

**November 5, 2002  
General Election**

**Total Yes Votes: 2,256 70.1%**  
**Total No Votes: 962 29.9%**

**DINUBA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
(required to pass: 55% of votes cast)

**Bond Measure K**

To improve the quality of education, shall the Dinuba Unified School District be authorized to modernize classrooms, make health and safety improvements, expand and upgrade school facilities, including constructing new classrooms and library/media centers, upgrading inadequate electrical systems to improve student access to classroom computers and modern technology, renovate schools and qualify the District to receive \$11,400,000 in State-matching funds by issuing \$14,915,000 of bonds, with annual audits and oversight by a citizens' oversight committee?

**FULL TEXT OF MEASURE K**

This proposition may be known and referred to as the Dinuba Unified School District 2002 School Improvement Bond or Measure K

**FINDINGS**

The Dinuba Unified School District (the "District"), which serves the communities of Dinuba and portions of unincorporated Tulare County, is a recognized leader in providing top quality education to Tulare County students for over 100 years. Currently, four of the District's eight schools are recognized as California Distinguished Schools.

The achievements have been accrued by the District as a result of the long history of visionary leadership from the Board of Education of the District (the "Board"), as well as from staff members, parents, and members of the District communities. During its long history, the District has benefited from a community that supports its educational institutions by establishing high standards for academic achievement while at the same time providing the means required to meet and even to surpass those expectations.

Although maintained well, the average age of District schools are 40 years old. Dinuba High School, the oldest District school, has been serving students and the community for more than 65 years.

In order to provide our local students with the same classrooms and school facilities as other California school districts, major repairs, upgrades, and classroom construction are necessary to ensure these buildings will remain functional for future generations.

The Board has prepared a facilities plan and identified significant repairs, upgrades, and classroom construction needs due to increased enrollment that are more than the District is able to fund from currently available sources or annual revenues.

The District has sought, and continues to seek, all available outside sources of funding to improve our school buildings, including local, state, and federal grants and state bond funds. Historically, the state requires that local school districts provide local funds as a condition of receipt of state matching funds. The District is eligible for \$11.4 million in State matching funds.

It is necessary to seek voter approval of a bond measure in order to provide the local funding for identified school facility repairs, modernization projects, and growth needs to address student enrollment.

## **BOND AUTHORIZATION**

By approval of this proposition by at least 55 percent of the registered voters voting on the proposition, the District shall be authorized to issue and sell bonds of up to \$14,915,000 in principal at interest rates below the legal limit, to provide financing for the specific school facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List attached hereto as Exhibit A-1, subject to all the accountability requirements specified below.

## **BOND PROJECT LIST**

The Bond Project List attached to this resolution as Exhibit A-1 shall be considered a part of the ballot proposition and shall be reproduced in any official document required to contain the full statement of the bond proposition.

Approval of this Bond Measure (the "Measure") does not guarantee that the proposed project or projects in the District that are the subject of bonds under the Measure will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by the

Measure. If state matching funds become available, they will be used for and applied to the Bond Project List as per Exhibit A-1. The District's proposal for the project or projects assumes the receipt of matching state funds, which could be subject to appropriation by the Legislature or approval of a statewide bond measure.

## **ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS**

The provisions in this section are specifically included in this proposition in order that the voters and taxpayers in the District may be assured that their money will be spent wisely to address specific facilities needs of the District all in compliance with the requirements of Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3), of the State Constitution and the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000 (codified at Education Code Sections 15264 and following.)

**Evaluation of Needs.** The Board, after a year long process involving staff members, parents, students, and community members at each school site throughout the District, has prepared an updated facilities plan in order to evaluate and address all of the facilities needs of the District and determine which projects to finance from a local bond at this time. The Board hereby certifies that it has evaluated safety, class size reduction, enrollment growth, and information technology needs in developing the Bond Project List contained in Exhibit A-1.

**Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee.** The Board shall establish an Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee pursuant to Education Code Section 15278 and following to ensure bond proceeds are expended only on the school facilities projects listed in Exhibit A-1. The committee shall be established within 60 days of the date when the results of the election appear in the minutes of the Board.

**Performance Audits.** The Board shall conduct an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the bond proceeds have been expended only on the school facilities projects listed in Exhibit A-1.

**Financial Audits.** The Board shall conduct an annual, independent financial audit of the bond proceeds until all of those proceeds have been spent for the school facilities projects listed in Exhibit A-1.

**Special Bond Proceeds Account: Annual Report to Board.** Upon approval of this proposition and the sale of any bonds approved, the Board shall take actions necessary to establish an account in which proceeds of the sale of

bonds will be deposited. As long as any proceeds of the bonds remain unexpended, the Superintendent of the District shall cause a report to be filed with the Board no later than January 1 of each year, stating (1) the amount of bond proceeds received and expended in that year, and (2) the status of any project funded or to be funded from bond proceeds. The report may relate to the calendar year, fiscal year, or other appropriate annual period as the Superintendent shall determine and may be incorporated in the annual budget, audit, or another appropriate routine report to the Board.

### **FURTHER SPECIFICATIONS**

**No Administrator Salaries.** Proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this proposition shall be used only for the construction, reconstruction and/or rehabilitation of school facilities including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities or acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities and construction management by district personnel and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries and other school operating expenses.

The proceeds of the bonds will be deposited into a Building Fund to be held by the Tulare County Treasurer, as required by the California Education Code.

### **EXHIBIT A-1 BOND PROJECT LIST**

The District intends to complete the following projects, using a combination of funding sources. It is anticipated that bond proceeds will contribute \$14,915,000 to said total cost. Other anticipated sources include state aid matching funds and other available funds.

### **Dinuba High School - Built 1936**

Modernize and construct classrooms, and support facilities

Construct new permanent classrooms to replace temporary, portable classrooms

Make student health and safety improvements including parking lot and traffic renovations

Modernize and upgrade science labs and music rooms

Upgrade library and support facilities

Replace outdated roofing and inefficient windows

Replace and upgrade heating and cooling systems

Upgrade classroom electrical systems for better access to technology and computers

Make athletic facility improvements including new pool, tennis complex, softball complex, all weather track, and stadium modernization

Upgrade and construct industrial technology building and agricultural tech center

Upgrade and construct library/media center

Improve student quad area

### **Washington Intermediate School - Built 1967**

Modernize and construct classrooms, and support facilities

Construct a new technology career lab

Upgrade and construct library and support facilities

Improve restrooms and plumbing systems

Upgrade classroom electrical systems for better access to technology and computers

Complete athletic facility and field improvements

Improve student quad areas

Make health and safety improvements including parking lot improvements

### **Grand View Elementary School - Built 1949 with additions in 2000**

Modernize and construct classrooms, and support facilities

Modernize classrooms and school facilities

Upgrade restrooms and plumbing systems

Repair and replace outdated roofs

Upgrade classroom electrical systems for better access to technology and computers

Construct a new library/media center

Construct all weather walkways and expand and modernize kitchen/cafeteria

### **Jefferson Elementary School - Built 1953**

Modernize and construct classrooms, and support facilities

Upgrade restrooms and plumbing systems

Repair and replace outdated roofs

Upgrade classroom electrical systems for better access to technology and computers

Construct a new library/media center and expand kitchen

Construct new permanent classrooms to replace temporary, portable classrooms

Expand and upgrade support facilities

Make health and safety improvements at student bus loading zones and pick up areas

### **Lincoln Elementary School - Built 1953**

Modernize and construct classrooms, and support facilities

Upgrade restrooms and plumbing systems

Remodel and expand kitchen/cafeteria

Upgrade classroom electrical systems for better access to technology and computers

Construct a new library/media center

Make health and safety improvements at student bus loading zones and pick up areas

### **Roosevelt Elementary School - Built 1988**

Modernize and construct classrooms, and support facilities

Make health and safety improvements at student bus loading zones and pick up areas

Upgrade classroom electrical systems for better access to technology and computers

Expand and upgrade support facilities

Construct a new library/media center

Construct covered all weather walkways

### **Wilson Elementary School - Built 1961**

Modernize and construct classrooms, and support facilities

Upgrade restrooms and plumbing systems

Modernize and expand cafeteria/kitchen

Repair and replace outdated roofs

Upgrade classroom electrical systems for better access to technology and computers

Construct a new library/media center  
Construct new permanent classrooms to replace temporary, portable classrooms

**John F. Kennedy School – To be completed in 2004**

Complete construction of classrooms and cafeteria/multipurpose rooms and other student support facilities  
Complete classroom all weather walkways and shade structures  
Improve student quad areas

**Sierra Vista Continuation School and Other District Facilities - Built 1987**

Provide alternative education complex  
Construct and expand Education Services Center  
Construct and expand Operations Facility

**IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY COUNTY COUNSEL  
BOND MEASURE K**

If at least 55 percent of the qualified electors voting on the measure vote in favor, the Dinuba Unified School District (the "District") will be authorized to issue and sell bonds up to the amount of \$14,915,000 (\$14.915 million) to provide financing for the specific school facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List.

Proceeds from the sale of bonds shall be used only for the above-listed purposes and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries, nor other school operating expenses.

Approval of this bond measure does not guarantee that State matching funds in the amount of \$11.4 million will be received. Funding of all (rather than a portion of) the school facility projects listed above assumes the receipt of matching State funds.

If the measure passes, the District Board is required by law to: conduct an annual, independent performance audit; conduct an annual, independent financial audit; appoint members to an independent Citizen's Oversight Committee; apply the bond proceeds only to the specific purposes stated in the ballot measure; cause creation of accounts into which bond proceeds shall be deposited; and cause the preparation of an annual report.

The bonds will bear interest at the lowest rate possible but at a rate not exceeding the legal limit. The interest rate will be established at the time of the sale of the bonds and will depend on market rates at that time. Principal and interest on the bonds will be payable from the proceeds of tax levies made on the taxable property in the District. The exact effect on tax rates cannot be determined until after the bonds are sold.

KATHLEEN BALES-LANGE  
Tulare County Counsel

By: Lawrence A. Perkes  
Deputy County Counsel

### **TAX RATE STATEMENT BOND MEASURE K**

An election will be held in the Dinuba Unified School District on November 5, 2002 to authorize the sale of up to \$14,915,000 in general obligation bonds of the District to finance the acquisition and improvement of real property for school purposes. If such bonds are authorized and sold, the principal thereof and interest thereon will be payable from the proceeds of tax levies made upon the taxable property in the District. The following information is provided in compliance with sections 9400-9404 of the Election Code of the State of California.

1. The best estimate of the tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund the bond issue during the first fiscal year after the first sale of bonds based on a projection of future assessed valuations is \$0.055 per \$100 of assessed valuation in Fiscal Year 2003-2004.
2. The best estimate of the tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund the bond issue during the first fiscal year after the last sale of bonds if the bonds are sold in series, and an estimate of the fiscal year in which that rate will apply, based on a projection of future assessed valuations is \$0.055 per \$100 of assessed valuation in Fiscal Year 2012-13.
3. The best estimate of the highest tax rate that would be required to be levied to fund the bond issue and an estimate of the fiscal year in which that rate will apply, based on a projection of future assessed valuations, is again



\$0.055 per \$100 of assessed valuation, which is projected to be the same in every fiscal year.

Attention of all voters is directed to the fact that the foregoing is based upon projections and estimates only, which are not binding upon the District. The actual tax rates and years in which they will apply may vary from those presently estimated, due to variations from these estimates in the timing of bond sales, the amount of bonds sold at any given sale, and the actual assessed valuation over the term of the repayment of the bonds. The actual time of sales of said bonds and the amount sold at any given time will be governed by the needs of the District and other factors (including market rate variations in the interest rate on general obligation bonds). Actual future assessed valuation will depend upon the amount and value of taxable property within the District as determined in the assessment and equalization process.

Dated July 8, 2002

Scott Meier, Ed.D  
Superintendent  
Dinuba Unified School District

### **ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE K**

Your YES vote on Measure K will have a lasting, positive impact on our children's schools and on our community.

#### **MEASURE K WILL IMPROVE OUR SCHOOLS.**

Students in Dinuba have received a good education for over 100 years. The average age of the schools in the District is over 40 years. We need to repair, upgrade, and renovate outdated classrooms and facilities. Originally designed to accommodate 4,100 students, our current enrollment is over 5,100. We need to provide permanent classrooms and reduce student overcrowding.

#### **Measure K will:**

- Make health and safety improvements such as improving handicapped access and replacing 30-year-old roofing
- Upgrade inadequate classroom electrical systems to accommodate computers and modern technology
- Upgrade restrooms and replace inadequate plumbing and sewer systems

- Modernize 40-year-old facilities and replace temporary relocatable classrooms with permanent classrooms

### **MEASURE K MAKES FINANCIAL SENSE.**

As taxpayers, we all agree on the importance of our children's education and the value of quality schools.

#### **Measure K will:**

- Make the District eligible for approximately \$11.4 million in State-matching funds
- Make repairs now instead of putting them off into the future when they will only cost more to the community
- Be used only to improve our children's schools – not to pay teacher or administrator salaries

### **BY LAW, TAXPAYER SAFEGUARDS ARE NOW IN PLACE.**

#### **Measure K will:**

- Establish a citizens' oversight committee to protect taxpayer funds
- Require annual independent audits on all Measure K expenditures

Measure K will maintain our schools as a focal point of our community, increase the quality of education for our children, and add to the value of our homes.

Invest in our community's future by voting **YES ON MEASURE K!**

s/ Victorio G. Rojas, Dinuba Unified School District School Board President

s/ Gilbert Gonzalez, Parent School Supporter and Volunteer

s/ Barbara Fry, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher, Tulare County Teacher of the Year

s/ Ed Todd

s/ Timothy Kuckelman

**NO ARGUMENT AGAINST THIS MEASURE WAS SUBMITTED**