



## Press Release

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## Montebello Unified Thanks Community for Support of Bond to Modernize Campuses

*Measure GS Passed with the Largest Voter Approved Margin in LA County*

**MONTEBELLO** – Members of the Montebello Unified School District community voted June 7 to approve Measure GS, the District’s infrastructure improvement and modernization bond measure. The \$300 million facilities bond will fund classroom and facilities enhancements Districtwide.

“The Montebello Unified School District is extremely thankful to the voters for passing Measure GS with over 77% in support of the \$300 million school bond,” Superintendent Susanna Contreras Smith said. “This victory is a win for our students, parents and community for years to come.”

MUSD’s Measure GS passed with the largest voter approved margin in the 2016 primary. The District was one of four Los Angeles County school districts and community college bonds on the June primary ballot.

“With the largest margin of victory for any school bond in Los Angeles County, this overwhelming support for Measure GS is a reflection of our Board of Education and Superintendent’s level of trust and communication between the community and voters,” Montebello Unified Board President Benjamin Cárdenas said. “The community is saying we trust and support the work the District is doing and we are willing to help raise the \$300 million for the future success of our students.”

The next steps include election results being certified by the County and presented to the District. The Board of Education, in partnership with the Superintendent and staff, will work together with the community to develop a project prioritization list for better classrooms and improved school facilities.

This list of projects will likely include:

- Updated technology for all our schools
- New construction and repairs on existing schools – for example: leaky roofs, window repairs, HVAC repairs and updates
- Renewable and cost saving energy projects
- Work to secure additional matching funds from the State as a result of passing of MUSD's school bond construction and facilities improvement program.

These are just a few examples of what the District’s focus will be once the community has given its input.

**Montebello Unified School District** is a dynamic learning institution employing top-quality educators. It is the combined work of many that allows the District to continue educating more than 30,000 students every year using the 40 Developmental Assets at all of our school sites. It is through everyone’s efforts – students, parents, teachers, staff and administrators – that we are achieving the District’s number one goal of raising student achievement. Learn more online at [www.montebello.k12.ca.us](http://www.montebello.k12.ca.us).