

**BALLOT MEASURE
FULL TEXT OF MEASURE**

This proposition may be known and referred to as the Cardiff School District General Obligation Bond of 2016, or Measure GG.

BOND AUTHORIZATION

By approval of this proposition by at least 55% of the registered voters voting on the proposition, the Cardiff School District (the "District") shall be authorized to issue and sell bonds of up to \$22 million in aggregate principal amount to provide financing for the specific school facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List below, and in order to qualify to receive State matching grant funds, subject to all of the accountability safeguards specified below.

ACCOUNTABILITY SAFEGUARDS

The provisions in this section are specifically included in this proposition in order that the District's voters and taxpayers 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 of Trustees hereby certifies that it has evaluated safety, class size reduction and information technology needs in developing the Bond Project List.

Limitation on Use of Bond Proceeds. The State of California does not have the power to take locally approved school district bond funds for any State purposes. The Constitution allows proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this proposition to be used only for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities listed in this proposition, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities, and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries and other school operating expenses.

Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee. The Board of Trustees shall establish an independent Citizens' Oversight Committee (pursuant to Education Code Section 15278 and following), to ensure bond proceeds are spent only for the school facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List. The committee shall be established within 60 days of the date on which the Board of Trustees enters the election results on its minutes.

Annual Performance Audits. The Board of Trustees shall conduct an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the bond proceeds have been expended only on the school facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List.

Annual Financial Audits. The Board of Trustees shall conduct an annual, independent financial audit of the bond proceeds (which shall be separate from the District's regular annual financial audit) until all of those proceeds have been spent for the school facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List.

Special Bond Proceeds Account; Annual Report to Board. Upon approval of this proposition and the sale of any bonds approved, the Board of Trustees shall take actions necessary pursuant to Government Code Section 53410 and following 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 or the Chief Business Official of the District (or such other employee as may perform substantially similar duties) shall cause a report to be filed with the Board no later than December 31 of each year, commencing December 31 of the year in which bonds are first issued, 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 such officer shall determine, and may be incorporated into the annual budget, audit, or other appropriate routine report to the Board.

FURTHER SPECIFICATIONS

Specific Purposes. All of the purposes enumerated in this proposition shall be united and voted upon as one single proposition, pursuant to Education Code Section 15100, and shall constitute the specific purposes of the bonds, and proceeds of the bonds shall be spent only for such purposes, pursuant to Government Code Section 53410.

Joint Use. The District may enter into agreements with the County of San Diego, or other public agencies or nonprofit organizations for joint use of school facilities financed with the proceeds of the bonds in accordance with Education Code Section 17077.42 (or any successor provision). The District may seek State grant funds for eligible joint-use projects as permitted by law, and this proposition hereby specifies and acknowledges that bond funds will or may be used to fund all or a portion of the local share for any eligible joint-use projects identified in the Bond Project List or as otherwise permitted by California State regulations, as the Board of Trustees shall determine.

Rate of Interest. The bonds shall bear interest at a rate per annum not exceeding the statutory maximum, payable at the time or times permitted by law.

Term of Bonds. The number of years the whole or any part of the bonds are to run shall not exceed the legal limit, though this shall not preclude bonds from being sold which mature prior to the legal limit.

BOND PROJECT LIST

The Bond Project List below describes the specific projects the Cardiff School District proposes to finance with proceeds of the bonds. Listed projects will be completed as needed at each school site according to Board-established priorities, and the order in which such projects appear on the Bond Project List is not an indication of priority for funding or completion. The final cost of each project will be determined as plans are finalized, construction bids are awarded, and projects are completed. Certain construction funds expected from non-bond sources, including State grant funds for eligible projects, have not yet been secured. Until all project costs and funding sources are known, the Board of Trustees cannot determine the amount of bond proceeds available to be spent on each project, nor guarantee that the bonds will provide sufficient funds to allow completion of all listed projects. Completion of some projects may be subject to further government approvals or appropriation by State officials and boards, to local environmental review, and to input from the public.

Projects for Cardiff School include:

- Replace outdated roofs.
- Renovate or replace existing deteriorating plumbing, drainage, and sewer systems.
- Upgrade inadequate electrical systems including power and low voltage to meet current electrical and accessibility codes, increase capacity, and relieve overloaded systems.
- Improve energy efficiency by replacing old and energy inefficient heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems, windows, and lighting systems; also, install cost-effective systems including “green” building projects and sustainable building practices to promote energy-efficiency (e.g., Energy Management Systems (EMS), solar, electrical, etc.).
- Replace aging temporary portable classrooms with new classrooms.
- Replace outdated classrooms that are now between 55-65 years old with new classrooms
- Construct new restrooms.
- Construct a new multipurpose room and warming kitchen to replace the current 55 year old building.
- Make health, safety, and security improvements, such as improve student drop-off and pick-up areas, upgrade campus fencing, and renovate/retrofit the “brick building”.
- Replace or upgrade fire alarm systems, fire safety equipment, and emergency exit lighting improvements.
- Replace campus wide intercom and telecommunication systems, clocks, and upgrade wireless systems and internet/network connections.
- Improve handicapped accessibility by making Federal and State-mandated Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility upgrades and as mandated by the Division of the State Architect (DSA) including site access, parking, restrooms, relocation of some existing electrical devices, drinking fountains, playground equipment, etc.
- Upgrade, renovate and improve library/computer lab, art/science lab, and school office building to be integrated with the newly constructed school facilities.
- Upgrade and improve playgrounds and playfields for school and community use; preserve existing mature trees and other landscaping where possible.
- Resurface, repair, and/or replace paved surfaces, play court areas, turf, and other grounds to eliminate safety hazards and improve outside instructional areas.

Projects for Ada Harris School include:

- Improve energy efficiency by replacing old and energy inefficient heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems and lighting systems; also, install cost-effective systems including “green” building projects and sustainable building practices to promote energy-efficiency (e.g., Energy Management Systems (EMS), solar, electrical, etc.).
- Replace aging temporary portable classrooms.
- Replace or upgrade fire alarm systems, fire safety equipment, and emergency exit lighting improvements.
- Replace campus wide intercom and telecommunication systems, clocks, and upgrade wireless systems and internet/network connections.

Miscellaneous District-wide Projects

- Abate and remove hazardous materials identified prior or during construction.
- Address unforeseen conditions revealed by construction/modernization (such as water, sewage or gas line breaks, dry rot, seismic, structural, etc.).
- Other site improvements required to comply with existing building codes, including the Field Act, and access requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- Necessary preparation/restoration in connection with new construction, renovation or remodeling, or installation or removal of relocatable classrooms, including ingress and egress, removing, replacing, preserving, or installing irrigation, utility lines (such as gas lines, water lines, electrical lines, sewer lines, and communication lines), trees and landscaping, relocating fire access roads, and acquiring any necessary easements, licenses, or rights of way to the property.
- Rental or construction of storage facilities and other space on an interim basis, as needed to accommodate construction materials, equipment, and personnel, and interim classrooms (including relocatables) for students and school functions or other storage for classroom materials displaced during construction.
- Acquisition of any of the facilities on the Bond Project List through temporary lease or lease-purchase arrangements, or execute purchase option under leases for any of these authorized facilities.
- All work necessary and incidental to specific projects described above, including demolition of existing structures.

The listed projects will be completed as needed. Each project is assumed to include its share of furniture, equipment, architectural, engineering, and similar planning costs, program/project management, staff training expenses and a customary contingency for unforeseen design and construction costs. In addition to the listed projects stated above, the list also includes the acquisition of a variety of instructional, maintenance and operational equipment, including the reduction or retirement of outstanding lease obligations and interim funding incurred to advance fund projects from the list; installation of signage and fencing; payment of the costs of preparation of all facility planning, facility studies, assessment reviews, facility master plan preparation and updates, environmental studies (including environmental investigation,

remediation and monitoring), design and construction documentation, and temporary housing of dislocated District activities caused by construction projects. The budget for each project is an estimate and may be affected by factors beyond the District's control. The final cost of each project will be determined as plans and construction documents are finalized, construction bids are received, construction contracts are awarded and projects are completed. Based on the final costs of each project, certain of the projects described above may be delayed or may not be completed. Proceeds of the bonds may be used to pay or reimburse the District for the costs of issuing the bonds. Bond proceeds shall only be expended for the specific purposes identified herein. The District shall create an account into which proceeds of the bonds shall be deposited and comply with the reporting requirements of Government Code § 53410.

The Bond Project List shall be considered a part of this ballot proposition, and shall be reproduced in any official document required to contain the full statement of the bond proposition.

EXHIBIT B

BALLOT MEASURE (ABBREVIATED FORM)

“To improve the quality of education with local funding that cannot be taken by the State; modernize/construct classrooms, restrooms and school facilities; repair/replace roofs; renovate deteriorating plumbing and sewer systems; upgrade inadequate electrical systems; make health, safety, and energy efficiency improvements; and replace portables with permanent classrooms; shall Cardiff Elementary School District issue \$22 million of bonds at legal interest rates, have an independent citizens’ oversight committee, and have NO money used for administrative or teacher salaries?”