
MEASURE G

PROPOSAL TO ISSUE BONDS FOR LOOMIS UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

To improve child safety and classroom learning environments by renovating our schools, including: removing asbestos and lead, upgrading faulty old fire safety equipment, electrical and plumbing systems and bathrooms, repairing leaky roofs, upgrading technology infrastructure, building two new multi-purpose rooms, and making schools legally handicap accessible, shall Loomis Union School District issue \$17,700,000 in bonds, requiring citizens' oversight, annual independent audits, and with no money for administrators' salaries?

BONDS YES _____

BONDS NO _____

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY PLACER COUNTY COUNSEL

This measure, if approved by fifty-five percent of the voters voting thereon, would authorize the sale of general obligation bonds of the Loomis Union School District, ("District") in the amount of \$17,700,000 (Seventeen million, seven hundred thousand dollars).

The proceeds of the bonds would be used for the purposes described in the text of Measure G, which precedes this analysis. A general obligation bond is a form of borrowing commonly used to fund school facilities. School districts can seek either two-thirds or 55% voter approval. If districts seek the 55% approval, as has been done by the District, they must meet additional accountability requirements.

The District Board of Education ("Board") has resolved to meet these accountability requirements, in Resolution No. 07-08-103, pledging to comply with the requirements of the Article XIII A, section 1(b) (3) of the State Constitution, as well as the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000 (codified at section 15264 et seq. of the California Education Code.)

If the measure passes, the District's Board of Trustees will conduct an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the bond funds have been expended only for the specific projects listed in the measure and will conduct an annual, independent fiscal audit of the proceeds from the sale of the bonds. The District's chief fiscal officer shall prepare an annual report of the amount of funds collected and expended and the status of any project funded by the bonds. The District will also establish a citizens' oversight committee whose purpose would be to inform the public concerning the expenditure of bond revenues.

The bonds proposed to be issued and sold would bear interest at a rate not exceeding the statutory limit per annum. No bond shall be made to mature more than 25 years from the date borne by that bond. Principal and interest on the bonds would be paid by revenue derived from an annual tax levied upon the taxable property within the District. The Tax Rate Statement of the District, which is included in the Resolution presents the District's best estimates of the property tax rates required to be levied to pay debt service on the bonds. The estimates are based on certain assumptions described in the Statement.

A "YES" vote is a vote to authorize the issuance and sale of up to \$17,700,000 in general obligation bonds to be repaid through a property tax levied throughout the District based upon the assessed value of the property and the improvements thereon.

A "NO" vote is a vote not to authorize the issuance and sale of the bonds.

This analysis is submitted by the Office of the County Counsel of Placer County pursuant to the requirements of Section 9500 of the Elections Code of the State of California.

Anthony J. La Bouff
County Counsel

By: Sabrina M. Thompson
Deputy County Counsel

EDUCATION CODE 15122.5(b) "Approval of Measure G does not guarantee that the proposed project or projects in the Loomis Union School District that are the subject of bonds under Measure G will be funded beyond the local revenues generated by Measure G. The school district's proposal for the project or projects may assume the receipt of matching state funds, which could be subject to appropriation by the Legislature or approval of a statewide bond measure."

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE G

Just last year, a classroom at Placer School was destroyed by fire caused by faulty old wiring.

Most schools in the Loomis Union School District were built in the 1950s and 60s. Many classrooms need significant renovations and improvements to make our old and outdated schools safe, healthy and functional learning environments.

Voting YES on Measure G means:

- removing asbestos and lead from classrooms,
- improving fire safety by upgrading alarms and installing smoke detectors and sprinklers,
- upgrading faulty old wiring and electrical systems to support classroom technology and computer labs,
- replacing outdated plumbing and bathrooms, leaking roofs, decaying walls,
- building needed multipurpose rooms for Penryn and Loomis Schools,
- and by making schools compliant with disability access laws.

Parents and teachers say "Vote YES on Measure G" because our kids need safe, healthy classrooms and functional learning environments.

Taxpayers and business leaders say "Vote YES on Measure G" because it includes only essential

renovations and improvements and Measure G has strict accountability provisions ensuring bond money is spent as promised.

Seniors, law enforcement and community leaders say "Vote YES on Measure G" because they know investing in our schools means building on our strong commitment to academic excellence.

Voting YES on Measure G leverages local resources. It allows our schools to obtain \$2,600,000 in state matching funds to help with needed renovations and improvements.

Voting YES on Measure G would create a Citizens' Oversight Committee and require independent annual audits to ensure bond money is spent efficiently, and as promised. Legally, Measure G money can only fund authorized structural renovations, not salaries.

Please join friends, neighbors, and other community members by **Voting YES on Measure G** to improve health, safety and our school learning environments.

Thank you for your kind consideration of Measure G.

Edward N. Bonner, Placer County Sheriff
Edward Horton, Retired Fire Chief
Jenine Windeshausen, Placer County Treasurer
Glenn Lockwood, Principal – H. Clarke Powers School
Kristine Sohrakoff, Teacher – Loomis Grammar School

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE G

Aren't there safety codes that govern our schools?

YES, the State and Federal Government have numerous building safety regulations; failure to comply would raise serious legal and liability issues. Every California school is required to publish a "School Accountability Report Card" (SARC). The latest SARC states that the condition of all five schools are all positive, clearly stating that facility conditions are in good repair with no future repair needed or planned [See links on www.NoMeasureG.Org] If safety is one of the main reasons cited for passage of Measure "G", why does the SARC say otherwise?

With the merger last November of Ophir School, will Ophir residents pay for this bond?

Many Ophir parents did not want the Loomis-Ophir merger; they were sold on the merger with the assurance that they will NOT pay for the February 2008 bond. Ophir will be part of the district for the bond's entire life, from beginning to end, when they join the

district in July, 2008. Why should Loomis and Penryn pay for the bond while Ophir doesn't?

How will the bond money be allocated?

While the district does not provide detailed information on how the bond money will be spent, it appears that a significant portion of the \$17.7 million request is to replace existing multipurpose rooms at two schools. Who benefits the most from these huge construction projects?

Vote No on G. <http://www.NoMeasureG.org>

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Anita M. Wright, Elementary School District Bus. Dir. (Retired)
Carole Goldberg, Parent of School-age Children
George Park, Jr., President Placer Republican Assembly
Thomas N. Hudson, Chairman Placer County Republican Party

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE G

Didn't we reject this wasteful school bond last year? Why is it on the ballot again?

School bonds are BIG business statewide. The campaign for last year's "**defeated**" bond, Measure M, was primarily financed by companies in the construction trades located outside of Loomis/Penryn. The district also paid \$10,000 to a political strategy firm to help pass this measure. Why? Because facilities bonds require only 55% approval; offer quick cash to the district; and frees up maintenance budgets for anything else. School districts claim they are always out of money despite the billions already paid by taxpayers to the State. Why? Because it's so easy to appeal to taxpayers again and again.

Is Measure G costing less than last year's defeated Measure M?

The proponents claim Measure G is 'barebones' and are asking for 'only' \$17.7 million vs. \$19.5 million for Measure M. But taxpayers won't see a savings - in fact they could be paying much more for measure G, which at a minimum costs \$35 million with interest. Measure G will cost almost \$30 per \$100,000 in assessed value. This adds hundreds of dollars annually to your property tax bill for the next 25 years!

Is the school district scaring voters with the repairs needed? What's valid and what's fluff?

School districts have money for maintenance and insurance for disasters. They are prohibited by law from allowing children in unsafe buildings. Measure G's project list is too vague. The district needs a detailed list with associated costs. Banks require more information for a small home loan; yet to borrow \$35 million there is little information, only emotional pleas.

Barebones? Not really. Measure G = Measure M revisited.

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The people who wrote opposing arguments (most of whom don't live in Loomis, and none of whom have children in our schools) asked, "Why is measure G on the ballot?" The five of us would like to offer perspective: In the months since the last bond was on the ballot, our children's classroom was destroyed by fire because of outdated wiring and fire systems.

Our kids – and all students in their class – lost the contents of their desks, coats and other belongings, and their teacher lost 17 years worth of tests and teaching materials. The classroom even had 6 pets killed in the fire.

We looked into how our school (Placer Elementary) has been modernized since it was constructed in 1959. Do you know the only times the school was renovated was after the three times it was struck by fire? Is that how we keep our schools safe? Wait for a fire to destroy our kids' classrooms so that we can modernize with insurance money?

We've since learned that old wiring isn't our only problem. Our 50 year old classrooms have antiquated plumbing, leaky roofs and more!

The state won't provide funds to fix our schools, so we need to fix them ourselves. Measure G has strict fiscal accountability provisions. It requires a Citizen's Oversight Committee and annual audits to ensure money is spent as promised. Old, outdated schools aren't in the best interest of our kids, community, or property values. Please vote YES on Measure G.

Debra Maringer, Parent of student in classroom destroyed by fire
Kelly Strahl, Parent – student in classroom destroyed by fire
Lawanda Tassinari, Parent – my child in classroom affected by fire
Mark Tassinari, Parent of child affected by Placer School Fire
Roxanne Langer, Parent with children in district

RESOLUTION NO. 07-08-103

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE LOOMIS UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
ORDERING A SCHOOL BOND ELECTION, AND
AUTHORIZING NECESSARY ACTIONS
IN CONNECTION THEREWITH**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the Loomis Union School District (the "District"), within the County of Placer, California (the "County"), is authorized to order elections within the District and to designate the specifications thereof, pursuant to sections 5304 and 5322 of the California Education Code (the "Education Code");

WHEREAS, the Board is specifically authorized to order elections for the purpose of submitting to the electors the question of whether bonds of the District shall be issued and sold for the purpose of raising money for the purposes hereinafter specified, pursuant to section 15100 *et seq.* of the California Education Code;

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 18 of Article XVI and section 1 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution, and section 15266 of the California Education Code, school districts may seek approval of general obligation bonds and levy an *ad valorem* tax to repay those bonds upon a 55% vote of those voting on a proposition for the purpose, provided certain accountability measures are included in the proposition;

WHEREAS, the Board deems it necessary and advisable to submit such a bond proposition to the electors to be approved by 55% of the votes cast;

WHEREAS, such a bond election must be conducted concurrent with a statewide primary election, general election or special election, or at a regularly scheduled local election, as required by section 15266 of the California Education Code;

WHEREAS, on February 5, 2008, a statewide election is scheduled to occur throughout the District;

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 15270 California Education Code, based upon a projection of assessed property valuation, the Board has determined that, if approved by voters, the tax rate levied to meet the debt service requirements of the bonds proposed to be issued will not exceed \$30 per year per \$100,000 of assessed valuation of taxable property;

WHEREAS, section 9400 *et seq.* of the California Elections Code requires that a tax rate statement be contained in all official materials, including any ballot pamphlet prepared, sponsored or distributed by the District, relating to the election; and

WHEREAS, the Board now desires to authorize the filing of a ballot argument in favor of the proposition to be submitted to the voters at the election; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, determined and ordered by the Board of Trustees of the Loomis Union School District as follows:

Section 1. Specifications of Election Order. Pursuant to sections 5304, 5322, 15100 *et seq.*, and section 15266 of the California Education Code, an election shall be held within the boundaries of the District on February 5, 2008, for the purpose of submitting to the registered voters of the District the following proposition:

BOND AUTHORIZATION

By approval of this proposition by at least 55% of the registered voters voting on the proposition, the District shall be authorized to issue and sell bonds of up to \$17,700,000 in aggregate principal amount to provide financing for the specific school facilities projects listed in the Bond Project List attached hereto as Exhibit A, subject to all of the accountability safeguards specified below. Bonds will be issued in one series.

ACCOUNTABILITY SAFEGUARDS

The provisions in this section are specifically included in this proposition in order that the voters and taxpayers of the District may be assured that their money will be spent wisely to address specific facilities needs of the District, all in compliance with the requirements of Article XIII A, section 1(b)(3) of the State Constitution, and the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000 (codified at section 15264 *et seq.* of the California Education Code).

***Evaluation of Needs.* The Board of Trustees has updated its facilities plan in order to evaluate and address all of the facilities needs of the District, and to determine which projects to finance from a local bond at this time. The Board of Trustees hereby certifies that it has evaluated safety, class size reduction and information technology needs in developing the Bond Project List contained in Exhibit A.**

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Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee.

The Board of Trustees shall establish an independent Citizens' Oversight Committee (section 15278 *et seq.* of the California Education Code), to ensure bond proceeds are expended only for the school facilities projects listed in Exhibit A. The committee shall be established within 60 days of the date when the results of the election appear in the minutes of the Board of Trustees.

Annual Performance Audits. The Board of Trustees shall cause to conduct an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the bond proceeds have been expended only on the school facilities projects listed in Exhibit A.

Annual Financial Audits. The Board of Trustees shall cause to conduct an annual, independent financial audit of the bond proceeds until all of those proceeds have been spent for the school facilities projects listed in Exhibit A.

Special Bond Proceeds Account; Annual Report to Board. Upon approval of this proposition and the sale of any bonds approved, the Board of Trustees shall take actions necessary to establish an account in which proceeds of the sale of bonds will be deposited. As long as any proceeds of the bonds remain unexpended, the Superintendent shall cause a report to be filed with the Board no later than January 1 of each year, commencing January 1, 2009, stating (1) the amount of bond proceeds received and expended in that year, and (2) the status of any project funded or to be funded from bond proceeds. The report may relate to the calendar year, fiscal year, or other appropriate annual period as the Superintendent shall determine, and may be incorporated into the annual budget, audit, or other appropriate routine report to the Board.

BOND PROJECT LIST

The Bond Project List attached to this resolution as Exhibit A shall be considered a part of the ballot proposition, and shall be reproduced in any official document required to contain the full statement of the bond proposition.

The Bond Project List, which is an integral part of this proposition, lists the specific projects the District proposes to finance with proceeds of the Bonds. Listed repairs, rehabilitation projects and upgrades will be completed as needed. Each project is assumed to include its share of costs of the election and bond issuance, architectural, engineering, and similar planning costs, construction management, and a customary

contingency for unforeseen design and construction costs. The final cost of each project will be determined as plans are finalized, construction bids are awarded, and projects are completed. In addition, certain construction funds expected from non-bond sources, including State grant funds for eligible projects, have not yet been secured. Therefore the Board of Trustees cannot guarantee that the bonds will provide sufficient funds to allow completion of all listed projects.

FURTHER SPECIFICATIONS

No Administrator Salaries. Proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this proposition shall be used only for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities, and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries and other school operating expenses.

Single Purpose. All of the purposes enumerated in this proposition shall be united and voted upon as one single proposition, pursuant to section 15100 of the California Education Code, and all the enumerated purposes shall constitute the specific single purpose of the bonds, and proceeds of the bonds shall be spent only for such purpose, pursuant to section 53410 of the California Government Code.

Other Terms of the Bonds. When sold, the bonds shall bear interest at an annual rate not exceeding the statutory maximum, and that interest will be made payable at the time or times permitted by law. The bonds may be issued and sold in several series, and no bond shall be made to mature more than 25 years from the date borne by that bond.

Section 2. Abbreviation of Proposition. Pursuant to section 13247 of the California Elections Code and section 15122 of the California Education Code, the Board hereby directs the Registrar of Voters to use the following abbreviation of the bond proposition on the ballot:

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"THE LOOMIS UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT CLASSROOM REPAIR AND CONSTRUCTION MEASURE: To improve child safety and classroom learning environments by renovating our schools, including: removing asbestos and lead, upgrading faulty old fire safety equipment, electrical and plumbing systems and bathrooms, repairing leaky roofs, upgrading technology infrastructure, building two new multi-purpose rooms, and making schools legally handicap accessible, shall Loomis Union School District issue \$17,700,000 in bonds, requiring citizens' oversight, annual independent audits, and with no money for administrators' salaries?"

Section 3. Voter Pamphlet. The Registrar of Voters of the County is hereby requested to reprint Section 1 hereof (including Exhibit A hereto) in its entirety in the voter information pamphlet to be distributed to voters pursuant to section 13307 of the California Elections Code.

Section 4. Required Vote. Pursuant to section 18 of Article XVI and section 1 of Article XIII A of the State Constitution, the above proposition shall become effective upon the affirmative vote of at least 55% of those voters voting on the proposition.

Section 5. Request to County Officers to Conduct Election. The Registrar of Voters of the County is hereby requested, pursuant to section 5322 of the California Education Code, to take all steps to call and hold the election in accordance with law and these specifications.

Section 6. Consolidation Requirement; Canvass.

(a) Pursuant to section 15266(a) of the California Education Code, the election shall be consolidated with the statewide election on February 5, 2008.

(b) The Board of Supervisors of the County is authorized and requested to canvass the returns of

the election, pursuant to section 10411 of the California Elections Code.

Section 7. Delivery of Order of Election to County Officers. The Clerk of the Board of Trustees of the District is hereby directed to deliver, no later than November 9, 2007 (which date is 88 days prior to the date set for the election), one copy of this Resolution to the Registrar of Voters of the County together with the Tax Rate Statement (attached hereto as Exhibit B), completed and signed by the Superintendent, and shall file a copy of this Resolution with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County.

Section 8. Ballot Arguments. The members of the Board are hereby authorized, but not directed, to prepare and file with the Registrar of Voters a ballot argument in favor of the proposition contained in Section 1 hereof, within the time established by the Registrar of Voters.

Section 9. Further Authorization. The members of this Board, the Superintendent, and all other officers of the District are hereby authorized and directed, individually and collectively, to do any and all things that they deem necessary or advisable in order to effectuate the purposes of this resolution.

Section 10. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this day, October 4, 2007, by the following vote:

AYES:	Trustees Day, Foster, Edwards, Turner, Rudolph
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

APPROVED: James L. Foster, Jr.
President of the Board of Trustees of the Loomis Union School District

Attest: M. J. Edwards
Clerk of the Board of Trustees of the Loomis Union School District

EXHIBIT A

BOND PROJECT LIST

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| <p>1. <u>Placer Elementary School Modernization</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 25,720 square feet of modernization (no portables)• Site work and accessibility modifications <p>2. <u>Franklin Elementary School Modernization</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• New sewer connection• Demolition of existing water treatment plant• 33,700 square feet of modernization• 1,920 square foot modular administration building• Site work and accessibility modifications | <p>3. <u>Penryn Elementary School Multipurpose Addition</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Multipurpose building (10,000 square feet w/overhangs)• Portable building relocations• Associated site work and utilities <p>4. <u>Loomis Elementary School Multipurpose Addition</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Multipurpose building (10,000 square feet w/overhangs)• Site demolition• Portable building demolition• Associated site work and utilities |
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EXHIBIT B

TAX RATE STATEMENT

An election will be held in the Loomis Union School District (the "District") on February 5, 2008, to authorize the sale of up to \$17,700,000 in bonds of the District to improve the quality of education, repairing and improve aging local schools, including repairing, upgrading, replacing and acquiring safety and communication systems, heating/air conditioning systems, restrooms, plumbing, dry rot, school facilities, and furniture and equipment; and help qualify for State matching funds as described in the proposition. If the bonds are approved, the District expects to sell the bonds in one series. Principal and interest on the bonds will be payable from the proceeds of tax levies made upon the taxable property in the District. The following information is provided in compliance with Sections 9400-9404 of the Elections Code of the State of California.

1. The best estimate of the tax which would be required to be levied to fund the bonds during the first fiscal year after the sale of the first series of bonds, is 2.976 cents per \$100 (\$29.76 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation in fiscal year 2008-2009.

2. The best estimate of the average tax rate which would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue during the life of the bonds, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is 1.984 cents per \$100 (\$19.84 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation.

3. The best estimate of the highest tax rate which would be required to be levied to fund the bonds, is

2.976 cents per \$100 (\$29.76 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation in fiscal year 2010-2011.

Voters should note that estimated tax rate is based on the ASSESSED VALUE of taxable property on the County's official tax rolls, not on the property's market value. Property owners should consult their own property tax bills to determine their property's assessed value and any applicable tax exemptions.

Attention of all voters is directed to the fact that the foregoing information is based upon the District's projections and estimates only, which are not binding upon the District. The actual tax rates and the years in which they will apply may vary from those presently estimated, due to variations from these estimates in the timing of bond sales, the amount of bonds sold and market interest rates at the time of each sale, and actual assessed valuations over the term of repayment of the bonds. The dates of sale and the amount of bonds sold at any given time will be determined by the District based on need for construction funds and other factors. The actual interest rates at which the bonds will be sold will depend on the bond market at the time of each sale. Actual future assessed valuation will depend upon the amount and value of taxable property within the District as determined by the County Assessor in the annual assessment and the equalization process.

Dated: October 4, 2007.

Paul Johnson
Superintendent
Loomis Union School District