

## Soledad Unified School District

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October 2, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

### **Subject: Soledad Unified School District Information on Measure N**

The Soledad Unified School District Board of Trustees has placed Measure N, a general obligation bond, on the November 3 presidential election ballot. If approved by voters, Measure N will authorize \$13.75 million to improve our schools. Please read the attached Frequently Asked Questions document for important information about Measure N.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Timothy J. Vanoli'.

Timothy J. Vanoli  
Superintendent

# Information From Soledad Unified School District

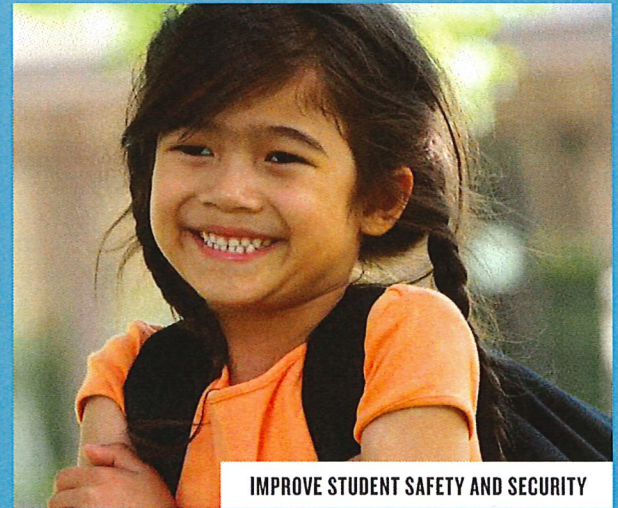
MEASURE

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## FUNDING FOR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS, TECHNOLOGY ACCESS, AND TEACHER-STAFF RENTAL HOUSING



INCREASE ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY



IMPROVE STUDENT SAFETY AND SECURITY

**VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY NOV. 3, 2020**



Increasing student access to the internet, computers and modern technology in the classroom



Building rental housing for teachers and staff at below-market rental rates



Enabling more employees to spend their paychecks in the Soledad area



Measure N's estimated average annual tax rate is less than 3¢ per \$100 of assessed valuation

**OUR  
SCHOOLS**

Frank Ledesma Elementary  
Gabilan Elementary  
Jack Francioni Elementary  
Main Street Middle

Pinnacles High  
Rose Ferrero Elementary  
San Vicente Elementary  
Soledad High



# Soledad Unified School District

MEASURE

N

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### WHAT IS MEASURE N?

Measure N is a general obligation (GO) bond measure on the November 3, 2020, presidential election ballot. If approved by 55% of District votes cast, Measure N will authorize \$13.75 million to **increase and improve student access to modern technology throughout the District and to enhance Soledad's ability to attract and retain highly qualified employees by constructing local rental housing for teachers and staff.**

### WHAT IS A GO BOND?

GO bonds are commonly used by California school districts to fund improvement projects, such as construction and renovation of classrooms. Similar to a home loan, GO bonds are repaid over time. Funds to repay the bonds come from a tax on all taxable property—residential, commercial, industrial and agricultural—located within the District.

### WHY IS MEASURE N ON THE BALLOT?

The District Board believes the state does not provide sufficient funding for facilities and technology. Measure N will allow the District to fund critical classroom technology upgrades and attract and retain talented teachers and staff to provide our children with the skills needed to compete in a modern world. In addition, COVID-19 has made it clear that emergencies can happen at any time, and our schools must be equipped to educate our students in a safe and secure learning environment.

### HOW MUCH WILL MEASURE N COST?

Measure N's average annual tax rate is estimated to be less than 3¢ per \$100 of assessed valuation. Assessed valuation should not be confused with market value. The assessed valuation is the value placed on the property by Monterey County and is typically lower than market value.

### DOES IT MAKE SENSE TO FUND TECHNOLOGY WITH BONDS?

Yes, but only if the term of the bond matches the useful life of the technology. Under Measure N, any bonds used for technology must be repaid within five years.

### WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF MEASURE N?

- Rental housing will be constructed by the District and made available to teachers and staff within the District at below-market rental rates
- Teachers and staff will be able to live, work and be part of their community
- Net rental income will be used to improve the quality of education
- Remote learning software will be improved to allow students to learn through any circumstance
- Students will have greater access to computers and modern classroom technology
- Technology infrastructure, including wiring, hardware and equipment, will be updated
- Student safety and school security will be improved by increasing classroom and district-wide security systems, communication systems and security cameras

### WHAT TAXPAYER PROTECTIONS ARE IN PLACE?

Measure N comes with taxpayer protections. An independent Citizens' Oversight Committee and a third-party auditor must review and audit all bond expenditures. Funds are prohibited from being used for administrators' salaries, pensions or benefits. **Measure N includes legal safeguards requiring all bond funds to be spent on Soledad Unified schools—the state is legally prohibited from taking and spending the funds in other districts.**

### WHERE CAN I FIND MEASURE N ON MY BALLOT?

Look for Measure N near the end of your November ballot.

### HOW DO I VOTE BY MAIL?

This year, all registered voters will receive a vote-by-mail ballot. If you need to register to vote, you can register online at [www.registertovote.ca.gov](http://www.registertovote.ca.gov). Once you complete your ballot, sign your ballot envelope and simply drop your ballot in the mail—postage is prepaid—by November 3, 2020. If you need additional assistance or would like to drop off your ballot in person at a polling place or drop box, please visit [www.montereycountyelections.com](http://www.montereycountyelections.com) for more information.



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