

MANHATTAN BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

MEASURE BB INFORMATION

**REBUILDING 58 YEAR OLD CLASSROOMS
ATTRACTING AND RETAINING QUALITY TEACHERS
PROVIDING BUILT-IN ACCOUNTABILITY
FISCALLY SOUND
WILL NOT INCREASE TAXES**

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NEED TO REBUILD AND RENOVATE 58 YEAR OLD CLASSROOMS

- Measure BB will rebuild and renovate parts of 58 year-old Mira Costa High School. Our science classrooms have multiple infrastructure issues, including nonfunctional sinks, hot water, gas jets, and eye wash units (for chemical splashes).
- Many science classrooms have insufficient lab space for classes of 40 or more students. For this reason, students must double (or triple) up at lab stations, significantly reducing their hands-on learning experience. AP Science classes, which are extremely popular at Costa, require designate a minimum of class time in hands-on lab work. This is physically impossible in many Costa science classrooms.
- Exposed wires are clearly visible in classrooms throughout the campus. The junction boxes for phones are overcrowded and intermittent phone outages are common. Wiring Costa for the internet and other instructional technologies was obviously added long after the school was built. These wires dangle from ceilings, drape across windows, and run down the back of teachers' desks.
- The ceiling in the choir room (a former conference room) is so low that students can touch the ceiling when they stand on risers.
- The orchestra meets in a converted auto shop. While some of the acoustical issues involved in this conversion have been addressed, the ventilation in the room is still insufficient. The room routinely reaches temperatures over 80 degrees, unhealthy for students and instruments.

While the final designs will be created by the architect if Measure BB passes, the project list includes the following items:

- Two new two-story instructional buildings, one for math and science, and the other for core academic classes
- Technology upgrades throughout the campus

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- Renovation of career technical and arts classrooms
- Safety upgrades throughout the campus, including fire safety, campus lighting, emergency notification systems, fencing and security systems
- Centralize some student support services to make them more accessible to students
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ATTRACTS AND RETAINS QUALITY TEACHERS

Measure BB frees up funds to be used in neighborhood schools for essential teacher and classroom needs.

BUILT-IN ACCOUNTABILITY

There is an expert facility and bond oversight committee already in place to ensure project completion, external audits and that all money is spent properly. Measure BB is well thought out and planned. A poll during the summer indicated a high degree of support for the need to rebuild and modernize the district's only high school.

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The district will build modest facilities at reasonable costs that meet all current safety and cleanliness standards. Using a general obligation bond is the best way for a school district and community to work together to raise funds to rebuild an upgrade neighborhood schools. The majority of Measure BB funds will be used to for the district's only high school.

WILL NOT INCREASE TAXES

Measure BB does not increase current taxes. It simply extends current tax rates which are lower than previously approved tax rates.

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