

# Developing a Plan to Repair Aging Schools and Ensure Student Safety

Millbrae School District is fully committed to its longstanding tradition of delivering an excellent education for local students. Our local schools are award winning and serve over 2,100 students from TK-8th grade with a mission of providing each student a strong academic foundation.

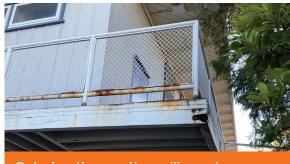
## Repairing Millbrae Schools to Keep Local Students Safe

The District conducted a Facilities Master Plan to capture the current state of school facilities and provide a list of improvements needed at each school site. While our students continue to succeed, repairs and upgrades are needed across all Millbrae schools.

Identified repair needs would provide teachers with the tools they need to help students succeed and ensure all students have equal access to modern, high-quality educational facilities. Updates and repairs to heating and ventilation systems and aging roofs are needed to make these systems efficient, sustainable and keep our children safe and healthy.

# Exploring Local Funding Options that Can't Be Taken by the State

In the past, the State funded 40 percent of school construction, but now leaves this entire responsibility to local communities. That's why voters in Burlingame and other San Mateo County communities have passed measures to support their schools. Currently, there are no resources available to improve or update Millbrae elementary schools. A similar measure in our community would allow Millbrae schools to complete identified improvements and ensure Millbrae students are prepared to compete in high school and college.



Deteriorating, rusting railings at Green Hills Elementary School.



Outdated, aging electrical system in a Spring Valley Elementary School portable.



Dry rot at Taylor Middle School.

### We Want to Hear from you!

As Millbrae School District explores funding options to maintain our quality local schools, we value your thoughts. For more information or to ask questions, please reach out to our Chief Business Official, Ralph Crame at rcrame@millbraesd.org.

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### **Developing a Plan to Repair Aging** Schools and Ensure Student Safety

#### **Local Funding to Repair & Upgrade Our Schools**

In order to complete identified repairs and improvements across all Millbrae schools, the School Board is considering placing a \$95 million bond measure on the November 2024 ballot. This potential measure would cost \$30 per \$100,000 of a property's assessed (not market) value per year, while bonds are outstanding.

If approved by voters, funding from this potential measure could be used to:

- + Make classroom and school repairs to help protect the quality of academic instruction in core subjects like math, science, reading and writing
- + Update science, technology, engineering and math labs at every school
- + Repair and replace leaking roofs
- + Provide teachers with instructional tools to prepare students for high school and college
- + Update classroom computers and technology
- + Rebuild the outdated, windowless Lomita Park Elementary School to ensure all students have a safe and up-to-date learning environment
- + Update schools to improve student health and safety

#### **Mandatory Fiscal Accountability & Local Control**

By law, a bond measure would require accountability protections:

- + All funds would be controlled locally for Millbrae schools only and could not be taken away by the State
- + An independent citizens' oversight committee and mandatory annual audits would ensure all funds are spent as promised
- + A project list outlining the specific use of funds would be required
- + The measure would include a plan on a school-by-school basis detailing the use of funds





#### Qualifying for State Matching Funds

The State of California may offer matching funds for school improvements in the future, but those funds would only be available to districts with local bond programs. If Millbrae schools had a local bond measure, they would be eligible to receive up to \$15 million in State matching funds when it becomes available. That money would otherwise go to other districts.