

## IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE T

The California Constitution and Education Code authorize a school district to issue bonds for specified purposes if approved at an election by 55% of those voting on issuance of the bonds. [29]

The Board of Trustees of San Mateo-Foster City School District (“District”) proposes this Measure, which would authorize the District to issue bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$409 million. The bonds will have an interest rate not exceeding the legal maximum and will be repaid within the time permitted by law. The Tax Rate Statement printed in this pamphlet contains the District’s best estimates of tax rates required to service the bond debt during the life of the bonds, which is anticipated to last until June 2053. The District’s best estimate of the average annual tax rate levy to fund this bond is \$30 per \$100,000 (\$0.03/\$100) of assessed valuation. Thus, for example, a property assessed at \$800,000 would likely have an annual tax obligation of \$240 under this Measure. The District estimates that the total amount repayable during the life of the bond, including principal and interest, will be approximately \$847 million. [145]

The California Constitution requires the listing of specific projects to be funded from the bond revenue and certification that the Board of Trustees has evaluated safety, class size reduction, and information technology needs in the development of that list. The Bond Project List can be found in the full text of the Measure, and includes without limitation: [52]

- Repair, replace, and/or upgrade deteriorating bathrooms and plumbing, sewer, electrical, heating, cooling, and ventilation systems;
- Upgrades to meet current earthquake, fire, and safety requirements;
- Install handwashing stations in all classrooms and throughout schools;
- Upgrade/replace drinking fountains and add bottle filling stations;
- Upgrade classrooms for science, technology, engineering, math, art, and music instruction;
- Provide modern science labs for hands-on instruction;
- Provide computers, classroom, and school technology to support distance learning;
- Improve student safety and security. [76]

The Measure authorizes equipment acquisition, upgrades, repairs, services, construction, and other items related to the listed projects. The Bond Project List does not imply a specific prioritization among the projects, and should be reviewed for further details. [35]

No proceeds from the bonds shall be used for teacher or administrator salaries or operating expenses. [16]

State law requires that the District take certain steps to account for the proceeds from the bonds. Accordingly, the District will appoint an independent citizens’ oversight committee and conduct annual independent performance and financial audits to ensure that funds are spent only for the purposes listed in the Bond Project List and for no other purposes. [54]

A “yes” vote on this Measure would authorize the District to issue bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$409 million for the purposes listed in the Bond Project List. [30]

A “no” vote would prevent the District from issuing the bonds. [11]

This Measure passes if 55% of those voting on the measure vote “yes.” [13]

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