



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT MEASURES A AND B

HOW ARE SAN RAFAEL CITY SCHOOLS DOING?

San Rafael City Schools have been educating the children and youth of our community for over 150 years. We continue to provide rigorous instruction that leads to the mastery of core academic subjects and fosters critical thinking, collaboration, creativity and communication.

WHAT CHALLENGES ARE FACING OUR SCHOOLS?

Updates are needed to our classrooms, labs, libraries/media centers and instructional technology to continue preparing our students for college and good jobs of the future. Additional classrooms, labs and equipment are also necessary to reduce school overcrowding and to accommodate the growing demand for hands-on science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM) classes.

HOW WAS THE PLAN TO UPDATE LOCAL SCHOOLS DEVELOPED?

San Rafael City Schools undertook a comprehensive master planning process focused on community engagement, which involved over 300 participants at more than 28 sessions, to identify needed improvements and updates to ensure all of our students receive a modern education that prepares them for success. The Board of Education adopted the finalized facilities master plan, which can be viewed at: <http://tinyurl.com/SRCSFacilitiesMasterPlan>

HOW WILL MEASURES A AND B HELP?

These measures allow San Rafael City Schools to make necessary upgrades identified in the facilities master planning process, such as updating and constructing classrooms, labs and school facilities for science, technology, engineering, math, art, music and core academic programs, in order to better prepare students for college and careers. They also improve student safety by repairing fields and athletic facilities for physical education and bringing electrical wiring up to current codes.




HOW DO I KNOW FUNDS FROM THE MEASURES WILL BE SPENT WISELY?

Measures A and B include strict fiscal accountability provisions. All funds from these measures benefit our existing local schools—no funds can be taken by the State or used to open additional school sites or to pay administrators' salaries. An independent citizens' oversight committee and annual audits also ensure that funds are spent only on voter-approved purposes.

HOW CAN I VOTE ON MEASURES A AND B?

Measures A and B will be on the ballot in the November 3, 2015 election. All registered voters will be eligible to vote on the measures, and each must receive 55% support in order to pass. For more information about voting and registration, please visit the Marin County Registrar of Voters' website at marinvotes.org or call (415) 473-6456.

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NOTICE TO VOTERS



MEASURES A AND B: UPGRADING SAN RAFAEL CITY SCHOOLS



SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS FOR A MODERN EDUCATION

With multiple California Distinguished School and National Blue Ribbon School recognitions, San Rafael City Schools provide a high-quality education for students in kindergarten through twelfth grade.

However, updates and improvements to our classrooms, labs and instructional technology are needed to prepare our students for successful futures by meeting the growing demand for science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM) classes and reducing school overcrowding to improve the quality of education.

MEASURES A AND B: UPGRADING SAN RAFAEL SCHOOLS

In order to provide up-to-date, well-maintained schools, the San Rafael City Schools Board of Education voted unanimously to place Measures A and B on the November 3, 2015 ballot.

Measure A provides \$108 million to improve our local elementary and middle schools and Measure B provides \$161 million to improve our high schools. The annual cost of each measure is limited to no more than \$30 per \$100,000 in assessed (not market) property value for as long as these bonds are outstanding.

MEASURES A AND B PROVIDE LOCALLY CONTROLLED FUNDING FOR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS

- Provide high school science labs and middle school science classrooms
- Update, renovate and construct science, technology, engineering, math and core academic classrooms and school facilities
- Provide classrooms for advanced programs and career technology training programs, helping prepare students for college and careers
- Provide dedicated classrooms for music and art
- Provide up-to-date classroom computers, instructional technology and technology infrastructure at all elementary and high schools, including upgrading electrical wiring to current safety codes



STRICT FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY PROVISIONS

- Every penny from these measures benefits our existing local schools—no funds can be taken by the State or used to open any additional school sites
- By law, no money can be used for administrators' salaries
- These measures require independent citizens' oversight and annual audits to keep the District accountable for how funds are spent

SAMPLE BALLOT

Measure A: San Rafael City Elementary School District

"To upgrade and repair schools with local funding that cannot be taken by the State, shall San Rafael City Elementary School District update, renovate/construct science, technology, engineering, math/core academic classrooms, replace aging electrical, plumbing/HVAC systems, make classrooms accessible for students with disabilities, repair, construct, acquire/equip classrooms, sites and facilities by issuing \$108,225,000 of bonds at legal rates, with citizen oversight, no money for administrators' salaries, benefits or pensions and all funds used for San Rafael schools?"

- YES
 NO

SAMPLE BALLOT

Measure B: San Rafael City High School District

"To upgrade and repair schools with local funding that cannot be taken by the State, shall San Rafael City High School District update, renovate/construct science, technology, engineering, math/core academic classrooms, replace aging electrical, plumbing/HVAC systems, make classrooms accessible for students with disabilities, repair, construct, acquire/equip classrooms, sites and facilities by issuing \$160,500,000 of bonds at legal rates, with citizen oversight, no money for administrators' salaries, benefits or pensions and all funds used for local high schools?"

- YES
 NO