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## Fontana Unified Community Supports \$408 Million District Bond Measure Set to Benefit Students

**FONTANA, CA** – Fontana Unified School District's more than 32,000 students and their families are set to benefit from modernized school facilities and expanded programming designed to support the educational future of District students through the passing of Measure I, the District's School Facilities Improvement Bond Measure on the November ballot.

More than 65% of District voters approved Measure I, Fontana Unified's first bond in nearly 20 years, which required 55% of the vote to pass. Measure I will provide FUSD with \$408 million in bond funds for school facilities improvements and classroom modernizations, expansion of the District career and technical education (CTE) training programs, and infrastructure upgrades to ensure safe, accessible learning environments.

"Fontana Unified is committed to delivering a high-quality education that equips students for future success," said Superintendent Miki R. Inbody, with FUSD's last bond, Measure C, passing in November 2006. "Measure I represents an investment in that mission, and it is inspiring to see the community's overwhelming support of our District and this bond."

Fontana Unified stands to have better access to additional state matching funds, including those offered by Proposition 2 through Measure I's passing. Prop 2 is an \$8.5 billion state bond for K-12 school facilities projects, with most of the money set to be awarded based on matching grants and \$1 billion set aside for smaller or lower-income districts, according to <a href="CalMatters.org">CalMatters.org</a>.

FUSD will establish an independent Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee to help set priorities for bond funds. The multi-person committee will review the expenditures of Measure I funds, ensuring they are used appropriately.

"Measure I is a carefully planned effort to improve our schools and protect the resources we hold dear in our community," Inbody said. "With a focus on transparency and accountability, we're ensuring that every dollar goes toward enhancing education and preparing our students for success."

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