



Bakersfield City School District

November 2016 School Bond Measure N

Fact Sheet

Background: For over 100 years, Bakersfield City School District (BCSD) has provided a high quality education to local children. As part of our commitment to maintaining the quality of education in neighborhood schools, BCSD has conducted a full assessment of local school facilities needs—including classroom structures, equipment, educational technology, and K-8 school facilities at every site. Fact: BCSD schools are aging. The state of our classrooms, labs, facilities and technology is impacting teaching and learning. Our 44 school sites are in constant use, many are now 55-70 years old, and all are in need of essential repairs and continuing upgrades.

Measure N DEFINED: Measure N is a local Proposition 39 General Obligation school bond measure on the November 8, 2016 ballot seeking voter authorization for Bakersfield City School District school upgrades to improve student safety, instruction, and learning. Measure N requires 55% support to pass. A “YES vote” approves funding for the District’s plan to improve schools; a “NO vote” rejects the plan. All BCSD voters registered by October 24th will be eligible to vote on Measure N.

Measure N Ballot Question: “To improve Bakersfield K-8 schools and retain/attract quality teachers by repairing deteriorated classrooms, labs, bathrooms, plumbing, roofs, electrical and HVAC; removing asbestos/lead paint; improving school safety, security and disabled access; updating instructional technology; and acquiring sites/constructing new schools to relieve overcrowding; shall Bakersfield City School District issue \$110 million in bonds, within legal limits, requiring independent audits, citizens’ oversight, no money for administrators’ salaries/pensions, and all funds dedicated locally to Bakersfield neighborhood K-8 schools?”

Measure N Summary:

Measure N will:

- **Repair or Replace** deteriorated roofs, plumbing, lighting and electrical systems
- **Construct** new classrooms and school facilities to relieve overcrowding
- **Upgrade** classrooms, labs and school facilities to keep pace with advancing technology
- **Improve** energy efficiency and reinvest the savings into instruction
- **Replace** aging portables with permanent modular classrooms.
- **Improve** school safety, including security lighting, fire safety/emergency systems and pick-up/drop-off zones

Measure N Facts:

- **By law, ALL Measure N funds must STAY LOCAL** dedicated to BCSD schools ONLY.
- The State CANNOT take Measure N funding away.
- Measure N is for school technology infrastructure, classrooms, facilities and equipment ONLY.
- NO funds are allowed for administrators' salaries or pensions.
- Independent Citizens' Oversight and mandatory audits will ensure funds are spent properly.

Quality School Facilities are Essential to a Good Education. Studies show that students and teachers perform better in safe, modern classrooms and school facilities. This is our vision for Bakersfield City School District. **Measure N** is the next step in the process. Passage of Measure N will authorize BCSD to implement facilities repairs and upgrades to continue improving student safety, instruction and learning.

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