

# Information for Voters



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## An Update About Local Funding for Malibu Schools

### Important Information About Measure M: the Malibu School Improvement Funding Measure

#### Quality Education and Facilities for our Local Students

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District serves approximately 1,700 students in three elementary schools and one combined middle/high school in Malibu. Highly qualified teachers and staff and strong academic programs support Malibu students to achieve some of the state's highest honors and enable them to go on to top colleges.

School facilities are also integral to the quality of education. However, Malibu schools are in need of modernization to support 21st-century learning, and repairs and upgrades are needed at all Malibu schools to ensure student safety. Malibu High School is 60 years old, was originally built as a middle school, and no longer adequately supports the needs of Malibu middle or high school students.



#### You Spoke, We Listened

In June of this year, we mailed a survey asking for the community's opinions regarding improvements to the District's educational facilities. Here is what the Malibu community told us was most important:

##### Highest Priorities for Malibu School Improvements

Remove hazardous materials from local schools	100.00%
Add classrooms and labs for teaching 21st-century career and technical skills	98.16%
Fix deteriorating school floors, walls, windows and roofs at older schools	97.25%
Improve fire safety and security systems	97.24%
Improve classrooms to support instruction in math, science and technology	96.33%

Reflects respondents who rated item as medium or high priority as of July 17, 2018.

#### Local Funding Measure for Malibu School Facility Needs

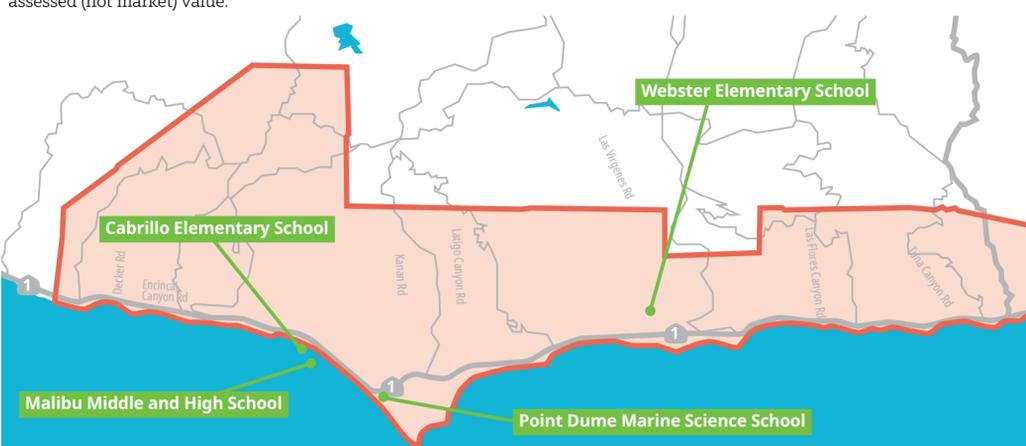
In order to address school facility needs and provide maximum local control to Malibu and Santa Monica in the use of each community's funds, the SMMUSD Board of Education has created two School Facility Improvement Districts ("SFIDs") and two separate bond measures — one for Malibu and one for Santa Monica. Funds raised by the bond measures would be dedicated to schools within each SFID to address the most urgent needs.

To continue to support outstanding education in Malibu, the SMMUSD Board of Education recently voted unanimously to place Measure M, the Malibu Classroom Repair and 21st-Century Education Bond Measure, on the November 6, 2018 ballot.

If approved by 55% of Malibu area voters, Measure M would generate \$195 million in bond proceeds, repaid with annual property taxes at a rate of approximately 3 cents per \$100 of assessed (not market) value.

Measure M would:

- Remove hazardous materials from local schools and improve fire safety and security; repair and replace deteriorating school floors, walls, windows and roofs
- Add and modernize science labs and build classrooms for teaching career and technical skills to help students succeed in 21st-century jobs
- Improve and upgrade classrooms to support instruction in math, science and technology, and improve arts and music education
- Fix older, leaky roofs and replace or repair aging school restrooms and plumbing, where needed
- Replace old, deteriorated portable classrooms with safe, modern classrooms



#### Fiscal Accountability and Transparency

To ensure funds from Measure M are spent as promised to address important facility needs in Malibu schools, the following mandatory fiscal accountability safeguards are included:

- All funds would be used to improve Malibu schools and, by law, could not be used for any other purpose or be taken by the State.
- A citizens' oversight committee and annual audits would be required.



## Upcoming Election Information Malibu School Improvement Funding

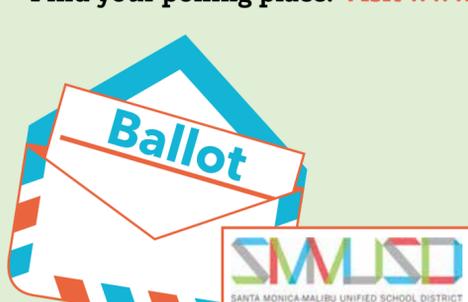
If you vote by mail, look for your mail ballot: **Week of October 8th**

Last day to register to vote in this election: **October 22nd**

Last day to request a mail ballot: **October 30th**

Election Day: **November 6th**

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