

Culver City Unified School District Frequently Asked Questions

How are Culver City Unified Schools doing?

CCUSD is highly rated, among the top 20% overall of public school districts in California. Additionally, they are in the top 10% of math proficiency, and are in the top 20% for Reading/language arts proficiency. Their graduation rate has increased from 84% to 95% over the last decade and is above the statewide average.

How does CCUSD provide high-quality education in local schools?

Culver City public schools are number one in L.A. County in sending graduates to universities around the country. Culver City Unified takes our responsibility seriously and is committed to excellence for all students. Our vision is that 100% of our students graduate from high school with unlimited opportunities and are prepared to be successful in everything they do.

Why is CCUSD proposing a local bond measure to fund facility improvements?

Unfortunately, most local schools date back to the early 1950s and have not had significant renovations in decades. At our aging neighborhood schools we need to replace leaky roofs, falling ceiling tiles, broken entrance doors, and improve drains as most schools flood when it rains. Local funds provided by this measure will give the district the ability to make these necessary upgrades. Every dollar raised by the bond will be used only by the Culver City schools, none of which can be taken away by the state.

What would the proposed bond measure fund?

- Fix leaky roofs, falling ceiling tiles, and aging, deteriorated wiring, plumbing and drainage
- Update science labs, libraries, and instructional technology to catch up with the rapidly changing demands of our modern world and support student achievement
- Improve fire safety, emergency communications, and school security
- Modernize our aging neighborhood schools, which support everyone's property values

Would this bond measure include Fiscal Accountability Protections?

The proposed bond measure of \$358 million will include strict fiscal accountability protections:

- Independent oversight and public reports from an Independent Citizen Oversight Committee
- Funded by a levy limited to 6 cents per \$100 of assessed property value (assessed value is not the same as market value, and is generally much lower if you've owned your home a long time)
- By law, all funds remain under local control and may only support CCUSD schools
- No funds may be taken by the State

When will the bond measure appear on the ballot?

The District is currently seeking new funding to address needed building repairs and modernization for our classrooms. The board voted to place a measure on the March 2024 ballot.

Haven't we already passed measures?

There has only been one school bond measure passed for CCUSD schools in the last 26 years, the most recent being passed in 2014. There is no dedicated source of school facility improvement funding from the State, meaning local bond measures are the only source of funds to improve local classrooms, labs and schools.

Culver City voters approved Measure K in 2018, which provides local funding to support teachers and instructional programs. Measure K funds are not used for facility improvements or repairs.

What level of support is required for a new bond measure to pass?

Bond measures need 55% support to pass.

How can I share feedback and ask questions?

To share your input or to ask questions, please contact Mike Reynolds, our interim assistant superintendent, by email at mikereynolds@ccusd.org