

Take Our Survey



KEEPING PACE

# Local Funding to Keep Pace

Dear Neighbor,

As we head into the final stretch of our school year, I am grateful to the entire Millbrae schools community and the teachers, staff and parents that work tirelessly for our students. 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 dedicated to our mission of providing each student with a strong academic foundation.

Repairing Millbrae Schools to Keep 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.

Fixing the 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.

The State Does Not Fund Facility Improvements

In the past, the State funded 40% 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 local students are prepared to compete in high school and college.

As we plan for the future of our schools and consider options for upgrading and repairing local classrooms and school facilities, your input is important to us. Please fill out the survey card in this mailer or visit [tinyurl.com/SurveyMillbraeSD](https://tinyurl.com/SurveyMillbraeSD) to share your priorities for our Millbrae schools.

Sincerely,

*Lisa Chinn Hickey*

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Superintendent  
Millbrae School District



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

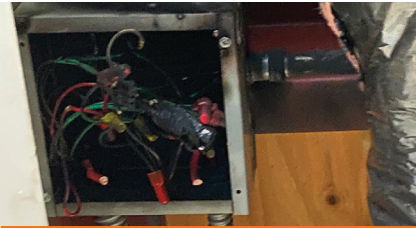
Mandatory Fiscal Accountability & Local Control

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



Dry rot at Taylor Middle School.



Outdated, aging electrical system in a Spring Valley Elementary School portable.



Deteriorating, rusting railings at Green Hills Elementary School.

Your Feedback is Important to Us

Millbrae School District welcomes your comments and questions as we evaluate the needs at all our local schools. Please complete and return the attached survey to share your priorities. You may also take the survey online by scanning the QR code to the right or visiting [tinyurl.com/SurveyMillbraeSD](https://tinyurl.com/SurveyMillbraeSD).



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