

EXHIBIT A

FULL TEXT OF BOND MEASURE

for

FOWLER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

INTRODUCTION

The Fowler Unified School District serves the Fowler, Fresno, and Malaga communities, located generally in south Fresno County, with a population approaching 2,500 students in 6 schools, including three elementary schools, one middle school, and one high school, plus one alternative education school. The District was established in 1908 and has several aging schools, and it faces other challenges to its capacity to adequately house all of its students. The District has an ongoing need for facilities and infrastructure, including a performing arts center/multi-purpose facility, laboratory/classroom facilities, agricultural and career technical education facilities, as well as the need to modernize, update or refurbish a track, pool and other educational facilities. The District also has a need for expanding its technology infrastructure for future needs and increased capacity. The District needs to be prepared for increased enrollment because of local home development and construction. A much larger, and much longer term solution to address issues of growth, and facilities upgrades and refurbishment of aging facilities, will be consideration of the District asking the voters to approve a General Obligation Bond.

The State of California requires a local match, funded primarily through local, general obligation bonds, for school districts wishing to pursue matching state funds for the upgrade or replacement of school buildings and facilities. The millions of dollars potentially available through the State match allows local taxpayers to benefit from the tax dollars they already pay to Sacramento.

It is imperative that our students are housed in safe schools. In addition, our students would benefit from complete, comprehensive, and efficient schools. We need to act locally to build, upgrade, and refurbish safe and modern schools to ensure our students have the educational opportunities they deserve.

BONDS

To repair aging classrooms and facilities, deteriorating roofs, plumbing, and electrical systems, upgrade classrooms, science labs, career training facilities, and computer systems, and acquire, renovate, construct and equip facilities to support student achievement in reading, math, science, technology, the arts, and skilled trades, shall the Fowler Unified School District issue a maximum \$42,000,000 in bonds, with legal interest rates, an oversight committee, annual audits, no money for salaries, and all money raised benefiting local students?

FOWLER/MALAGA SCHOOL SAFETY AND CLASSROOM REPAIR MEASURE

To improve student safety, repair neighborhood schools and classrooms, and alleviate overcrowding by:

- Fixing leaky roofs;
- Removing asbestos, lead paint, and other harmful materials;
- Upgrading fire safety, outdated plumbing, HVAC systems, sewers, and technology infrastructure;
- Improving access and maintaining ADA compliance;
- Acquiring land for educational use/educational facilities; and
- Repairing, expanding , constructing, and equipping classrooms, labs, libraries, and other school facilities

As required by the California Constitution, the proceeds from the sale of the bonds will be used only for the purposes authorized under Article XIII A of the California Constitution, including construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, furnishing and equipping of school facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities, as specifically set forth in this Exhibit A, and costs incident thereto, and not for any other purpose, including salaries and other routine school operating expenses.

The following list describes the specific projects the District proposes to finance with proceeds of the bonds. The scope of specific projects, the order of construction, and their completion is contingent on final project costs and the availability of needed funds. Further, projects on the project list are of the type that issuing the authorized general obligation bonds as stated will not cause the State to reduce any financial hardship contribution that would otherwise be available to the District had these bonds not been authorized, issued, and or expended for their stated purpose.

SCHOOL FACILITIES PROJECTS TO BE FUNDED FROM BOND PROCEEDS

The following list includes both projects that can be completed using the bond proceeds, along with State matching funds and other building funds the District is projected to receive and projects that are planned and needed but whose construction is contingent on the amount of bond funds available, plus the amount of State matching and other building funds the District may receive in the future, which is a function of the State building program rules, passage of State bonds, and the growth rate of the District. The completion of specific projects is also contingent on final project costs.

All District Sites

- Maintain, repair, replace, and install certain technology, alarms, surveillance systems, equipment, and infrastructure and safety upgrades and refurbishments, and classroom or other essential facilities additions;
- Repair and replace leaky roofs;

- Install energy efficient lighting systems that conserve electricity;
- Replace outdated plumbing, HVAC, and sewer systems;
- Provide additional classrooms, labs/STEM facilities; and
- Provide ongoing repairs, upgrades and deferred maintenance to school buildings.

Marshall Elementary School (grades TK – 2, Built 1949, 1952), located at 142 N. Armstrong, Fowler, California – rehabilitation, reconstruction, or replacement of classrooms, facilities, and improvements specifically including, but not limited to:

- Modernize or replace play structures and related equipment;
- Improvements and rehabilitation to grounds;
- Replace/ install energy efficient HVAC systems in cafeteria/ multi-purpose room, and kitchen and other facilities;
- Electrical, lighting, plumbing, HVAC and roofing refurbishments and repairs,
- Repair, replace and upgrade 20-year old portable classrooms,
- Repair/ upgrade bathrooms and drinking fountains,
- Expand teacher training/meeting/classroom preparation areas,
- Paint school buildings; and
- Various modernization improvements or facility replacements.

Fremont Elementary School (grades 3 – 5, Built 1938, 1954), located at 306 E. Tuolumne, Fowler, California – rehabilitation, reconstruction, or replacement of classrooms, facilities, and improvements specifically including, but not limited to:

- Modernize or replace play structures and related equipment;
- Improvements and rehabilitation to grounds;
- Replace/ install energy efficient HVAC systems in cafeteria/ multi-purpose room, and kitchen and other facilities;
- Repair, replace and upgrade 20-year old portable classrooms;
- Replace student auditorium with multi-purpose/ cafeteria facility;
- Expand student shelter/ covered eating areas;
- Repair/ upgrade bathrooms and drinking fountains;
- Convert old boiler room to storage area;
- Expand teacher training/meeting/classroom preparation areas;
- Electrical, lighting, plumbing, HVAC and roofing refurbishments and repairs;
- Paint school buildings; and
- Various modernization improvements or facility replacements.

Malaga Elementary School (grades TK – 5, Built 1941, 1951), located at 3910 S. Ward, Fresno, California – rehabilitation, reconstruction, or replacement of classrooms, facilities, and improvements specifically including, but not limited to:

- Modernize or replace play structures and related equipment;
- Improvements and rehabilitation to grounds;

- Replace/ install energy efficient HVAC systems in cafeteria/ multi-purpose room, and kitchen and other facilities;
- Repair/ upgrade bathrooms and drinking fountains;
- Addition of photovoltaic (solar) and related facilities;
- Electrical, lighting, plumbing, HVAC and roofing refurbishments and repairs;
- Expand teacher training/meeting/classroom preparation area;
- Remodel/ upgrade/ refurbish school library/ computer lab/ media center;
- Paint school buildings; and
- Various modernization improvements or facility replacements.

Sutter Middle School (grades 6 – 8, Built 1998), located at 701 E. Walter Ave., Fowler, California – rehabilitation, reconstruction, or replacement of classrooms, facilities, and improvements specifically including, but not limited to:

- Improvements and rehabilitation to grounds;
- Widening of streets (including Walter Avenue), improvements to sidewalks and other points of access to facilities;
- Repair, replace and upgrade 20-year old portable classrooms;
- Repair/ upgrade/ expand library, computer lab/ offices;
- Upgrade/ expand storage areas;
- Repair/ upgrade bathrooms and drinking fountains;
- Convert classrooms to science labs/ STEM facilities;
- Addition of photovoltaic (solar) and related facilities;
- Electrical, lighting, plumbing, HVAC and roofing refurbishments and repairs;
- Paint school buildings; and
- Various modernization improvements or facility replacements.

Fowler High School (grades 9 – 12, Built 1961, 1969), located at 701 E. Main St., Fowler, California – rehabilitation, reconstruction, or replacement of classrooms, facilities, and improvements specifically including, but not limited to:

- Construction of a Band and Performing Arts Event Center/ Multi-purpose Room (MPR), including related fixtures, furnishings and parking facilities;
- Refurbish/ construct/ upgrade Career Technical Education and Agricultural Farm with CTE classrooms/lab facilities;
- Resurfacing of track and field facilities;
- Construction of new pool facilities;
- Improvements and rehabilitation to grounds;
- Widening of streets (including Walter Avenue), improvements to sidewalks and other points of access to facilities;
- Convert existing facilities to academic classrooms or other facilities;
- Repair/ upgrade bathrooms and drinking fountains;
- Repair/ upgrade and improve safety of physical education classrooms/ areas, locker rooms, gyms and fields, (including field lighting and bleacher repair/replacement, parking area expansion and repairs to/ replacement of existing buildings);

- Repair, expand and upgrade technology;
- Convert classrooms to science labs/ STEM facilities;
- Repair, replace and upgrade school lockers;
- Addition of photovoltaic (solar) and related facilities;
- Electrical, lighting, plumbing, HVAC and roofing refurbishments and repairs;
- Paint school buildings; and
- Various modernization improvements or facility replacements.

New Elementary School Facilities -- New school site construction, in order to serve the District's elementary school pupils, including new construction, with necessary furnishings, equipment and technology improvements, installation of site infrastructure, and land acquisition, as needed, for construction.

District Support Facilities – Relocate/construct/refurbish District transportation, maintenance, grounds and other facilities.

These projects may include participation in the State Facility Program's Joint-Use Program to gain matching funds for teacher education, multi-purpose rooms, gymnasiums, libraries, childcare, and other qualifying Joint-Use facilities. With respect to such joint-use projects, the bond funds authorized by this Measure may be used to pay all of the local share needed to qualify the projects for special State matching funds under the State Facility Program's Joint-Use Program requirements.

The Board of Education hereby certifies that it has evaluated the safety, class-size reduction, and information technology needs of the District in developing this list of school facilities projects.

ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES

If the bonds are approved, the Board of Education will implement the following accountability measures in accordance with State law:

- (a) Use the bond proceeds only for the purposes authorized under Article XIII A of the California Constitution, including construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, furnishing and equipping of school facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities and related uses, as specifically set forth in this Exhibit A, and costs incident thereto, and not for any other purpose, including salaries and other routine school operating expenses;
- (b) Conduct an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the bond proceeds have been expended only on the projects and uses listed in this Exhibit A;

- (c) Conduct an annual, independent financial audit of the proceeds from the sale of the bonds until all of those proceeds have been expended for school facilities projects and uses listed in this Exhibit A; and
- (d) Establish and appoint members to an independent citizens' oversight committee to ensure the bonds are used only for the projects and uses listed in this Exhibit A.

STATE MATCHING FUNDS

California Education Code section 15122.5 requires the following statement to be included in this sample ballot:

“Approval of this bond measure does not guarantee that the proposed projects in the Fowler Unified School District that are the subject of bonds under this measure will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by this bond measure. The school district's proposal for certain of the projects assumes the receipt of matching state funds, which are subject to appropriation by the Legislature or approval of a statewide bond measure.”

ANNUAL TAX AMOUNT, RATE, AND DURATION

The bonds shall bear interest at an annual rate not exceeding the statutory maximum. The maturity of the bonds shall not exceed the maximum term allowed by law at the time of issuance (currently 25 years if issued under Education Code section 15140, or 40 years if issued under Government Code section 53508, so long as the bonds are not capital appreciation bonds (“CABs,” which CABs are limited to 25 years)). Accordingly, as further set forth in the tax rate statement, the *ad valorem* tax will be levied at such rates and for so long as may be required to meet the debt service needs of the bonds proposed to be issued, including such bonds that may be issued to refund any approved bonds.
