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# SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING REPORT

## GARDEN GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT VALUES YOUR FEEDBACK

Over the last few months, we received more than one thousand responses to a survey that asked you to rank your priorities for improving local classrooms, science labs and other school facilities. Thank you to everyone who responded with input.

### Here are some of the comments we received:

“It is imperative that all children in the district have air-conditioned, earthquake-safe classrooms. Additionally, safe roofs and electrical systems are a necessity. All of the items on your list are very important, but our children’s health and safety must be our top priority.”

“Students need a safe place to learn. By upgrading the classrooms, the children’s desire to learn is strengthened. I believe in our children. After all, they are our future!”

“Understanding that many of our schools were built decades ago, I think having an aggressive plan to bring all these schools up to par with regards to safety, curriculum and resources is a non-negotiable.”

“This is the time to bring our classrooms up to date [and] into the 21st century.”



A Newsletter from Garden Grove Unified School District



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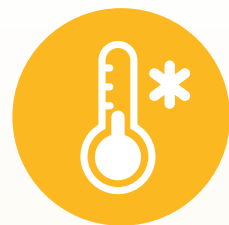
## GGUSD COMMITMENT TO STUDENT SUCCESS

- Garden Grove Unified School District (GGUSD) students performed significantly higher than the state average on statewide exams
- A greater percentage of GGUSD students met rigorous college entrance requirements than other districts in the state or county
- GGUSD beat the county and state high school graduation rates

## PRIORITIES FOR GGUSD SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS: WHAT YOU TOLD US

Input from our community is an essential element of our schools' success. In May, we sent out a community survey to ask about your priorities for our schools and the next phase of improvements to our classrooms, labs and other school facilities. The survey was also available online at [www.ggusd.us/survey](http://www.ggusd.us/survey), and we received more than one thousand responses. Thank you to everyone who responded with input.

### YOUR TOP PRIORITIES FOR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS:



**79%**  
Install air conditioning in classrooms to improve air quality and learning conditions and keep classrooms from reaching temperatures over 90 degrees



**67%**  
Provide classrooms and labs for career and technology education classes so students are prepared for college and jobs that pay well in fields like health sciences, engineering, technology and skilled trades



**66%**  
Update instructional technology in the classroom for improved student learning in core subjects like math, science and technology



**60%**  
Retrofit older school buildings to improve earthquake safety



**58%**  
Replace aging roofs and update building electrical systems where needed

## PROPOSED SCHOOL FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT MEASURE

To address school facilities needs and community priorities, the Board of Education is considering placing a \$311 million bond measure on the November 8, 2016, ballot. The repairs this measure would fund include:

- Heating and cooling infrastructure upgrades and air conditioning installation
- Building electrical system updates
- Seismic safety improvements
- Roof replacements
- Athletic stadium renovations and other athletic facilities improvements — the district's stadiums and athletic facilities were built in 1958-1959 and have never been upgraded
- Classroom, science lab and instructional technology updates to support 21st-century instruction that prepares students for college and career success in competitive fields like science, engineering and technology



## STRONG FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY

A local school improvement bond measure would include strict taxpayer protections:

- Every penny would benefit local schools and be controlled by the GGUSD Board of Education
- None of the funds could be taken away by the state or go to schools in other communities
- By law, no money could be used for administrator salaries
- Independent citizens' oversight and annual audits would be required to ensure funds are spent as promised
- The annual tax is estimated at \$34 per \$100,000 of assessed (not market) property value — or approximately \$8 per month for the typical homeowner

## WE VALUE YOUR INPUT

Thank you to the more than one thousand parents and community members who took the time to fill out our survey and share your feedback with us. We value your input about our school improvement needs. If you have any questions, please email [GGUSDBoard@ggusd.us](mailto:GGUSDBoard@ggusd.us) or call (714) 663-6000.

*Percentage of respondents who ranked each project as a "high" priority as of July 1, 2016*

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