

## APPENDIX A

### FULL TEXT OF BOND MEASURE

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### FERNDALE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT MEASURE \_\_\_\_\_ FULL TEXT OF MEASURE

#### INTRODUCTION

The following is the abbreviated form of the bond measure:

“To improve the quality of educational facilities; repair or replace leaky roofs; improve student access to computers and modern technology; replace outdated plumbing systems; and modernize outdated classrooms, restrooms and school facilities; shall Ferndale Unified School District’s measure to issue \$7,700,000 in bonds at legal interest rates be adopted, raising approximately \$461,000 annually while bonds are outstanding averaging 6¢ per \$100 of assessed value, with oversight, annual audits and all funds improving local schools?”

#### BOND AUTHORIZATION

By approval of this measure by at least 55 percent of the registered voters voting on the measure, the Ferndale Unified School District (the “District”) will be authorized to issue and sell bonds of up to \$7,700,000 in aggregate principal amount at interest rates not to exceed legal limits and to provide financing for the specific types of school facilities projects listed under the heading “Bond Project List” below, subject to all the accountability requirements specified below.

#### ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS

The provisions in this section are specifically included in this measure in order that the voters and taxpayers in the District may be assured that their money will be spent wisely. Expenditures to address specific facilities needs of the District will be 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 District Board of Trustees (the “School Board”) has identified detailed facilities needs of the District and has determined which projects to finance from a local bond. The School Board hereby certifies that it has evaluated safety, class size reduction, enrollment growth, and information technology needs in developing the Bond Project List shown below.

**Independent Citizens’ Oversight Committee.** Following approval of this measure, the School Board will establish an Independent Citizens’ Oversight Committee, under Education Code Sections 15278 and following, to ensure bond proceeds are expended

only on the types of school facilities projects listed below. The committee will be established within 60 days of the date when the results of the election appear in the minutes of the School Board.

**Performance Audits.** The School Board will conduct annual, independent performance audits to ensure that the bond proceeds have been expended only on the school facilities projects listed below.

**Financial Audits.** The School Board will conduct annual, independent financial audits of the bond proceeds until all of those proceeds have been spent for the school facilities projects listed below.

**Government Code Accountability Requirements.** As required by Section 53410 of the Government Code, (1) the specific purpose of the bonds is set forth in this Full Text of the Measure, (2) the proceeds from the sale of the bonds will be used only for the purposes specified in this measure, and not for any other purpose, (3) the proceeds of the bonds, when and if issued, will be deposited into a building fund to be held by the Humboldt County Treasurer, as required by the California Education Code, and (4) the Superintendent of the District shall cause an annual report to be filed with the School Board not later than January 1 of each year, which report shall contain pertinent information regarding the amount of funds collected and expended, as well as the status of the projects listed in this measure, as required by Sections 53410 and 53411 of the Government Code.

#### **NO TEACHER OR ADMINISTRATOR SALARIES**

Proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this measure shall be used only for the purposes specified in Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3), being the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, and the acquisition or lease of school facilities, and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries and other school operating expenses.

#### **STATE MATCHING FUNDS**

The following statement is included in this measure pursuant to Education Code Section 15122.5: Approval of this measure does not guarantee that the proposed project or projects that are the subject of bonds under this measure will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by this measure. The District's proposal for the project or projects described below may assume the receipt of matching state funds, which, if available, could be subject to appropriation by the Legislature or approval of a statewide bond measure.

#### **INFORMATION ABOUT ESTIMATES AND PROJECTIONS INCLUDED IN BALLOT**

Voters are informed that any estimates or projections in the bond measure or ballot materials, including relating to estimated rates of *ad valorem* property taxes, the duration of issued bonds and related levies and collections of *ad valorem* property taxes are provided as informational only. Such amounts are estimates and are not maximum amounts or limitations on the terms of the bonds, the rate or the duration of the tax supporting repayment of issued bonds. Such estimates depend on numerous variables

which are subject to variation and change over the term of the District's overall facilities and bond financing plan, including but not limited to the amount of bonds issued and outstanding at any one time, the interest rates applicable to issued bonds, market conditions at the time of sale of the bonds, when bonds mature, timing of project needs and changes in assessed valuations in the District. As such, while such estimates and approximations are provided based on information currently available to the District and its current expectations, such estimates and approximations are not limitations and are not binding upon the District. In addition, the abbreviated and condensed statement of the bond measure presented to voters which is subject to a word count limitation imposed by State law does not limit the scope and complete meaning of the measure provided in this Full Text of Bond Measure and related ballot materials.

### **BOND PROJECT LIST**

**Scope of Projects.** Bond proceeds will be expended on the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities of the Ferndale Unified School District, including furnish and equipping, and the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities, and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries or other school operating expenses, in compliance with California Constitution Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3).

This measure authorizes bond projects to be undertaken at all current and future District properties, sites and campuses.

**Specific School Facility Project List.** The items presented on the following list provide the types of school facilities projects authorized to be financed with voter-approved bond proceeds. Specific examples included on this list are not intended to limit the types of projects described and authorized by this measure. The following types of projects are authorized:

- Repair, replace and/or upgrade leaky or deteriorating roofs
- Improve technology infrastructure and increase student access to computers and modern technology
- Repair/replace deteriorating plumbing, sewage and drainage systems
- Modernize/construct/renovate classrooms, restrooms and school facilities
- Make health and safety improvements throughout the District
- Repair or replace outdated heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems with building code compliant, energy efficient systems
- Federal and State-mandated Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility upgrades including site access, parking, staff and student restrooms, relocation of some existing electrical devices, drinking fountains, playground equipment, and any other improvements necessary to ensure compliance with all legal and regulatory requirements
- Replace inadequate wiring and electrical systems to meet current electrical and accessibility codes, increase capacity, and relieve currently overloaded electrical systems

- Upgrade fire alarm systems and other life safety systems including communication systems and lighting
- Repair and upgrade all building finishes such as walls, flooring, doors, windows, casework and shelving
- Make facility improvements to increase the District's energy efficiency, including replacing outdated lighting, windows and improving insulation
- Upgrade school site parking, utilities and grounds
- Remove all dry rot and repair damaged caused by dry rot
- Upgrade, renovate and equip labs, multipurpose rooms, gymnasiums, food service facilities, auditoriums, libraries, and other school facilities
- Federal and State-mandated Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) safety upgrades including playground equipment replacement
- Abate and remove hazardous materials identified prior to or during construction
- Improve/upgrade P.E. fields and facilities for school and community use
- Improve, expand and/or construct outdoor learning and gathering areas including shade structures, seating and related improvements
- Repair, replace and/or upgrade facility exteriors and sites including paving, signage, landscaping and irrigation including installation of or replacement of turf, and other grounds improvements

Furnishing and Equipping; Incidental Expenses. Each of the bond projects described in this Bond Project List include the costs of furnishing and equipping such facilities, and all costs which are incidental but directly related to the types of projects described above. Examples of incidental costs include, but are not limited to: costs of design, engineering, architect and other professional services, facilities assessments, inspections, site preparation, utilities, landscaping, construction management and other planning and permitting, legal, accounting and similar costs; independent annual financial and performance audits; a customary construction contingency; demolition and disposal of existing structures; the costs of interim housing and storage during construction including relocation and construction costs incurred relating to interim facilities; rental or construction of storage facilities and other space on an interim basis for materials and other equipment and furnishings displaced during construction; costs of relocating facilities and equipment as needed in connection with the projects; interim classrooms and facilities for students, administrators, and school functions, including modular and parking facilities; federal and state-mandated safety upgrades; addressing unforeseen conditions revealed by construction/modernization and other necessary improvements required to comply with existing building codes, including the Field Act; access requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act; all necessary upgrades, improvements and extensions of infrastructure serving existing or new District facilities including electric, water, plumbing and wireless technology systems; costs of the election; bond issuance costs; and project administration during the duration of such projects, as permitted by law.

Alternations to Scope; New Construction. The scope and nature of any of the specific projects described above may be altered by the District as required by unforeseen conditions that may arise during the course of design and construction. In the event that

a modernization or renovation project is more economical for or otherwise determined by the Board to be in the best interests of the District to be undertaken as new construction, this bond measure authorizes land acquisition, relocation and construction at a new or alternative site, and/or demolition and reconstruction and/or repurposing on the original site, including an expanded site, and all costs relating thereto. In addition, this measure authorizes the acquisition of real property, including necessary rights of ways or other real property interests, required to expand District facilities, to provide access to school or other District facilities, or to provide additional school or related facilities. This measure also authorizes the consolidation of schools into a single campus or related campuses.

Interim Financing Included; Joint Use Projects Authorized. In addition, authorized projects include reimbursements for paid project costs and paying and/or prepaying interim or previously obtained financing for the types of projects included on the project list, such as bond anticipation notes or lease financings relating to projects and/or equipment previously financed. Finally, projects on this list may be undertaken and used as joint use projects with other public agencies.

Other Funding Sources. Approval of the District's bond measure does not guarantee that all of the identified projects within this Bond Project List will be funded beyond what can be completed with funds generated by this bond measure. The District plans to pursue matching funds from the State of California, if available, to provide additional funding to complete certain of the identified facilities projects.

Unforeseen Circumstances. Many factors which the District cannot predict or control may impact its ability to address each of the projects, including but not limited to construction cost issues, supply chain issues which can cause project delays, labor shortages, and unknown environmental factors or site conditions, among others. The District is unable to anticipate all unforeseen circumstances which may prevent some of the projects listed above from being undertaken or completed.

Project List Not in Order of Priority; Board Determines Prioritization. The order in which projects are listed in the foregoing Bond Project List does not suggest an order of priority. Project prioritization is vested in and will be determined by the District Board.

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The Full Text of Measure ends above the line.