

## PRESS RELEASE - ORANGE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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#### **MEASURE S INFORMATIONAL FLYER**

Date: September 14, 2016

**To:** Orange Unified School District Community Members **From**: Michael L. Christensen, Superintendent of Schools

As you may be aware, there was an unintentional misprint in the Measure S informational flyer recently mailed to all OUSD residents.

The flyer incorrectly stated:

Measure S is a local school bond that provides <u>\$288,000</u> in locally controlled funds to repair and upgrade OUSD's four comprehensive high schools, which are 45-64 years old.

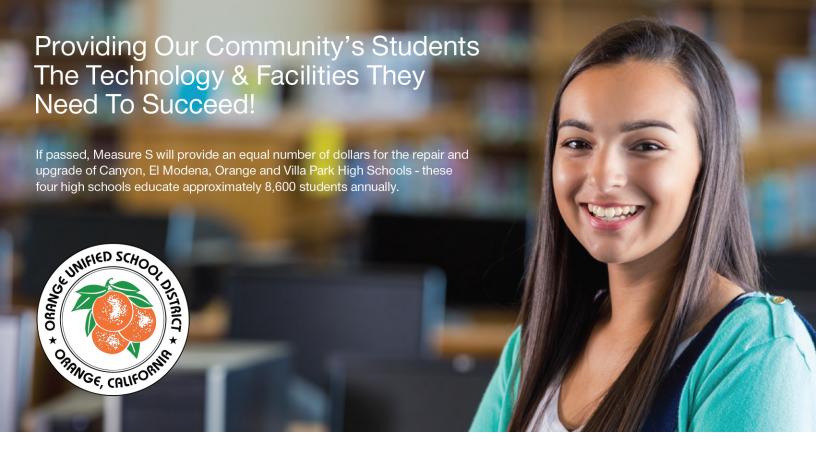
The statement should have read:

Measure S is a local school bond that provides **\$288,000,000** in locally controlled funds to repair and upgrade OUSD's four comprehensive high schools, which are 45-64 years old.

The statement has been corrected in the attached document. Please feel free to share this with other community members or on social media.

Thank you.

Attachment: Measure S Informational Flyer



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT MEASURE S

Measure S is a local school bond that would provide \$288,000,000 in locally controlled funds to repair and upgrade OUSD's 4 comprehensive high schools, which are 45-64 years old.

#### Each High School Will Receive Equal Funding:

If passed, Measure S will provide an equal number of dollars for the repair and upgrade of Canyon, El Modena, Orange and Villa Park High Schools.

#### Projects Include:

Update classrooms and labs to accommodate the career and technology education classes that prepare students for college and well-paying jobs in fields including health science, engineering technology and skilled trades, to keep pace with modern technology.

Repair or replace leaky roofs, old rusty plumbing and inadequate electrical systems where needed.

Update instructional technology in the classroom for improved student learning in core subjects such as math and science.

Retrofit older school buildings to protect against the effects of earthquakes and reduce the risk of injury and damage during natural disasters.

### Fiscal Accountability Provisions Required By Law:

Measure S requires a clear system of accountability to ensure funds are spent only on voter-approved projects. An Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee and annual audits will ensure funds are spent properly.

All money raised by Measure S will stay in the District to support students and cannot be taken by the State or used for other purposes.

None of the funds raised can be used for administrators' and teachers' salaries or benefits.

Measure S requires the District to set aside funds for ongoing maintenance to protect taxpayers' investment.

Measure S will cost property owners approximately \$29 per \$100,000 of assessed property value (not market value) annually, or about \$108 per year for the average residence. The passage of Measure S would help the District qualify for up to \$60 Million in state matching funds.





# BOND OVERSIGHT-MANDATED BY LAW

Legally Required Bond Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee

Pursuant To Proposition 39 (2000), The Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee Shall Have At Least Seven Members And Shall Include The Following Persons:

One (1) member who is a parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the District.

One (1) member active in a business organization representing the business community located in the District.

One (1) member active in a senior citizen's organization.

One (1) member active in a bona-fide taxpayers association.

One (1) member who is both a parent and guardian of a child enrolled in the District and active in a parent-teacher organization, such as the Parent-Teacher Association or a school site council.

At least two (2) members of the community-at-large appointed by the Board.

A single individual may be appointed as a representative of more than one of the above categories, if applicable.

#### Qualifications

He or she must be at least 18 years of age.

The Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee may not include any employee, official of the District, or any vendor, contractor, or consultant of the District.

To promote transparency with respect to the expenditure of bond proceeds and provide assurance to taxpayers as to the membership of the Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee (COC), the Board of Education will make the appointments to the COC prior to the election.



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