

Questions and Answers - 2010

Q. What is Prop 39, and was Measure S a Prop 39 Bond?

A. Prop 39 is the Smaller Classes, Safer Schools, and Financial Accountability Act of 2000. It allows school facilities bonds to pass with 55% voter approval—all other bonds must be passed by a super majority (66.7%). Measure S was not a Prop 39 bond and therefore it is not subject to the additional requirements of Prop 39. (Measure S is a General Obligation Bond (G.O. Bond) that followed the super majority rules, and was approved by 76% of the voters.)

Q. As a closed school, does Quail Hollow qualify for modernization money?

A. Yes, Quail Hollow qualifies for \$866,000 in State modernization money; the District must contribute an additional \$577,000 in matching funds. These matching funds are earmarked to come from Measure S.

Q. Has the District received modernization funds for all of its schools?

A. The District received full modernization funding for BCE, SLE, SLVHS and SLVMS. The work at QH was scheduled to begin in the summer of 2010, however the State froze the funding for all modernization projects. So no, the District has yet to receive the modernization funds for QH.

Q. Can QH modernization funds be spent on a different site?

A. No, modernization funds must be spent on the specific site or be returned to the State.

Q. Why have some of the projects changed over the years, and is this legal?

A. There are two reasons why the project list may have changed over the years.
1) The District found another way to fund a project.
2) The project is no longer needed, or is no longer a site priority.
It is legal to change bond projects as long as the new project qualifies under the Official Ballot Language.

Q. What is the Official Ballot Language for Measure S?

A. To acquire, construct and modernize school facilities, build new classrooms to replace 30 year old portables, construct a permanent junior high at the current site, upgrade drainage, replace deteriorating plumbing and inadequate electrical systems, improve student access to classroom computers and technology, and make the District eligible to receive over \$8 million in state-matching funds, shall the San Lorenzo Valley Unified School District be authorized to issue \$18,500,000 of bonds at an interest rate below the legal limit?

Q. How is the public kept informed of the District's Bond projects?

A. There are Bond updates made at the SLVUSD School Board meetings. All Board meetings are open to the public; agendas and minutes are posted on-line for easy reference. In addition, staff submits photos and stories to the local newspapers and there is an annual audit of all Bond spending.