and removal of existing baseball bleachers that no longer meet ADA accessibility code requirements, and the construction of new, cast-in- place concrete bleachers. There will also be some minor site accessibility upgrades to the adjacent sidewalk, asphalt crosswalk, and curb ramps.

## SUSTAINABILITY SOLAR CARPORT PROJECT - (NOT BOND FUNDED)

Installation of 19 solar photovoltaic carport arrays that will provide solar/battery power to provide an energy efficient practice District-wide and installation of a battery storage system.



# AQUATICS CENTER REPLACEMENT PROJECT / COMMUNITY POOL



The scope of work includes replacement of two existing swimming pools with a new 25-yard x 38-meter pool for diving, swimming and water polo use, a new pool mechanical storage building, a new boys locker/shower/restroom building and associated site work, including retaining walls, concrete pool deck and walkways, and refurbishing of the existing parking lot.

#### HVAC IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (NOT BOND FUNDED)

The District recently completed a comprehensive condition assessment of all existing mechanical and high voltage electrical systems Districtwide to provide an upgraded mechanical design for heating and air conditioning, as well as provide additional architectural and structural repairs and upgrades to support the new or modified systems.



## Next Steps...

#### LONG RANGE FACILITIES MASTER PLAN

A growing body of research has found that school facilities can have a profound impact on both teacher and student outcomes. With respect to teachers, school facilities affect teacher recruitment, retention, commitment, and effort. With respect to students, school facilities affect health, behavior, engagement, learning, and growth in achievement. Thus, researchers generally conclude that without



researchers generally conclude that without adequate facilities and resources, it is extremely difficult to serve large numbers of children with complex needs. While the District undertakes continual effort to maintain its facilities, many buildings require substantial modernization and upgrades beyond the scope of normal maintenance.

As such, on November 16, 2022, the District issued a Request for Qualifications/Proposals from highly qualified school planning or architectural firms to prepare a Comprehensive Long Range Facilities Master Plan. These services will include, but are not limited to: evaluation of existing facilities, master planning Districtwide facilities, identifying and prioritizing modernization, rehabilitation, and new construction projects and identifying sustainable and energy savings opportunities. The Long Range Facilities Master Plan will include a general overview of the District and include specific components: educational program plans and facility standards based on existing and/or future needs, comprehensive facility condition and sustainability assessments of schools and ancillary buildings, utilization analyses, and capital availability analysis. The Long Range Facilities Master Plan will contain a comprehensive implementation plan with cost estimates for providing new school facilities, support facilities and modernization of existing aging facilities. It is the District's intent to select a highly qualified firm that will work collaboratively within the District and the community to establish a road map for District facilities needs for the next 10 years.

#### Why do we need a Long Range Facilities Master Plan?

A Long Range Facilities Master Plan is needed to develop and communicate a long range vision for school facilities that will best support our students' current and future educational needs. It serves as a guide for assessing the need for facility improvements and the capital investments required to implement them. The Long Range Facilities Master Plan will assist us with ensuring that our schools create a quality learning environment that fosters engaging, relevant and personal learning experience for every learner every day.

## Measure AA | Citizens' Oversight Committee

The Citizens' Oversight Committee (COC) was established on March 13, 2017, as an independent oversight committee to assume that bond funds associated with Bond Measure "AA" are being spent as outlined in the Measure "AA Bond Measure ballot language. Members are appointed for two-year terms and may renew their tum up to three times. Our current members were elected in the fall of 2021 and will serve through fall of 2023.

The COC is comprised of specific members of the community including: a business representative, a senior citizen group representative, a taxpayer organization member, a parent, or guardian of a student enrolled in the district, an active parent-teacher organization member, and an at large community member, as well as attendees from the District. Responsibilities of the COC include review of descriptions of upcoming projects and schedules and financial statuses of Bond monies.

FUHSD staff provide information and answer to questions from committee members. The meetings consist of members receiving reports including information on each school site's proposed projects, their status, and the cost of construction to date. The COC determines if the District is in compliance with Measure "AA" Bond language, and Proposition 39. During the 2021-22 fiscal year, the COC was scheduled to meet quarterly, and reviewed bond expenditures for the cafeteria, the bowl, and the library. The proposed next project is the renovation of the 400s buildings. We are pleased to report that ALL projects were agreed to be in compliance with the Bond's ballot language and no corrective action is needed.

The next regular meeting of the Citizens' Oversight Committee will be held on March 21, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. at the Fallbrook Union High School District Office, 2234 S. Stage Coach Lane, Fallbrook CA 92028.



## Citizens' Oversight Committee Vacancies

### YOU ARE INVITED TO APPLY!

There are currently three (3) COC vacancies. The three vacancies needed require specific members of the community including:



- a Business Representative
- a Parent or Guardian of a Student Enrolled in the District (FHS)
- An at-large member, that lives within the borders of FUHSD

#### **COC Responsibilities**

Two year commitment. Attendance at COC meetings which are held at least four (4) times a year to review the progress of Bond construction and spending.

#### Each meeting consists of:

- Descriptions of projects
- Schedules and financial status of Bond monies

#### **HOW TO APPLY:**

- Complete an application. Information can be found on the District website at https://www.fuhsd.net/district/bond-coc or by contacting Leea Powell at leeapowell@fuhsd.net. Questions can also be directed to Leea Powell at: leeapowell@fuhsd.net.
- The Board will review applications in a regular scheduled board meeting and appoint members to the COC.

#### APPLICATIONS ARE DUE ON JANUARY 6, 2023



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#### THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



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