

EXHIBIT A

BALLOT MEASURE FULL TEXT OF THE MEASURE

Upon the passage of Measure _____, the Sierra Sands Unified School District (the “District”) shall be authorized to issue bonds in the aggregate amount of \$52,800,000 (the “Bonds”), bearing interest at rates not exceeding the statutory limit, for the purpose of funding the school facilities projects listed below (the “Projects”) at the District’s school sites and properties, subject to the accountability safeguards set forth below.

Bond Accountability Measures

The Board certifies that it evaluated safety, class size reduction, information technology needs, and community input in developing the list of the Bond Projects set forth below.

The Board will conduct financial and performance audits annually to account for the Bond funds and for their expenditure on the specific authorized projects.

The Board will appoint members to a citizens’ oversight committee having a minimum of seven members and including at least one member active in a business organization representing the business community located within the District, one member active in a senior citizens’ organization, one member active in a bona fide taxpayers’ organization, one member who is the parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the District, and one member who is both a parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the District and active in a parent-teacher organization.

The Bond Project List set forth below describes the specific projects the District proposes to finance with proceeds of the Bonds.

Proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this measure shall be used only for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement, along with related costs, of school facilities as set forth herein, including the furnishing and equipping of said school facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for said school facilities, and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries and other school operating expenses.

Bond Project List

This Bond Project List, which is an integral part of this proposition, describes the specific Projects the District proposes to finance with proceeds of the Bonds.

In order to meet all identified facilities needs, the District intends to complete Projects using a combination of funding sources. These sources may include joint-use funds, development impact fees, state funds, federal funds, and other available funds. The District will pursue state matching funds if and when they become available, and if received, they will be used for and mainly applied to Projects on this Bond Project List or other high priority capital outlay expenditures as permitted in Education Code section 17070.63(c).

Specific Projects which may be funded by the Measure __ include, without limitation, the following:

- Modernize and upgrade classrooms and labs, acquire equipment, and acquire and provide technology needed to support high quality instruction for science, technology, engineering, art, and math (STEAM) and Career Technical Education (CTE) opportunities
- Repurpose, repair, update, upgrade, modernize, and reconstruct James Monroe Middle School to occupy the District Office and other District operations
- Enhance, repair, update, upgrade, modernize, and reconstruct Murray Middle School to become a Junior High School for all District 7th and 8th grade students
- Modernize Vieweg Elementary School site to become a Middle School for all District 6th grade students, including construction of a gym
- Install solar panels
- Update, upgrade, modernize, repair, and reconstruct school facilities, including classrooms and labs, to provide equitable access to all students
- Repair, replace, upgrade, and modernize school and district facilities with energy efficient systems and equipment
- Acquire, repair, replace, upgrade, and modernize school, district, and administration facilities to meet current health and safety standards, including security systems and lighting
- Construct and equip classrooms, labs and school facilities
- Replace deteriorating plumbing, electrical, heating, and cooling systems
- Construction and installation of athletic facilities for physical education, school sports programs, and community use

Bond Program Management Costs

Project expenditures may also include:

- Staffing and other general and administrative costs to manage and execute the Bond program.
- Escalation Reserve for unforeseen price inflation costs.
- Program Reserve for unanticipated scope costs or for unanticipated opportunities to enhance project scope or schedules.

For any of the Bond Projects described above with respect to construction at an existing District site, the District is authorized to identify an alternate site and/or acquire land for such purpose and construct the approved Project at such site if the District has determined that the existing site does not satisfy the requirements of the Division of State Architect or other State laws, codes, and regulations, including, but not limited to hazardous substances, applicable to school district properties.

The final cost of each Project will be determined as plans are finalized and Projects are completed. Based on the final costs of each Project, certain of the Projects described above may be delayed or may not be completed. The allocation of Bond proceeds may also be affected by the final costs of each Project.

Necessary site preparation/grading/restoration may occur in connection with new construction, reconstruction, modernization, renovation, rehabilitation or replacement, furnishing and equipping, including ingress and egress, removing, replacing or installing irrigation, utility lines, trees and landscaping, relocating fire access roads, and acquiring any necessary easements, leases, licenses, or rights of way to the property and are authorized Project costs.

Additional Specifications

Listed projects, repairs, improvements, rehabilitation projects, and upgrades will be completed only as feasible, and the list of Projects does not imply a particular prioritization among such improvements. Such prioritization remains within the province of the Board of Education by subsequent action. The Projects may be completed at any and all school sites where such Project is determined necessary. Where economically feasible, buildings, fixtures, and equipment may be replaced rather than modernized, renovated, or repaired. Each Project is assumed to include its share of costs of the election and bond issuance, architectural, engineering, and similar planning costs, construction management, bond project staff, staff training expenses associated with new bond-funded equipment and systems, and a customary contingency for unforeseen design and construction costs. In addition to the Projects listed above, the Bond Project List also includes the acquisition of land, instructional, maintenance and operational furniture and equipment, payment of the costs of preparation of all facilities planning and project implementation studies, feasibility and assessment reviews, master planning, environmental studies, temporary housing for dislocated programs or activities caused or necessitated by construction projects, and construction, repairs, and improvements in the event of unforeseen emergencies or other circumstances in order to permit the continuance of existing educational services or to avoid danger to life or property.

Single Purpose. All of the purposes enumerated in this proposition shall be united and voted upon as one single proposition, pursuant to Section 15100 of the Education Code, and all the enumerated purposes shall constitute the specific single purpose of the Bonds and proceeds of the Bonds shall be spent only for such purpose.

Other Terms of the Bonds. When sold, the Bonds shall bear interest at an annual rate not exceeding the statutory maximum. The Bonds may be issued and sold in several series, and in accordance with a plan of finance determined by the Board pursuant to requirements of law.

Project Requiring State Matching Funds. Approval of Measure ___ does not guarantee that the proposed District Projects that are the subject of Bonds under Measure ___ will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by Measure ___. Some of the District's Projects may assume the receipt of state matching funds, which could be subject to appropriation by the Legislature or approval of a statewide bond measure.