

School Priorities Survey



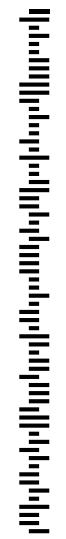
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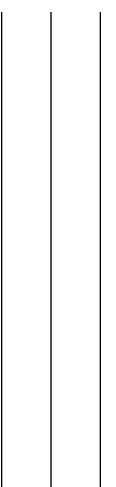
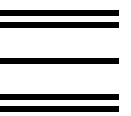
**INCLUDED INSIDE: AN IMPORTANT SCHOOL UPDATE AND COMMUNITY SURVEY
TO SHARE YOUR PRIORITIES FOR LOCAL SCHOOLS**



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**Please complete the survey on the
other side of this card to let us know
your priorities for Garden Grove
Unified School District schools.**

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Garden Grove Unified School District School Priorities Survey

Dear Neighbor,

Garden Grove Unified School District (GGUSD) serves nearly 46,000 students and is the third largest school district in Orange County. Across 67 schools, teachers equip elementary, intermediate and high school students for lifelong success in 21st-century careers.

Record of Academic Excellence

Winner of the Broad Prize for Excellence in Education, GGUSD is a leader in college and career readiness with a greater percentage of students meeting rigorous college entrance requirements than in the state or county. GGUSD also beats the county and state graduation rate and all seven of our comprehensive high schools are listed among the state and nation's elite rankings by *U.S. News and World Report*. GGUSD had the highest test scores over ten years of any large urban district in the state on standardized tests.

Aging and Outdated School Facilities

In 2010, voters approved Measure A to fund urgent infrastructure and classroom repairs at our aging school buildings (many are between 40 and 95 years old). GGUSD used \$250 million in Measure A funds to leverage approximately \$300 million in state and \$30 million in federal E-Rate matching funds to upgrade schools at no additional cost to local taxpayers. The main objectives of Measure A include replacing plumbing, gas, electrical, lighting, communications and computer network infrastructures, improving access for students with disabilities, and upgrading fire, life and safety systems. Measure A is delivering on its promises and students and staff alike are enjoying modernized buildings and classrooms. An independent Citizens Bond Oversight Committee has verified that all funds are being spent as promised.

It was always known that the facility needs at our aging schools would exceed the available funds from Measure A. Today, half of our classrooms do not have air conditioning and classroom temperatures frequently reach over 90 degrees during periods of excessively hot weather. Additional building and classroom upgrades are necessary to support student safety and quality academic instruction.

We Want Your Input

As GGUSD develops a plan for the next phase of improvements to our local schools, we want to hear from you. Please share your opinions and priorities with us to help shape the direction of our improvement plans moving forward. Please fill out our survey using the card on the right or by visiting www.ggusd.us/survey.

Sincerely,

Dr. Gabriela Mafi
Superintendent, Garden Grove Unified School District

Necessary Improvements

Repairs and improvements are needed at many GGUSD schools:

- Heating and cooling infrastructure upgrades and air conditioning installation
- Building electrical system updates
- Seismic safety improvements
- Roof replacements
- Athletic stadium renovations and other athletic facility improvements – the district's stadiums and athletic facilities were built in 1958-1959 and have never been upgraded
- Classroom, science lab and computer system updates to support 21st-century instruction that prepares students for college and career success in competitive fields like science, engineering and technology



Assessing Next Steps for Educational Facility Improvements

GGUSD is currently evaluating options for funding the next phase of improvements to our local schools.

One option is to place a school facility improvement bond measure on the November 2016 ballot to provide locally controlled funding to meet identified needs. Any measure would include fiscal accountability protections, and all funds would be required to stay in GGUSD schools to benefit local students. The cost of a potential measure has not yet been determined.



We Want Your Input

Your comments and feedback are valuable in evaluating our educational facility needs. Please complete the survey below or visit www.ggusd.us/survey.

Please rate the importance of the following school priorities:

	LOW	MED	HIGH
Replace aging roofs and update building electrical systems where needed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provide classrooms and labs for career and technology education classes so students are prepared for college and jobs that pay well in fields like health sciences, engineering, technology and skilled trades	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Retrofit older school buildings to improve earthquake safety	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Install air conditioning in classrooms to improve air quality and learning conditions and keep classrooms from reaching temperatures over 90 degrees	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Update instructional technology in the classroom for improved student learning in core subjects like math, science and technology	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Renovate athletic facilities to meet 21st-century standards, improve safety and meet student needs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments/Questions:

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