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## Paramount School District Bond Proposal Would Raise \$106 Million to Upgrade 17 Schools

**Paramount, CA** – The Paramount Unified School District community will vote in November on a \$106 million bond measure that would fund updates, repairs and modernization of the District's 10 elementary schools, four middle schools, a K-8 school and two high schools.

Bond measures, which must be supported by 55 percent of voters living within a school district, are an available mechanism used by California schools to fund major infrastructure improvements and construct new buildings.

Approximately 10 percent of the funds raised from the proposed Measure I school bond would go to upgrade technology capacity and help the District provide more students with digital tools.

The District has already started upgrading wireless connectivity at its primary comprehensive high school, Paramount High School. The District installed new Wi-Fi technology three months ago at the high school. Bond funds would go toward other campuses that have not already received upgraded wireless connectivity. Bond funds would also provide more digital devices at the high school.

The terms of the school bond on the November ballot, Measure I, require strict accountability, establish an independent citizens' oversight committee and mandate annual audits. The bond money cannot be used for administrator salaries or pensions. Measure I would, among other things, support facility upgrades like alarm systems and repairs that would enhance safety and security across campuses.

Taxpayers would pay about \$58 per \$100,000 in assessed property value for the bond measure. For example, the owner of a home assessed at \$300,000 would pay \$174 per year.

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