



# MERCED CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## 2016-2017 ANNUAL GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND REPORT

PRESENTED TO MCSD BOARD OF EDUCATION BY THE

MCSD CITIZENS BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

**For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017**

### **Message from Chairperson:**

Pertaining to the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 ending June 30, 2017, the progress of the Measure S and Measure M capital facilities program has been carefully monitored by the MCSD Citizens Bond Oversight Committee, and all data provided by staff has shown evidence of proper accounting of funds expenditures. The MCSD Citizens Bond Oversight Committee appreciates the cooperative efforts of MCSD staff. This particular year's report is provided with both a review of past expenditures from the Measure S bond and Measure M bond that essentially committed to the voters the delivery of two new elementary schools, as well as modernized and upgraded facilities throughout the District. This report to the MCSD Board of Education provides an overview of the committee membership, oversight efforts, progress review, audit activities, and general recommendations.

### **Citizens Bond Oversight Committee Membership**

Ms. Birdi Olivarez-Kidwell  
Mr. Steven Bottjer  
Mr. Keith Ensminger  
Ms. Sharon Spinardi  
Mrs. Michelle Symes-Thiara  
Mr. Tsia Xiong  
Ms. Kelly Phillips

### **Background**

In November of 2003, registered voters residing in the District supported the passage of Measure S, granting authority for the sale of \$26,500,000 in bond series sales for new schools and capital facilities projects. In June of 2014, voters supported the passage of Measure M, granting authority for the sale of \$60,000,000 in bond series sales for capital facilities improvement, according to the District's Long Range Facilities Master Plan. This annual report provides reporting requirements pertaining to project expenditures from both bonds.

### **Bond Projects Progress**

The Measure S and Measure M bonds authorized a combination of new construction and modernization projects at 18 school sites throughout the District. The following projects were completed during the 2016-2017 fiscal year:

#### **Burbank Elementary:**

The School Nutrition Services and Site Improvements project included a new parking lot and safe student loading zones, new play courts, refrigeration walk-in boxes, an operations/utility yard, security fencing, gates, and landscaping.



#### **Chenoweth Elementary:**

An 18 classroom modernization and Site Work Improvement Projects were completed in two phases and included student loading zone and parking improvements, play equipment, and two new modular classrooms. The project also included completely rebuilt student restrooms and upgraded fire-life safety systems.



#### **Franklin Elementary:**

This project included two new preschool classrooms, an expanded parking lot with student loading, site access and irrigation, as well as landscaping improvements.



#### **Fremont Elementary:**

A portable classroom was demolished in preparation for the upcoming site modernization project.

#### **Givens Elementary:**

This project included slurry sealed and re-stripped play courts and parking lot areas and the construction of new concrete pathways and fencing to improve access, as well as an operations/waste yard enclosure.

#### **Sheehy Elementary:**

A new SNS walk-in refrigeration, freezer, and dry goods storage facility was constructed within a new operations yard. Also, ADA parking, LED security lighting, and security fencing were installed to improve campus safety and curb appeal. Modifications to the student services office were completed to better serve students, parents, and other visitors.





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### Stowell Elementary:

A portion of the play court asphalt areas was re-slurry sealed and re-stripped.

### Wright Elementary:

A 20 classroom modernization project was completed, including new variable refrigerant flow air conditioning systems, new classroom interior and exterior security LED lighting and casework. This project also included new sinks, drinking fountains, fire-life safety infrastructure improvements, flooring, reconstruction of two sets of restrooms, new student loading and drop off area and parking lot, new play courts, new irrigation system infrastructure and tire equipment, landscaping, and newly planted trees. Crews also added a new operations services yard and new hot water can wash to improve SNS hygiene and safety operations. They also replaced fencing and added exterior campus lighting.



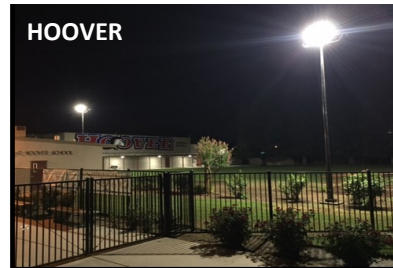
### Cruickshank Middle:

A three phase school-wide metal roofing project was completed.



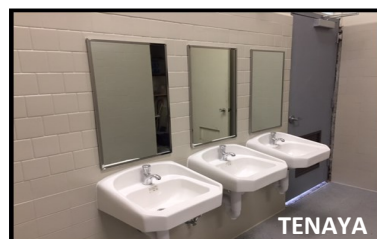
### Hoover Middle:

The school-wide modernization project was completed, which included classroom modernization, HVAC system replacement, new exterior LED lighting, total reconstruction of four student restrooms, fire-alarm, path of travel and ADA upgrades, and STEAM Innovation Lab classroom conversion.



### Tenaya Middle:

The main student restrooms were upgraded, and the second phase of a multi-phase roofing project was completed..



### Audit of Measure S and Measure M Bond Activities:

As prescribed under Proposition 39 provisions, the District secured auditing services from the firm *Vavrinek, Trine, Day and Co. LLP* to perform the annual independent financial and performance audits as required by the California Constitution, Article XIII A, Section 1 (b) (3)(C)(D), and Education Code Sec. 15278 C (1) and (2). The financial and performance audits were provided and have been reviewed by the Committee as inclusive of the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 and are considered relative to the Measure S and Measure M bond revue funds and approved projects. No audit exceptions or findings from either audit report were noted.

### Overall Assessment and Recommendations:

Regular dialogue through quarterly Citizens Bond Oversight Committee meetings and progress reports have provided Committee members with essential information in reviewing and monitoring the progress made against schedule, budget, and performance. Dialogue between Committee members and District staff has been constructive and effective. Staff has been responsive to Committee questions and comments.

In conclusion, the Citizens Bond Oversight Committee has faithfully discharged its duties pursuant to the authority and direction of the MCSD Governing Board and the requirements of Proposition 39. This annual report affirms that the expenditures of local taxpayer funds have been consistent and appropriate during the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year in improving the capital facilities our local children are provided in support of a quality education in the Merced City School District.