

**PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

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JOINTLY TO: Pasadena Unified School District Board of Education &
Pasadena City Council

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SUBJECT: PUSD FACILITIES: MEASURE Y AND STATE PROPOSITION 1A

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Pasadena City Council and the Board of Education:

- 1) Review the background of Measure Y and receive a report on its implementation;
- 2) Review the background of the State Proposition 1A and its impact for PUSD;
- 3) Become familiar with the work of the District's Facilities Master Planning Committee and the student population growth projected over the next seven years; and
- 4) Explore ways in which the City and the District can partner regarding
 - a) the increased use of school sites by the community; and
 - b) support for interim housing of students during school construction and potential growth.

BACKGROUND

Measure Y was passed by the voters of Pasadena, Altadena and Sierra Madre on November 4, 1997. Attached is the "Measure Y Annual Report" which details the progress attained in the first year of the program. Six results taken from this report are listed below.

- 1) The Board appointed a Citizens' Oversight Committee to monitor the Measure Y project.
- 2) The first series of bonds (\$50 million) were sold in May 1998, at an interest rate of 4.99%. This low interest rate was obtained due in large part to the District's strong financial position. We anticipate the sale of the next series (\$50 million) in early spring with receipt of funding in early June 1999.
- 3) The Board has focused on hiring local contractors and services. An example of this commitment is that 12 of the 14 architectural firms hired for the Measure Y Project are located within District boundaries.
- 4) As promised to the voters before the election, 170 "Quick Start" projects will be completed within the first two years of the project.
- 5) District Master Plan and Site Master Planning Committees have been formed. These are in conjunction with the architects in the development of the Site master Plans.

In November 1998, State Proposition 1A was passed which will allow PUSD to receive State matches for facilities. Attached is a summary of the ways in which the District will benefit from Proposition 1A.

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In addition, a Districtwide Facilities Master Planning Committee has been formed to provide the Board of Education with recommendations and establishing standards and policies necessary in developing a Districtwide Facilities Master Plan. Key functions of the committee include reviewing demographic projections for the District, assessing each property owned by the District, establishing standards for what we want each school site to evidence and considering the implications as a result of a projected 12% growth in the student population over the next seven years, including plans to provide adequate space and housing. (Attached are the seven years enrollment projections A and B as presented to the Districtwide Master Facilities Planning Committee.)

ISSUES

While Measure Y and Proposition 1A are extraordinary benefits for the District and its facilities, it is suggested that the Members of the City Council and the Members of the Board of Education explore additional ways in which the City and District can partner together, issues to considered are:

- 1) The increased use of school sites by the community.
- 2) Support for interim housing of students during periods of school construction and potential growth.

Respectfully submitted,


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