

OUTSTANDING EDUCATION: BRIGHT FUTURES

TOP-NOTCH LOCAL SCHOOLS

Culver City Schools are among the best in the State, providing top-quality education for our students.

- ★ Test scores have risen in 10 of the last 11 years, and far exceed the state standard for excellence
- ★ Culver City Middle School has been recognized as a national "School to Watch" by the National Forum that serves as a nationwide model for academic excellence, social equity, and innovative teaching methods
- ★ Over the past 20 years, each of CCUSD's five elementary schools, Culver City Middle School and Culver City High School have all been recognized as California Distinguished Schools and CCHS has been named a National Blue Ribbon School
- ★ CCUSD graduates routinely matriculate to some of the nation's best four-year institutions



★ WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU ★

Your feedback is critical to our planning process. If you have questions or suggestions regarding a potential bond measure to repair and improve Culver City Schools, please contact Superintendent David LaRose at (310) 842-4220 x 4204 or davidlarose@ccusd.org, or Assistant Superintendent Mike Reynolds at (310) 842-4220 x 4226 or at mikereynolds@ccusd.org.



A 2014 Update from Culver City Unified School District

POTENTIAL CULVER CITY SCHOOL BOND MEASURE

Dear Neighbor,



We are all very proud of the fact that Culver City is home to some of the very best schools in California. Our exceptional schools are the product of a community with a deep commitment to education, a generous sense of collaborative responsibility and an unwavering belief in all children. As we like to say in CCUSD, Success for All Takes US ALL!

In recent months, we have conducted a comprehensive needs assessment and sought extensive community input regarding the current state of our schools and facilities. As such, we recognize we must make urgent repairs and upgrades to our classrooms, labs, and libraries. In order to do this the District is considering placing a bond measure on the June 2014 ballot.

A potential bond measure would provide CCUSD with the funding needed to make critical safety improvements to our schools and prepare our students for future success.

Providing a 21st-Century Education in a Safe Learning Environment

Our students today face different challenges than students did a generation ago. Rising standards and an ever-changing career landscape requires teaching and learning that is relevant for today's world. Our students and teachers require high performing learning environments and modern resources that meet the demands of today. Our current science labs, for example, date back to the 1950's and have electrical systems so out-of-date that teachers can't plug in modern learning equipment!

It is my great honor to serve the students and community of Culver City. I look forward to continued collaboration as we address the improvements our campuses need and our children deserve.

Sincerely,

David LaRose

Superintendent
Culver City Unified School District



★ Local Funds Under Local Control

All funding acquired from a potential bond measure would stay in our schools under local control, used exclusively for school improvements.

- ★ Under no circumstances could these funds be taken away by the State
- ★ No bond funds could be used for district staff salaries, benefits, pensions, or to increase school administration
- ★ The School Board is considering that the cost of this new measure would be limited to no more than \$48 per \$100,000 of a home's assessed value (not market value) annually. This would raise \$106 million in funds for urgently needed repairs
- ★ Any measure would require independent citizen oversight, annual public audits, and community reports

★ Complete Repairs at Aging Schools to Keep our Students Safe

Urgent repairs are needed at our aging schools to ensure every student has access to safe, well-maintained classrooms:

- ★ Repair or replace deteriorating school floors, walls, windows, leaky roofs, plumbing systems, and restrooms
- ★ Bring schools up to modern standards for fire and earthquake safety, remove asbestos, fungus, and other hazardous materials, and install needed fencing, lighting, locks, and security to keep students safe
- ★ Install or upgrade air conditioning, heating, and air filtration to ensure healthy learning environments



A Culver City High School science lab. Many science labs have not been updated since the 1950's and are badly in need of repairs.

★ Classroom, Lab, and Technology Upgrades to Provide a 21st-Century Education

Our students need access to upgraded classrooms, labs, and school technology to gain the high-level math and science skills that will prepare them for 21st-century jobs. A potential bond measure would allow the District to:

- ★ Upgrade and repair aging school electrical systems, and replace science labs and equipment so that our schools can offer modern classroom technology and computer science to students
- ★ Provide the technological equipment and the modern classrooms necessary to ensure that all of our students are college and career ready
- ★ Provide permanent classrooms for our students in the continuation high school