

# Information about the Garden Grove Unified School District Measure to Improve School Safety and Learning Environments for a 21st-Century Education

### A Measure to Improve School Safety and Learning Environments

On August 9, the GGUSD Board of Education voted to place the Measure to Improve School Safety and Learning Environments for a 21st-Century Education on the November 8, 2016 ballot. If approved by local voters, the bond measure would provide \$311 million in locally-controlled funding to:



Upgrade heating and cooling infrastructure and install air conditioning



Update building electrical systems



Update classrooms, science labs and computer systems to support 21st-century instruction that prepares students for college and career success in competitive fields like science, engineering and technology



Replace roofs



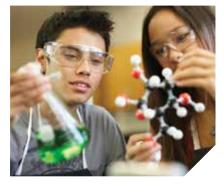
Renovate athletic stadiums and make other athletic facilities improvements — the district's stadiums and athletic facilities were built in 1958-1959 and have never been upgraded



Make seismic safety improvements

### **Accountability Is Essential**

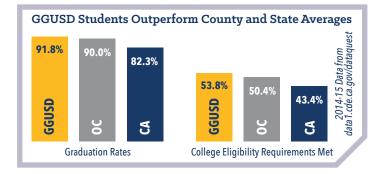
- Every penny would benefit local schools and be controlled by the GGUSD Board of Education
- None of the funds could be taken away by the state or go to schools in other communities
- By law, no money could be used for administrator salaries
- Independent citizens' oversight and annual audits would be required to ensure funds are spent as promised
- The annual property tax is estimated to be \$34 per \$100,000 of assessed (not market) property value, or approximately \$8 per month for the typical homeowner



### **Providing a Safe and Modern Learning Environment for All Students**

Many of our schools are between 40 and 95 years old. Despite ongoing maintenance, schools of this age require roof replacements, heating and cooling infrastructure upgrades and seismic safety improvements. Approximately half of GGUSD classrooms do not have air conditioning, and classroom temperatures frequently reach over 90 degrees during periods of excessively hot weather.

In order to prepare students for college success and good jobs in competitive fields like health sciences, engineering, and technology, outdated classrooms, science labs, and instructional technology infrastructure need to be updated to support 21st-century instruction.



## GGUSD Commitment to Student Success

GGUSD's 67 elementary, intermediate and high schools prepare students for lifelong success in 21st-century careers. GGUSD students performed significantly higher than the state average on statewide exams, a greater percentage of GGUSD students met rigorous college entrance requirements than other districts in the state or county and GGUSD beat the county and state high school graduation rates.

For More Information For questions or comments, please email GGUSDBoard@ggusd.us or call (714) 663-6000.