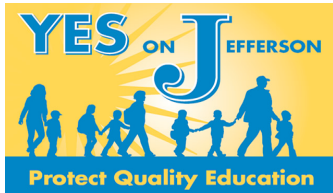




MEASURE J SCHOOL BOND UPDATE



On November 2nd, 2010, Jefferson voters passed Measure J, a \$35.4 million bond measure. Measure J was passed by our community with over two-thirds of the vote. This margin is far above the required 55% passage rate and one of the higher approval rates in the state.

Our community clearly recognizes that providing quality education is absolutely critical and they understand the ongoing need for us to have local control in terms of budgetary decisions. The facility and infrastructure improvements that will result from Measure J will positively impact students for many, many years to come.

Many parents, staff and community members who participated in the Measure J effort deserve recognition and thanks. Parents and staff volunteered by working at phone banks, putting up lawn signs, distributing information, standing on corners waving Measure J signs, securing endorsements and walking precincts. Many of our Measure J leaders put in a tremendous number of volunteer hours to see this effort through. We are deeply grateful for their time and perseverance.

BOND PROCESS	
Date	Event
November 2, 2010	Measure J Election
November 30, 2011	Election Results Certified by County
December 6, 2010	Measure J Committee Meeting
January 11, 2011	Election results adopted by School Board
January 18-19, 2011	Community input meetings held for alumni, parents and staff of all four school sites
February 8, 2011	Sharing of community input at School Board Meeting
February 10-11, 2011	Committee Meetings held at all four school sites to prioritize projects
February 26, 2011	Board Study Session to review committee priorities, review financial standing and establish board priorities
March 8, 2011	Citizens' Oversight Committee established
March 8, 2011	Bond financing structure established and first phase projects established at School Board Meeting
April, 2011	Committee Meetings will be scheduled to review initial drawings and construction plans



On March 8th, 2011, the Jefferson School Board prioritized the following projects utilizing the first \$6 million dollars of Measure J money. Planning is currently underway and projects are expected to begin in the Fall of 2011.

- Design and State Division of Architects approval for the Jefferson School Campus and Traina Gymnasium
- Natural-turf playfields and tracks at Traina, Monticello and Hawkins
- Shade structures at Traina, Monticello and Hawkins
- Safety lighting improvements at Hawkins and Monticello
- Wooden play equipment upgrade at Hawkins
- Fencing improvements at Monticello
- Restroom renovations at Monticello
- Drainage and paving issues at Monticello and Hawkins
- Multi-purpose room, stage and kitchen renovation at Monticello
- Nurse office relocation at Monticello
- Master keying project district-wide
- Gymnasium divider at Hawkins
- Roof-access prevention at Traina
- Technology upgrades at all schools

CONSTRUCTION FIRM OUTREACH

The Jefferson School District is currently interviewing Construction Management firms to partner with the district in our modernization program. A key component in the evaluation of each firm is their ability to reach out to local construction firms. The Jefferson School Board is committed to engaging local firms and contractors in bidding for our upcoming projects. Please contact our district office to ensure your local firm is on our list to contact when projects go out to bid.





BOND FINANCING

Measure J authorized 35.4 million dollars for modernization projects in the Jefferson School District. While the district will eventually have access to the entire amount for facility improvements, bond money will be released in partial “phases” due to multiple variables. The first phase is expected to be approximately six million dollars.

These are some of the variables that impact how much money the district can access in each phase:

Campaign Pledge: Proposition 39 allows for a maximum tax of \$30.00 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation. The Measure J estimate to voters was \$23.03 per \$100,000. The Jefferson School Board remains committed to honoring this pledge.

Assessed Valuation: The assessed valuation in our community is currently down 4.04% in 2011. This represents a cumulative drop of 24.5% since 2009. Lower assessed valuation limits the amount of taxes that can be levied in order to stay within the pledge.

Interest Rate: California’s poor fiscal condition impacts the interest rates on municipal bonds. Over the past three years, bond rates have been very volatile. Increased interest rates means reduced bonding capacity.

Development: The other component which impacts assessed valuation is entitlement and development. As land is changed from agriculture to developable and maps are recorded, the assessed value increases. The assessed value will also increase as such land has residential homes or commercial buildings constructed on it. Those new residents will pay their share of the bond as well.



CITIZENS’ OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Under proposition 39, state law requires the district establish a Citizens’ Oversight Committee. The committee purposes are:

- To actively monitor all projects and expenditures approved by the voters.
- To provide proper oversight and accountability to ensure that Measure J funds are used as they were intended.
- To report to members of the community on the progress of Measure J projects.

On March 8th, 2011 the first Jefferson Citizens’ Oversight Committee was established. The five current members are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>
Nineb Paul Tumazi	2 Years
Raul C. Salazar	1 Year
Nicole Riley	2 Years
Russell Lovell	2 Years
Jennifer Couch	2 Years

We currently have two vacant one-year term positions available on the Citizens’ Oversight Committee. Please contact Grace Merritt at the Jefferson District Office for an application if you are interested in applying.

Get detailed and updated Measure J information online at:

www.jeffersonschooldistrict.com



While \$6 million dollars of projects have been scheduled for phase one by the board of education, many projects have been identified by school site committees for consideration in future phases. The following is a partial list, in no specific order, of projects that will be considered by the board in future phases.

- Construction of Jefferson School
- Construction of Traina gymnasium
- Additional computer labs
- Upgraded science labs
- Upgraded planting area at Traina
- Renewable Energy Systems at all schools
- District-wide security camera systems
- Natural lighting in Monticello classrooms
- Relocatable classroom replacements at Monticello
- Library modifications to Monticello and Hawkins
- Reconfiguration of administrative areas at Monticello and Hawkins
- HVAC system upgrade at Monticello
- Roof replacement at Monticello
- Increase playground equipment at Monticello and Hawkins
- Increased storage at all campuses
- Parking lot resurfacing at Monticello
- Running course at Hawkins and Monticello
- Upgrade or add central kitchen
- Reconfigure cafeteria line and add eating area at Hawkins
- Expand playground area at Hawkins
- Restroom door reconfiguration at Hawkins
- Landscape corner of Glenbriar and Darlene at Hawkins

HAVE INPUT TO SHARE?

It is not too late to provide input to the Measure J Modernization Program. Each school site has a committee that meets regularly with the superintendent, chief business officer and architectural team. Please feel free to provide input to your school principal or any of the teachers or parents that make up each committee. Feedback can also be delivered to superintendent Dana Eaton at deaton@sjcoe.net.

