

Alexander Valley Union School District

“MEASURE B” Frequently Asked Questions

Although it appears that our school is in good shape based on achievements by our students, our school facilities need to be improved. Faced with aging classrooms, and the need to bring school facilities up to current standards, the Alexander Valley Union School District is placing a general obligation bond measure on the June 2018 ballot that would improve and renovate our nearly 70-year-old elementary school campus.

The following information is provided to assist voters in understanding the facts behind the measure and how its passage will affect the District and our community.

What is this AVUSD Bond Measure?

This Measure is a \$6.0 million general obligation (G.O.) bond program. The measure is intended to address the needs of the student population through new construction and renovation projects at Alexander Valley Elementary School.

What is a G.O. bond?

G.O. bonds fund projects such as the renovation of classrooms and school facilities, as well as construction of new schools and classrooms. Similar to a home loan, G.O. bonds are typically repaid over 25-30 years. The loan repayment comes from a tax on all taxable property - residential, commercial, agricultural and industrial - located within the District's boundaries.

Why is the District placing the measure on the ballot?

Alexander Valley Elementary School is outdated and major upgrades and renovations need to be made. Also, the school does not currently have a multi-purpose room. This has been in the plans for nearly 40 years. There is nowhere to hold student assemblies and when it rains our student must eat in their classroom. By investing in our school, we can meet today's educational standards as well as better serve our community.

Why can't the District meet its facilities needs with its current budget?

Today, the scope of improvements needed at the Alexander Valley Union School District is far more than the current funding sources available. The per pupil funding which the District receives from the state and community is intended to be used for the day-to-day business of educating children and not the cost of upgrading, modernizing, and repairing facilities.