PARAMOUNT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT



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Paramount Community Resoundingly Passes Bond Measure I to Support District's Schools

Paramount, CA – The Paramount Unified School District community voted overwhelmingly to pass bond Measure I on Nov. 8 in a show of support to strengthening educational opportunities for its students.

The \$106 million bond measure, which received 84 percent of the vote, will fund updates, repairs and modernization of the District's 10 elementary schools, four middle schools, a K-8 school and two high schools.

"We have a strong community that is firmly committed to helping our children reach their full potential, and that was confirmed with their resounding response on Election Day," said Paramount Superintendent Dr. Ruth Pérez. "We're excited about the improvements we are set to make for our students, and grateful to the citizens of Paramount for standing with us to support education."

Next up for the District is prioritizing the schedule of projects to be funded with the new bonds. Also on the to-do list: selecting individuals for the District's new citizens bond oversight committee, which will actively review and report to the community on the proper expenditure of funds.

The terms of the school bond require strict accountability. The bond money cannot be used for administrator salaries or pensions. Measure I will, among other things, support facility upgrades like alarm systems and repairs that will enhance safety and security across campuses.

Approximately 10 percent of the funds raised will go to upgrade technology capacity at the District's 17 campuses and help provide more students with digital tools.

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