

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE _____

Education Code Section 15100 authorizes a school district to issue bonds for specified purposes if voters first approve the issuance of the bonds at an election. Education Code Section 15274 provides the measure passes if 55% of those voting on it vote for the measure.

The Board of Trustees of the Redwood City School District proposes this measure, which would authorize the District to issue bonds in an amount not to exceed \$193 million. The bonds will have an interest rate not exceeding the legal maximum and will mature in a maximum of 40 years from their date of issuance, depending on how they are issued, unless a longer maturity is permitted by law. The District's best estimate of the annual tax rate levy to fund this bond is \$30.00 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation, which includes its estimate of the initial rate and the highest expected rate. This means that a property assessed at \$700,000 would likely have an annual tax assessment of \$210.00 for the duration of the bond repayment period.

The California Constitution requires the listing of specific school facilities projects to be funded from the bond revenue and certification that the District governing board has evaluated safety, class size reduction, and information technology needs in the development of that list. The District's "Project List" for the bond is attached to the full text of the measure and lists three general types of projects: facility upgrades and repair; creating new facilities; and technology and equipment improvements. Listed improvements include: removing old portable buildings; upgrading or replacing roofs and electrical, plumbing, heating, and ventilation systems; improving fire and earthquake safety; improving student restrooms; improving energy efficiency; removing asbestos; improving access and security; providing classroom intrusion alarms, locks, and exterior lighting; upgrading emergency communication and backup systems; working to move kindergarten classrooms and playgrounds away from streets; improving traffic circulation; renovating classrooms; constructing classrooms for music, art, and performing arts; improving or constructing health and student service facilities and physical education areas; providing modern classroom technology; upgrading libraries; and constructing flexible classrooms and labs. The Project List should be reviewed for further details.

The California Constitution and Education Code require the District to take certain steps to account for the proceeds from the bonds. Accordingly, the District will direct the funds to be deposited into a special account, appoint an independent citizens' oversight committee, conduct annual independent performance and financial audits to assure that funds are spent only on the listed improvements and for no other purposes, and prepare annual reports listing the amount of funds collected and expended and the status of any funded project.

A "yes" vote on this measure would authorize the Redwood City School District to issue bonds in an amount not to exceed \$193 million for the purposes listed in the "Project List."

A "no" vote would prevent the Redwood City School District from issuing the bonds.

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