# PACIFIC GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

MEASURE

## IMPROVING LOCAL SCHOOLS



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Funds **cannot**be taken by the
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elsewhere

## ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 5, 2024



VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY NOVEMBER 5, 2024



### **OUR SCHOOLS**

Forest Grove Elementary
Pacific Grove Adult Education
Pacific Grove Community High

Pacific Grove High School
Pacific Grove Middle School
Robert Down Elementary



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### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



#### WHAT PROJECTS ARE PART OF MEASURE B?

- Expanding Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) labs for all grades
- Replacing deteriorating electrical systems and wiring
- Upgrading and expanding coverage areas for outdoor lighting, fire alarm systems and cameras
- Repairing or replacing deteriorating roofs, gutters and windows
- Creating greater accessibility to classrooms, restrooms, walkways and playgrounds in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- Improving school campus security and student safety
- Replacing aging heating, ventilation and airconditioning systems to improve air quality and energy efficiency

- Expanding counseling and mental health facilities
- Upgrading deteriorating restrooms
- Expanding existing career technical education program facilities such as technology, culinary arts, robotics and coding classes to increase student access
- Renovating and modernizing existing classrooms and educational facilities

#### **WHAT IS MEASURE B?**

Measure B is a general obligation (GO) bond measure on the November 5, 2024, Presidential Election ballot. If approved by at least 55% of ballots cast, Measure B is expected to extend but not increase the district's current tax rate to authorize \$78 million in bonds to make critical renovations and modernize schools and classrooms throughout the Pacific Grove Unified School District. In addition, voter approval of Measure B will allow the district to qualify for state matching funds.

#### WHAT IS A GO BOND?

California school districts commonly use GO bonds to fund improvement projects, such as constructing and renovating classrooms. Like a home loan, GO bonds are repaid over time. Funds to repay the bonds come from a tax on all taxable property—residential, commercial, industrial and agricultural—located within the district.

#### **HOW MUCH WILL MEASURE B COST?**

Measure B is estimated to have an average annual tax rate of less than \$32 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation while bonds are outstanding. Assessed valuation should not be confused with market value. The assessed valuation is the value placed on property by Monterey County and is typically lower than market value.

#### WHAT TAXPAYER PROTECTIONS ARE IN PLACE?

Measure B ensures that there will be full public disclosure of all spending. An independent Citizens' Oversight Committee must review and report on all bond fund expenditures, and a third-party auditor must audit all bond fund expenditures. Measure B includes a specific list of projects on which bond funds may be spent. Laws prohibit funds from being used for administrators' salaries, pensions or benefits. Measure B bond funds must be spent on Pacific Grove Unified School District's projects and cannot be taken by the state.

#### **HOW DO I VOTE BY MAIL?**

All registered voters in California will receive a vote-by-mail ballot. If you need to register to vote, you can register online at <a href="www.registertovote.ca.gov">www.registertovote.ca.gov</a>. Once you complete your ballot, sign your ballot envelope and simply drop your ballot in the mail—postage is prepaid—by November 5, 2024. If you need additional assistance or would like to drop off your ballot in person at a polling place or ballot drop box, please visit <a href="countyofmonterey.gov/government/departments-a-h/elections/home">countyofmonterey.gov/government/departments-a-h/elections/home</a> for more information.

