



Millbrae School District

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Community Members of the Millbrae School District,

On Monday, July 25, 2011, the Millbrae School District Board of Trustees will vote to place a \$30 million school improvement bond on the November 8, 2011 ballot. The bond will allow the district to continue updating the school facilities, most of which were built in the 1950s.

We are grateful to the Millbrae community in approving our Measure X Bond in 2008. The district has used Measure X to install new fire alarm systems, replace leaking and deteriorating roofs, upgrade electrical and plumbing systems, renovate student restrooms, complete safety and seismic upgrades, and increase student and teacher access to classroom computers and technology.

The district has completed many projects at costs lower than expected. The district has completed about \$38 million in projects using the original \$30 million in approved funds. In addition, the district was able to issue \$7.6 million in bonds as "Qualified School Construction Bonds", with the federal government subsidizing 92% of the interest on the bonds. The district saved taxpayers approximately \$4.8 million over fifteen years by issuing these bonds instead of the traditional general obligation bonds.

However, there are additional facility needs that must be addressed. There are still many classrooms that need to be renovated and updated. In addition, there are some buildings where windows, light fixtures and the heating and electrical systems need to be replaced to improve energy efficiency. Floors and failing ventilation systems still need to be replaced in some schools. Finally, the Taylor Middle School cafeteria needs to be replaced as it was built for 350 students and currently serves 850 students.

We believe it is important that our community and parents are aware of the reasons for the new bond. It is also important for parents to make sure they are registered to vote in the November election. If you are eligible to vote, but not registered at your current address, please pick up a form and register to vote. Voter registration forms are available at the post office, libraries or you can request a form through the San Mateo County Registrar of Voters office at <http://www.shapethefuture.org>. Voter registration forms will also be available at school offices when school opens on September 6, 2011.

If you have any questions about the bond, please feel free to contact any of us.

Sincerely,

The Millbrae School District Board of Education

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