

# Orange Unified School District

## Facts on *Measure K*

### OUSD Schools Are a Great Source of Community Pride

- OUSD is performing at high academic levels with improved test scores on statewide exams in each of the last seven years
- OUSD has four award-winning comprehensive high schools—Canyon, El Modena, Orange and Villa Park—serving approximately 8,700 students
- Each school offers a college preparatory curriculum and a wide variety of innovative extracurricular programs that prepare students to succeed in college and 21<sup>st</sup> Century careers
- OUSD's comprehensive high schools have a 97% graduation rate and have been recognized countywide, statewide, and nationally for various programs, awards, and outstanding performance

### Aging Classrooms and Facilities

- OUSD's high schools were built 40 to 60 years ago and are not equipped for learning in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century
- A team of architects and engineers recently completed assessments of each high school and identified urgent repairs and upgrades to plumbing, leaky roofs and school security, fire, and seismic safety systems
- To ensure students develop the needed skills to succeed in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century economy and have a solid background in science, math and technology, upgrades to science labs, career-training facilities and instructional technology are also needed

### Board of Education Voted to Place a Bond on the November 2014 Ballot

- *Measure K* will cost approximately \$39 per \$100,000 of assessed property value (not market value) annually, or about \$145 per year for the average residence
- *Measure K* will help the District qualify for state matching funds

### Specifically, *Measure K* Provides Locally Controlled Funds to:

- Update classrooms and labs to accommodate the career and technology education classes that prepare students for college and well-paying jobs in fields including health science, engineering, technology and skilled trades
- Repair or replace leaky roofs, old rusty plumbing and faulty electrical systems where needed
- Update instructional technology in the classroom for improved student learning in core subjects such as math and science
- Retrofit older school buildings to protect against the effects of earthquakes and reduce the risk of damage during natural disasters
- Update classrooms, science labs, career-training facilities, libraries and computer systems to keep pace with modern technology
- Modernize aging science labs and equipment

### Fiscal Accountability Provisions Required by Law

- *Measure K* would require a clear system of accountability to ensure funds are spent only on voter-approved projects.
- All money raised by *Measure K* will stay in the District to support students and cannot be taken by the State or used for other purposes
- A specific project list details how funds will be used
- An independent Citizens' Oversight Committee and annual audits will help ensure funds are spent properly
- None of the funds raised can be used for administrators' and teachers' salaries or benefits
- *Measure K* requires the District to set aside funds for ongoing maintenance to protect taxpayers' investment
- *Measure K* is written to ensure that each of the four high schools receive an equal share