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Bonny Doon Elementary School District Bond

Ballot question

To modernize outdated classrooms/restrooms/school facilities to improve the quality of education; make security improvements; replace deteriorating plumbing and sewer systems; acquire, construct, improve sites/facilities/equipment, shall Bonny Doon Union Elementary School District's measure to issue \$7,000,000 of bonds at legal rates, generating on average \$456,000 annually as long as bonds are outstanding at approximately 3 cents per \$100 assessed value, be adopted, with annual audits, independent citizens' oversight committee, NO money for salaries, all money staying local?

Pregunta de Boleta

Para modernizar las aulas/baños/instalaciones escolares obsoletas para mejorar la calidad de la educación; hacer mejoras en la seguridad; reemplazar el deterioro de los sistemas de plomería y alcantarillado; adquirir, construir, mejorar sitios/instalaciones/equipos, será la medida del Distrito de la Escuela Primeriara de Bonny Doon Unión para emitir \$7,000,000 millones de dólares de bonos a tasa legales, generado en promedio \$456,000 dólares al año, siempre y cuando los bonos estén pendientes a aproximadamente 3 centavos por valor evaluado de \$100 dólares, se adoptará, con auditorías anuales, comité de supervisión de ciudadanos independientes, SIN dinero para salarios, ¿todo el dinero permaneciendo local?

What your vote means:

YES	NO
A "yes" vote on Measure L is a vote to authorize the District to issue and sell bonds in the amount of \$7,000,000 to be financed by an annual property tax.	A "no" vote on Measure L is a vote against the issuance of the proposed bonds.

For and against Measure L

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If an asterisk (*) follows a name, it means the person is signing on behalf of that agency/organization.

FOR	AGAINST
<p>Cynthia Cote Ladies of Bonny Doon Secretary</p> <p>Stephen D. Homan 48-year Bonny Doon Resident</p> <p>Christine L Homan Ladies of Bonny Doon Member</p> <p>Diana Herd BDUESD Board Member</p> <p>Eric Ornas RBDA Vice Chair</p>	<p>No Argument against Measure L was filed.</p>



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Arguments and replies are the opinions of the authors. We print them exactly as submitted, including errors.

Argument for Measure L	Argument against for Measure L
<p>High-quality schools increase student achievement, improve property values, prepare children for a productive future, and create greater neighborhood safety. With the Bonny Doon Union Elementary School District's singular school, Bonny Doon Elementary, being one of the most important assets in our community, it should be our number one priority. Although teachers and staff do a great job educating local children, many classrooms and buildings in the District need to be renovated and upgraded to provide students with the proper school facilities they need to succeed.</p> <p>While our facilities have been well maintained, aging classrooms and facilities must be upgraded. We can achieve this by voting YES on Measure L, where this local school improvement measure would allow the District to drastically improve the quality of its school facilities and education provided to local students. By investing in our schools, we can meet today's safety, technological, and educational standards as well as better our community.</p> <p>If passed, Measure L will provide funding to make critical classroom and facility improvements at Bonny Doon Elementary School by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replacing deteriorating plumbing and sewer systems • Modernizing outdated classrooms, restrooms and school facilities • Repairing or replacing leaky roofs • Making health, safety and security improvements • Improving playgrounds and playfields for school and community use <p>Measure L makes financial sense and protects taxpayers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By law, spending must be reviewed and annually audited by an independent citizens' oversight committee. • All bond funds must be spent locally and cannot be taken by the State. • Funds are required to be spent only on schools, not for administrator or teacher salaries. <p>Measure L upgrades and renovates classrooms, restrooms, and other school facilities, improves the education of local children, and maintains the quality of our community. That's something we can all support. Please join us and VOTE YES ON MEASURE L!</p> <p>Cynthia Cote, Ladies of Bonny Doon Secretary Stephen D. Homan, 48-year Bonny Doon Resident Christine L Homan, Ladies of Bonny Doon Member Diana Herd, BDUESD Board Member Eric Ornas, RBDA Vice Chair</p>	<p>No Argument against Measure L was filed.</p>

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Impartial Analysis of Measure L

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Under the California Constitution and various state laws, school districts may issue bonds if approved by at least 55 percent of voters within the boundaries of that district. These bonds are sold to the public and constitute a debt of the district. The principal and interest on the bonds are repaid by an annual property tax levied on all real property within the jurisdiction of the school district. This is known as an “*ad valorem* tax” and is calculated based on the current assessed value of each property.

Measure L was placed on the ballot by the Board of Trustees (“the Board”) of the Bonny Doon Union Elementary School District (the “District”). The Board asks voters to approve the sale of up to \$7,000,000 in general obligation bonds. These bonds would generate approximately \$456,000 annually for the District.

As required by law, the District has submitted a Project List and a description of the scope of the projects, which may include, but are not limited to:

- Replacing deteriorating plumbing and sewer systems;
- Constructing, upgrading, or repairing school site parking, campus accessibility, walkways and paths of travel;
- Modernizing or replacing outdated classrooms, portable classrooms, restrooms, and school facilities;
- Improving or replacing playground, play structures, and playfields for school and community use; and
- Repairing or replacing fire alarm and sensor systems, leaky roofs, security fencing, and retaining walls and gates.

Voters are referred to the full text of the measure for complete Project information.

School districts shall only use bond funds for specific purposes. The law does not allow these bond funds to be used for teacher and administrator salaries or other school operational expenses.

If approved by voters, the District will be required to follow certain accountability provisions. These include establishing an Independent Citizens’ Oversight Committee and annually completing independent performance and financial audits. Additionally, an annual report must be filed no later than January 1 of every year and include information about the amount of funds collected and expended, as well as the status of any projects funded.

The District has provided a Tax Rate Statement and estimates possible tax rates could range from \$29 to \$30 per \$100,000 of assessed property value per year. It is expected the tax will be collected from fiscal year 2025-26 through 2055-56. If all the bonds are issued and sold, the best estimate of the total debt service to be repaid will be approximately \$14,600,000, including principal and interest.

A “yes” vote on Measure L is a vote to authorize the District to issue and sell bonds in the amount of \$7,000,000 to be financed by an annual property tax.

A “no” vote on Measure L is a vote against the issuance of the proposed bonds.

Tax Rate Statement of Measure L

Mike Heffner, Superintendent, Bonny Doon Union Elementary School District

An election will be held in the Bonny Doon Union Elementary School District (the “District”) on November 5, 2024. To authorize the sale of up to \$7,000,000 in general obligation bonds. The following information is submitted in compliance with Sections 9400-9404 of the Elections Code of the State of California. Such information is based upon the best estimates and projections presently available from official sources, upon experiences within the District, and other demonstrate factors.

Based upon the foregoing and projections of the District’s assessed valuation, the following information is provided:

1. The estimate of the average annual tax rate that would be required to fund this bond issue over the entire duration of the bond debt service, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is \$29.00 per \$100,000. It is currently expected that the tax will be collected until fiscal year 2055-56.
2. The best estimate of the highest tax rate that would be required to fund this bond issue, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filling this statement, is \$30 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation. This rate is projected to apply in fiscal years 2025-26 through 2053-54.



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3. The best estimate of total debt service, including principal and interest, that would be required to be repaid if all bonds are issued and sold will be approximately \$14,600,000.

These estimates are based on projections derived from information obtained from official sources, and are based on the assessed value (not market value) of taxable property on the County's official tax rolls. In addition, tax payers eligible for a property tax exemption, such as the homeowner's exemption, will be taxed at a lower effective rate than described above. Property owners should consult their own property tax bills and tax advisors to determine their property's assessed value and any applicable tax exemptions. The attention of all voters is directed to the fact that the foregoing information is based upon projections and estimates only, which amounts are not maximum amounts and durations and are not binding upon the District. The actual debt service, tax rates and the years in which they will apply may vary depending on the timing of bond sales, the par amount of bonds sold at each sale and actual increases in assessed valuations. The timing of the bond sales and the amount of bonds sold at any given time will be determined by the District based on the need for project funds and other considerations. Actual assessed valuations will depend upon the amount and value of taxable property within the District as determined by the County Assessor in the annual assessment and the equalization process.

Full text of Measure L

The following is the full proposition presented to the voters of the District by the Bonny Doon Union Elementary School District.

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PROJECT LIST

The Board of Trustees of Bonny Doon Union Elementary School District evaluated the District's urgent and critical facility needs, including safety issues, class size reduction, and computer and information technology, in developing the scope of projects to be funded. The District has also conducted a facilities evaluation in developing this Project List. The Board District has also conducted a facilities evaluation in developing the Project List. The Board concluded that if these needs are not addressed now, the problems will only become more pressing.

The Project List includes the following types of upgrades and improvement at the District sites and facilities:

- **Replace deteriorating plumbing and sewer systems.**
- Construct, upgrade or repair school site parking, campus accessibility, walkways and paths of travel.
- **Modernize outdated classrooms, restrooms and school facilities.**
- Repair/replace fire alarm and sensor systems.
- Modernize or replace portable classrooms.
- **Improve or replace playground, play structures and playfields for school and community use.**
- Upgrade of facilities for energy efficiencies, including energy efficient lighting, air conditioning, heating, insulation and windows.
- **Repair or replace leaky roofs.**
- Repair or replace security fencing, retaining walls and gates.
- **Make health, safety and security improvements.**

Each project is assumed to include its share of furniture, equipment, architectural, engineering, and similar planning costs, program management, staff training expenses and a customary contingency, as well as an escalation for unforeseen design and construction costs. In the addition to the listed projects stated above, the Project List also includes the payment of the costs of preparation of all facility planning, facility assessment reviews and master plans, environmental studies, design and construction documentation, inspection and permit fees, and temporary housing of dislocated District activities caused by bond projects, as well as the refinancing of outstanding lease obligations or interim funding incurred to advance projects from the Project List. The Project List shall also include the upgrading of technology infrastructure, including but not limited to fiber modifications, servers, switches, routers, modules, computers, tablets, district-wide computer lab upgrades, smart boards, cameras, sound projection systems, wiring classrooms for internet connectivity, wireless network, wireless access points and controllers, portable interface devices, mobile device management systems, printers, upgraded voice-over-IP, phone systems, call manager and network security/firewall, and other miscellaneous



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equipment. The repair and improvement of District facilities include the following types of projects: upgrade of facilities for energy efficiencies, including solar panels; construct, upgrade, repair or install school site parking, campus accessibility, utilities, plumbing, gas lines, playground equipment, drinking fountains, hard court surfaces or turf, general site paving, learning walls, tack boards, cabinets, restrooms, roofs, interior and exterior lighting, water heaters, boilers, fences, retaining/safety walls and walkway covers, bell/clock systems, signage, electronic marquees, asphalt, fire sprinklers, public address systems, telephones, shade structures, heating and security systems, multipurpose rooms, playgrounds and play fields/courts; renovate, upgrade, relocate or convert classrooms and science labs; modernize or replace portable structures; upgrade, replace or reconfigure sidewalks, walkways/path of travel, parking lots and drop off/pick up zones to improve student safety; make facility improvements for earthquake safety; upgrade electrical wiring and systems; renovate and paint interior and exterior building surfaces; improve/install safety, security and communication systems and equipment, windows and floor/ceiling coverings (including tiles and carpeting); doors and locks; construct/improve classrooms, administrative facilities, libraries, kitchens and music, art and performing arts classrooms and spaces; build or upgrade irrigation and drainage systems; improve landscaping; upgrade school administrative spaces, including furnishings; acquire furnishings and/or other electronic equipment and systems.

The budget for each project is an estimate and may be affected by factors beyond the District's control. Some projects throughout the District may be undertaken as joint use projects in cooperation with other local public or non-profit agencies. The final cost of each project will be determined as plans are finalized, construction bids are awarded and projects are completed. Based on the final costs of each project, certain of the projects described above may be delayed or may not be completed. Demolition of existing facilities and reconstruction of facilities scheduled for repair and upgrade may occur, if the Board determines that such an approach would be more cost-effective in creating enhanced and operationally efficient campuses. Necessary site preparation/restoration and landscaping may occur in connection with new construction, renovation or remodeling, or installation or removal of relocatable classrooms, including ingress and egress, removing, replacing, or installing irrigation, utility lines, trees and landscaping, redirecting fire access, and acquiring any necessary easements, licenses, or rights of way to the property.

Bond proceeds shall be expended only the specific purposes identified herein. Proceeds of the bonds may be used to pay or reimburse the District for the cost of District staff when performing work on or necessary and incidental to the bond projects. The District shall create an account into which proceeds of the bonds shall be deposited and comply with the reporting requirements of Government Code § 53410.

FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY: IN ACCORDANCE WITH EDUCATION CODE SECTION 15272, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WILL APPOINT A CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE AND CONDUCT ANNUAL INDEPENDENT AUDITS TO ASSURE THAT FUNDS ARE SPENT ONLY ON DISTRICT PROJECTS AND FOR NO OTHER PURPOSE. THE EXPENDITURE OF BOND MONEY ON THESE PROJECTS IS SUBJECT TO STRINGENT FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS. BY LAW, PERFORMANCE AND FINANCIAL AUDITS WILL BE PERFORMED ANNUALLY, AND ALL BOND EXPENDITURES WILL BE MONITORED BY AN INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO ENSURE THAT FUNDS ARE SPENT AS PROMISED AND SPECIFIED. THE CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MUST INCLUDE, AMONG OTHERS, REPRESENTATION OF A BONA FIDE TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION, A BUSINESS ORGANIZATION AND A SENIOR CITIZENS ORGANIZATION. NO DISTRICT EMPLOYEES OR VENDORS ARE ALLOWED TO SERVE ON THE CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

No Teacher or Administrator Salaries: Proceeds from the sale of the bonds authorized by this proposition shall be used only for the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, and not for any other purpose, including teacher and school administrator salaries and other operating expenses. Bond funds may not be temporarily transferred to the District's general fund for administrative purposes.