

The Madera Unified School District Board of Education will be discussing placing a bond measure on the November 6, 2018 ballot at an upcoming board meeting. We welcome your input as we work to ensure our schools are updated and continue to provide our students with a quality education. To find out more about a potential funding measure, please call (559) 675-4500 or visit [www.madera.k12.ca.us/StrongFoundations](http://www.madera.k12.ca.us/StrongFoundations).



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# PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

Information about Local Funding Options for Madera Unified School District





# PREPARING STUDENTS FOR FUTURE SUCCESS

## STUDENT SUCCESS IS A TOP PRIORITY

Madera Unified School District (MUSD) strives to provide every student with a well-rounded education that equips them with the skills and knowledge they need to succeed in today's complex world. We take the job of educating our future leaders seriously, preparing our students for college, rewarding careers and to contribute to the local economy.



## ADDRESSING GROWING STUDENT ENROLLMENT

Although we have addressed high school overcrowding by breaking ground on Matilda Torres High School this year, our elementary and middle schools must also accommodate significant enrollment growth. Our District needs to build a new middle school, as well as expand and improve current classrooms, labs and student support facilities to prevent school overcrowding. Furthermore, many school facilities are in need of safety and security improvements to protect our students.

## 21ST-CENTURY EDUCATION FOR CAREERS OF THE FUTURE

While some upgrades have been made to MUSD facilities, more career technical education (CTE) program facilities are needed to prepare students for good jobs and 21st-century careers. Increased access to computers and modern technology is also essential to students' success.

## A LOCAL SOLUTION

In order to address growing enrollment, maintain student safety and provide a modern education for local students, the MUSD Board of Education is considering placing a \$120 million bond measure on the November 2018 ballot.

If approved by 55% of voters, this measure would:

- Construct a new middle school to reduce student overcrowding and provide career technical education programs in areas like agriculture, engineering, robotics and public safety
- Construct new school facilities to accommodate our growing community
- Make student safety and security improvements and improve accessibility for students with disabilities
- Improve student access to computers and modern technology
- Upgrade physical education fields and facilities for school and community use
- Modernize outdated classrooms, restrooms and school facilities and replace temporary portables with permanent classrooms



## FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY IS OUR PRIORITY

A bond measure would be subject to mandatory fiscal accountability provisions to ensure proper use of funds, including:

- All funds must stay local to improve MUSD schools
- By law, no funds could be taken by the State
- An independent citizens' oversight committee and annual audits would ensure funds are spent as voters intended
- A measure would cost property owners approximately \$49 per \$100,000 of assessed (not market) property value