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## South Whittier Seeks Members to Join Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee

Members will oversee expenditures of \$29 million bond

**SOUTH WHITTIER** – The South Whittier School District is seeking members to join its Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee, which will be tasked with reviewing expenditures from construction activities associated with Measure QS, a \$29 million bond approved by District voters in November.

The committee, which must have at least seven members, will be responsible for ensuring that bond revenues are used only as voters intended and for informing the public of bond expenditures. The deadline for submitting applications to the District's Business Services Office is 4 p.m. **Tuesday, Feb. 21.**

"We want to thank the Whittier community for its overwhelming support of this bond and our efforts to improve our schools," Superintendent Gail Baxter said. "We are very excited and look forward to seeing these upgrades come to fruition with the support of this committee, which will hold us accountable and ensure our commitment to being good stewards of taxpayers' dollars."

Proceeds from the bond will go toward improving roofs, electrical systems, and plumbing and sewer systems, upgrading 50-year-old classrooms, restrooms and facilities, and replacing outdated heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems. The bond passed with an 82.19 percent approval rate – the highest in the area. It will cost property owners \$30 per \$100,000 of assessed property value.

The committee must include at least one member who is active in one of the following groups:

- A business organization representing the business community located within the school district
- A senior citizen's organization
- A parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the school district
- A parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the school district and is active in a parent-teacher organization
- A bona-fide taxpayer's organization

Committee members will be appointed by the Board of Trustees to serve an initial two-year term.

**Applications are available in the District Office, 11200 Telechron Ave., Whittier, and online at [www.swhittier.net](http://www.swhittier.net).** For more information, call (562) 944-6231, ext. 2031.

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