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GGUSD Launches 'Measure A' School Bond Information Website Page 1 of 2

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Garden Grove Unified School District parents and voters are invited to tap the resources of the Internet for the latest information on the 'Measure A' school bond on the June 8 primary election ballot.

The GGUSD this week unveiled the official Measure A website containing factual resources dedicated to assist voters as they prepare to go to the polls next month. Web users may access the page by selecting the 'Measure A' link from the GGUSD website at www.ggusd.us or navigate directly to www.ggusd.us/measurea.html.

The new webpage is host to Measure A questions and answers, bond measure ballot language, district Measure A news, projected tax assessment calculations, poll hours and voter registration information, the proposed project list, the adopted school board resolution, facility needs assessment, and Measure A fact sheets customized for each GGUSD school. Visit the Measure A site often as new content is added daily.

Measure A, if approved by 55 percent or more of district voters, authorizes \$250 million in general obligation bonds and enables the GGUSD to qualify for as much as \$200 million in matching state school bond funds for large-scale infrastructure repair, improvement, and modernization projects.

As identified in a draft facilities needs assessment, bond revenues – paired with state matching funds – may be used for renovating electrical circuitry, plumbing, lighting, roofing, intercom, and fire safety systems; improving energy efficiency; replacing doors, windows, and outdated heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems; updating playground safety matting; upgrading telecommunications systems to accommodate current technology; replacing restroom and drinking fountain fixtures; and retrofitting schools for better accessibility for the disabled.

By law, bond revenue may only be directed for school facility improvements such as repair and modernization projects, new construction, land acquisition, and furniture and equipment. It cannot be used for teacher and administrator salaries or operating expenses unrelated to the bond measure.

Bond funds are kept and monitored by the Orange County Treasurer, and are subject to oversight by a citizen's committee and annual independent audits open for public inspection.

For additional information go online at *www.ggusd.us* or call the district's Public Information Office at (714) 663-6503. Measure A questions may also be directed by e-mail to *askmeasurea@ggusd.us*

The Garden Grove Unified School District serves most of Garden Grove and portions of Santa Ana, Westminster, Fountain Valley, Cypress, Stanton, and Anaheim.

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