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### Research Data Shows Strong Support for Local School Renovation Bond

*All "ballot tests" pass necessary vote threshold*

ORANGE, CA – May 15, 2014 – A recent poll to gauge local opinion about a possible high school facility improvement bond measure showed strong and broad backing for its passage.

The main purpose of the survey was to evaluate voters' support for a potential bond measure to fund the modernization of Orange Unified's four comprehensive high schools, bringing them up to the structural and educational standards necessary to provide all students with the level of education and training essential for college and career success in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

True North Research, at the behest of the Orange Unified School District's Board of Education, sampled the opinions of 400 District residents likely to vote this November. This research showed overall support for the measure to be at about 64 percent.

Survey results also revealed that local residents put "maintaining the quality of education in our local public schools" as their top concern, with 85 percent of respondents deeming it "extremely important" or "very important." "Upgrading outdated schools to accommodate 21<sup>st</sup> Century technology" and "repairing and upgrading aging school facilities" were ranked as "extremely important" or "very important" by 66 percent and 65 percent of the public, respectively. The report by True North Research noted the poll's overall margin of error at  $\pm 4.89$  percent.

"This information shows that the bond would likely pass and that the voters in our District are committed to maintaining and improving their schools to meet the challenges of education in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century," said Superintendent of Schools Michael Christensen.

Both the PowerPoint presentation discussed at last Thursday's Board meeting and the entire supporting feasibility study can be found on the District's website at <http://www.orangeusd.k12.ca.us/facilities/plan/updates.asp>

For more information on the Orange Unified School District and its 21st Century Learning Facility program, visit [www.orangeusd.k12.ca.us](http://www.orangeusd.k12.ca.us).

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*The Orange Unified School District educates approximately 30,000 students in the Cities of Orange, Villa Park, Anaheim, Garden Grove, Santa Ana and county areas. The school district, founded in 1953, encompasses 108 square miles. The District office is located at 1401 N. Handy Street, Orange, California.*